

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2010**

Those Present

Councillors: Mr G R Dawe (Chairman) Miss W Moody Mr M Ellery Mr K Livall
Mr B R Miller (Clerk)

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor

No members of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
01.04.10	Cllr. Mr D Somers	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>	
02.04.10	Cllr. Miss Moody - PT10/0553/CLE – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use at Patch Elm Farm, Patch Elm Lane.	
03.04.10	Cllr. Mr Livall - PT10/0591/PNA – Prior notification to erect an agricultural building at Court Farm, Church Lane.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
04.04.10	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 2 nd March, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>To Receive a Representative from the South Gloucestershire LINK Group</u>	
05.04.10	<p>Sarah Booker explained the activities of the South Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network (LINK) and what it is trying to achieve. It was set up by the Department of Health in the spring of 2008 for an initial period of three years.</p> <p>LINK works to encourage and support more people to get involved in shaping local health and care services. This includes encouraging people to decide what services should be commissioned and influencing how services are run. LINK also approaches all relevant sections of the community for their views and experiences of local health and care services. It has the powers to tell those who commission, run and scrutinise local care services, what local people have recommended to help improve services and hold them to account.</p> <p>In response to questions from Cllrs. Ms Booker confirmed that LINK visits many local groups to give similar briefing talks. Their work is totally funded by the Department of Health. The Chairman thanked Ms Booker for her presentation.</p>	
5	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u>	

Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following four issues:-

06.04.10 The newly completed first half of the North Road to Manor Road footpath link cost £63k (08.03.10). Both the Chairman and Cllr. Mr Ellery expressed deep concern at the £13k increase over the original budget estimate. They criticised the extravagant safety precautions during the work and the apparent lack of financial control exercised by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). Cllr. Mr Gawler responded by saying that SGC had to comply with current Health and Safety legislation and that bad weather and additional drainage works had increased costs. The Chairman and Cllr. Mr Ellery considered that these additional works should have been identified at the design stage.

07.04.10 The length of footpath in Manor Road, running eastwards from the main road, is due to be re-surfaced during the summer (04.03.10)

08.04.10 The apparent anomaly in the re-submission of the planning application at “The Old Rectory” was due to a building orientation error in the first application (17.03.10). Noted.

09.04.10 The re-surfacing of the main road running northwards from the Iron Acton By-Pass has been completed (05.03.10). The Chairman noted that there were several poor areas of work which resulted in an irregular running surface. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to look into the matter.

HG

10.04.10 Cllr. Mr Ellery drew attention to a potentially dangerous area of deteriorating road surfacing on the northbound side of the main road, near the boundary with Bagstone. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to look into the matter.

HG

6 To Receive the Clerk’s Report

11.04.10 Matters contained in the Report relating to non specific Agenda items were noted. The following additional information was also noted and resolutions passed to take the appropriate actions. Report items relating to specific Agenda items were considered later under the relevant item, as appropriate.

12.04.10 Item 1. Cllr. Miss Moody gave more details of the litter picking operation and suggested that lessons had been learned for organising a similar event next year. A total of twenty bags of rubbish had been collected but Cllr. Miss Moody was having difficulty getting SGC to collect the bags. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that he would take the matter up with SGC. In addition to Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall, it was noted that Mr and Mrs Morley, Mr Tony Clements plus his grandchildren and Mr Needham had taken part in the event. The Chairman thanked all those who had taken part.

HG

13.04.10 Item 7. It was resolved to accept the tender of £140.00 from Mr C T Cox for the grass keep in the field off Kidnappers lane.

Clerk

7 To Approve the Revised Standing Orders

14.04.10 It was resolved to approve the new Standing Orders.

Clerk

8 Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda

15.04.10 Minute 21.03.10. Cllr. Miss Moody reported that all the tree works had been completed satisfactorily. Noted.

9 **Planning Matters**

Decisions

16.04.10 PT10/0051/F – Single storey side extension at the “Old Vicarage”, Church Lane. – Permitted. Noted.

17.04.10 PT09/5801/F – Extensions, conservatory and replacement garage at “Green Pastures”, New Road. - Permitted with extensive conditions to safeguard the oak tree. Noted. The Clerk confirmed that the presence of the oak tree was the reason that the application had been referred to the Committee. Noted.

New Applications

18.04.10 PT10/0553/CLE – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use at Patch Elm Farm, Patch Elm Lane. No objections.

Clerk

19.04.10 PT10/0591/PNA – Prior notification to erect an agricultural building at Court Farm, Church Lane. No objections

Clerk

10 **Other Correspondence**

In addition to the documents mentioned in the Clerk’s Report or in other Agenda items, or have been circulated to Councillors for perusal, the following other items of correspondence were discussed:-

20.04.10 Letter from SARA seeking financial support for their work. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter. (C)

21.04.10 Letter of thanks from Victim Support for the Parish Council’s donation of £30.00 (18.03.10). Noted.

22.04.10 Response from SGC’s consultation on the proposed 30mph speed limit. (C)

23.04.10 Note from SGC regarding the proposed remedial works to the surface dressing that has been damaged during the severe winter weather. Noted.

24.04.10 Letter of thanks from the PCC of Wickwar for the donation of £60.00. (13.03.10) Noted.

11 **Finances**

Received

25.04.10 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

26.04.10 £305.94 - Clerk’s salary.

27.04.10	£46.60 – Bristol Water.	
28.04.10	£35.00 – Data Protection Act registration.	
29.04.10	£40.00 – Hazel Bleaken (Mole control)	
30.04.10	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.	
31.04.10	£22.00 – Virgin Media.	
32.04.10	£71.04 – Npower.	
12	<u>The Children’s Playground</u>	
	(See items 2 and 6 of the Clerk’s Report)	
	a) <u>To Consider the Replacement of the Safety Bark</u>	
33.04.10	It was resolved to proceed with the idea of replacing the safety bark, but to approach Sutcliffe Play to see if their price can be reduced. The possibility of re-tendering for the work might have to be considered.	
	b) <u>Other Matters</u>	Clerk
34.04.10	The Clerk confirmed that no urgent defects had been identified in the Inspection Report. Noted. The report was circulated for perusal by Cllrs. with a view to preparing a programme of maintenance works.	Cllrs.
13	<u>The Recreation Ground</u>	
	(See Items 3 and 4 of the Clerk’s Report)	
	a) <u>To Consider the Installation of Floodlights by Rangeworthy Football Club</u>	
35.04.10	The Chairman confirmed that he was not satisfied with the results of the verbal reports from Dave Buckley about consultations with the occupants of “Pear Tree Barn”. Written responses from all affected residents will be required. All Cllrs. questioned the reassurances given about excessive wear on the training area. It was resolved to consider the matter further at the next meeting, after the proposals had been considered at the Annual Village Assembly.	Clerk
	b) <u>Other Matters</u>	
36.04.10	It was resolved to get a local contractor to improve the security of the double doors bolts.	Clerk
37.04.10	Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she had passed the store when the doors were open and had been appalled at the amount of rubbish stored inside. Apart from being untidy, the contents presented a health risk. It was resolved to write to both of the Clubs using the store and tell them to get it cleaned up as soon as possible.	Clerk

14	<u>Public Question Time</u>	
	None.	
15	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u>	
	Cllr. Miss Moody raised the following five issues:-	
38.04.10	The brambles at the back of the Parish Council owned Car Park need clearing back. It was resolved to get the work done later in the year.	Clerk
39.04.10	The direction sign and supporting post at the junction of the main road and the path leading to the Recreation Ground needs attention. It was resolved to undertake the necessary work.	Clerk
40.04.10	The self closing spring on the metal pedestrian gate leading into the Woodland from the main road has become detached. Cllr. Mr Ellery confirmed that he will undertake the necessary work.	ME
41.04.10	She had started to mulch the Woodland trees with the hedge chippings arising from the recent hedge laying works. It was noted that the bark should be left to rot down first, to prevent acids within the bark from damaging the trees. No further mulching will be done.	
42.04.10	The large stones are still obstructing the verge outside the entrance to "The Coverts" (12.12.09) The Clerk confirmed that SGC's Street Care had been "having difficulty finding the property" It was resolved to chase up Street Care.	Clerk
43.04.10	Cllr. Mr Ellery confirmed that he had again been talking to residents about providing a suitable outdoor area for teenagers to gather, who are not allowed by their parents to go to the Recreation Ground (42.03.10). It was resolved to continue to investigate options and with this in mind, a possible site was identified. The landowner will be contacted to see if it might be possible to purchase a parcel of land.	Clerk
16	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
44.04.10	Tuesday 4 th May 2010 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 6th APRIL 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 2nd March, all the actions ascribed to the Clerk have been addressed. Progress on those items, together with new issues that have arisen, is now reported as follows:

- 1 Cllr. Miss Moody organised a successful litter picking event last weekend, with more than fifteen bags of rubbish being collected by residents (10.03.10).
- 2 Cllr. Miss Moody and the Clerk have met a representative of Sutcliffe Play to discuss the siting of the new "Nest Swing" (35.03.10). There will be sufficient room to fit in the new swing and retain the present toddlers swing. It is anticipated that the new swing will be installed in early May.

Sutcliffe Play has also quoted the sum of £5185.00 for removing the safety bark from under the climbing frame and the two sets of swings, then making up the ground and installing plastic safety surfacing. Cllrs. will recall that Notts Sports (UK) Ltd quoted the sum of £6500 to £7000 for doing similar work, but only under the junior swings (36.03.10).

- 3 Dave Buckley, Chairman of Rangeworthy Football Club, has confirmed that he has spoken to Ms. Sims of "Pear Tree Barn" regarding the erection of floodlights on the Recreation Ground. (37.03.10). No objections were raised and Dave Buckley suggests that no other properties are likely to be affected. With regards to excessive wear of the training area, Dave Buckley does not see that this will be a problem, since "it will only be used during the winter evenings"
- 4 The following problems have arisen in the Pavilion:-
 1. A tap was left running in the kitchen which it is estimated cost some £10 in wasted water.
 2. A vent on the side of the boiler flue had been removed and was subsequently replaced by Cllr. Mr Somers.
 3. Dave Buckley reported that he had found that the double doors had been left unsecured, possibly by Yate Rangers Football Club. This appears to have been an isolated incident, but the effectiveness of the bottom bolts does need to be reviewed again.
 4. The showers were not delivering hot water at one stage and the matter was again referred to Cllr. Mr Somers.
 5. There are signs of minor damage to the lounge/kitchen stud wall.
- 5 SGC has suggested that it would be of benefit to raise the crowns of the trees on the verge by Pool Farm. Following discussions with Cllr. Miss Moody, SGC were instructed to undertake the necessary work for £75.00.
- 6 John Hicks has submitted his inspection report for the Children's Playground (36.02.10). A limited amount of maintenance work is required, but nothing of an urgent nature has been identified. The Report will be available for Cllrs' perusal.
- 7 One tender has been received for the rental of the grass keep in the field off Kidnappers Lane.
- 8 The following items of correspondence of particular interest or requiring attention before or

immediately after the next meeting have been passed to the appropriate Councillor for attention:-

1. PT10/0553/CLE – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of Patch Elm Farm, Patch Elm Lane. (GRD)
2. PT10/0591/PNA – Prior notification to erect an agricultural building at Court Farm, Church Lane. (KL)
3. Letter from Miss Lyn Haigh criticising the plans for the litter picking event. (WM)

B R Miller (Clerk)

31st March 2010