

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009

#### Those Present

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

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor

No members of the public

#### Action

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
01.04.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
02.04.09	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
03.04.09	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler reported on the following two topics:-	
04.04.09	All the outstanding information regarding the Planning Application for a Gipsies and Travellers site at Hall End has been obtained by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). It is anticipated that the site-inspection Sub-Committee will visit the site on the 17 <sup>th</sup> April. The group opposing the application has conducted a traffic survey and has proved to their satisfaction that the proposed site lines are totally inadequate. This would mean that significantly longer lengths of hedge would have to be removed to meet visibility standards. Noted.	
05.04.09	Funds for Stage 1 of the North Road to Manor Road footpath link are definitely in this financial year's budget. It is anticipated that Stage 2 will follow on next financial year. Part of Stage 2 will include re-siting the bus shelter outside No.1 Manor Road to improve visibility when leaving the property. Noted.	
06.04.09	The Chairman enquired whether any response had been received from the Chief Executive at SGC regarding the complaint about Mark Parry's performance at the meeting on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (43.03.09). Both Cllr. Mr Gawler and the Clerk reported that, except for the long awaited letter from Mark Parry, no further response had been received (Item 5.3 of The Clerk's Report). Noted.	
07.04.09	Cllr. Miss Moody referred to a newspaper report that Yate Town Council are looking for sites for allotments. One possible site is a field at the junction of	

	Tanhouse Lane and Lime Kiln Road, which is just inside the Parish of Rangeworthy. It would appear that a significant parking problem might arise and needs to be addressed at a Planning stage. Cllr. Mr Gawler had not heard about the proposal but agreed to make enquiries.	HG
08.04.09	Cllr. Mr Somers reported that the cat's eyes had not been replaced after the resurfacing of the B4058 to the north of the Perrinpit Lane traffic lights. The new white lines are starting to fade and the cat's eyes are definitely needed. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to take the matter up with SGC.	HG
5	<b><u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u></b>	
	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.	
09.04.09	<u>Item 1.</u> The following issues were discussed:-  1. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Mr Ellery has examined the new "Springies" and the "Crazy Twister" and pronounced them to be satisfactory. As far as he is concerned, Wicksteed can now be paid the balance of the money owing to them. It was resolved to release the money.  2. It was resolved to accept the findings of the Annual Safety Inspection Report, which confirms that there are no safety issues needing immediate attention.  3. The draft inspection sheet was circulated for approval, with a view to starting the regular inspections after the next meeting.  4. It was resolved to check with Cllr. Mr Ellery to see if he is still in a position to replace the climbing frame boards.  5. It was resolved not to proceed with a scheme to provide access steps up the slide mound at present. If funds become available from the "Playbuilder" fund the matter can be reviewed (16.03.09).	Clerk    Cllrs.  Clerk
10.04.09	<u>Item 4.</u> It was resolved to seek quotations with a view to lowering the hedge towards the end of the year.	Clerk
6	<b><u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u></b>	
11.04.09	Cllr. Mr Livall reported that he plans to start cutting the grass in the Children's Playground this coming Friday, at a time when children are not using the facilities (11.03.09). Noted.	KL
7	<b><u>Planning Matters</u></b>  <u>Decisions</u>	

None.

New Applications

12.04.09 PT09/0414/F – Extensions and raising the roof line plus Dormers at “Two Oaks”, Manor Road. No objections. Cllr. Mr Gawler updated the meeting on the present position regarding the work being carried out at the property.

13.04.09 PT09/0587/F – Ground floor and first floor extensions, Juliet balcony and new chimney at Patch Elm Farm, Patch Elm Lane. (C)

Cllrs.

14.04.09 PT09/0599/F – Erection of a garage and equipment store at “The Coverts”, New Road. (C)

Cllrs.

**8** 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:-

15.04.09 Letter from SGC seeking expressions of interest in being involved in their Tree Warden Scheme. (C)

Cllrs.

**9** Finances

Received

16.04.09 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

17.04.09 £222.00 – Mrs Mathias (Land rental at “The Old Post Office”)

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

18.04.09 £287.37 - Clerk’s salary.

19.04.09 £1385.70 – Wicksteed Leisure.

20.04.09 £125.00 – Rangeworthy Baby & Toddler Group.

21.04.09 £22.00 – Telewest.

22.04.09 £45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.

23.04.09 £35.00 – Data Protection registration.

24.04.09 £87.99 – Clerk (Two year McAfee anti-virus software).

25.04.09 £124.10 – SGC servicing dog bins.

26.04.09 £140.93 – ALCA subscription.

**10** The Recreation Ground

**a) Letting Arrangements**

27.04.09 The Clerk confirmed that Rangeworthy Football Club have signed their Letting Agreement for next season. Noted.

**b) The Pavilion**

28.04.09 Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he has trimmed the branches of the Horse Chestnut tree to stop them interfering with the overhead electricity supply to the Pavilion (37.11.08). Noted. He has also oiled the door hinges in the Pavilion and tried to adjust the bolts on the main double doors (42.03.09). It is not possible to get the bottom bolts to locate securely without a substantial force being applied outside. Ideally the weather strip needs re-aligning, but in Cllr. Mr Livall's opinion the doors are secure enough at present. Noted.

29.04.09 The suggestions and quotations supplied by Elite Cleaning UK Ltd for painting inside and outside the Pavilion were discussed. (Item 3 of the Clerk's Report) It was resolved to accept the following quotations:-

1. Paint the ceilings of the changing rooms with an approved anti-fungal paint for £150.00.

2. Paint the outside front and side walls of the Pavilion with an approved masonry paint for £235.00.

The work to be carried out at an appropriate time during the summer.

Clerk

**c) General**

None.

**11 To Consider Providing a Dog Bin on the Verge Near Pool Farm**

30.04.09 It was resolved not to provide a dog bin since the long term financial commitment to maintain the bin could not be justified.

**12 Public Question Time**

None.

**13 Councillors' Open Forum**

31.04.09 Cllr. Mr Somers noted that the surfacing of the main road is particularly bad near the Memorial Hall and that there appears to be a risk of a sewer collapse. Noted.

32.04.09 Cllr. Mr Gawler reported that SGC have placed a temporary Tree Preservation Order on all the trees between North Road and the railway on Engine Common. This is to give SGC time to survey the trees prior to any developer starting work. Noted.

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

33.04.09 | Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

34.04.09 | The Annual Village Assembly will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009

Since the last meeting, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, 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 Correspondence has been exchanged with Wicksteed Playscapes regarding the two problems with the newly installed equipment (09.03.09) Wicksteed state that the "Toni Turtle" Springie has been installed to specification and is fully guaranteed. With regards to the "Crazy Twister", they state that when their engineer visited the site the top cap was missing. This may have allowed water into the bearing and caused the problem. However, as a goodwill gesture they have replaced the bearing and fitted a new cap. This answer is unsatisfactory from two points of view. Firstly the bearing was stiff when the cap was in place and secondly, why is the cap so easily removed? Cllrs. Mr Ellery has been asked to look at the equipment and report back to the meeting.

A draft regular inspection sheet will be available at the meeting for Cllrs' perusal.

Cllr. Mr Ellery has offered to replace the worn boards on the climbing frame.

The possibility of providing access steps up the earth mound to the slide has been researched. There do not appear to be any proprietary steps available, so they will have to be purpose made. In addition, a return path from the bottom of the slide to the steps will have to be created to fully make the slide accessible to disabled children. The specification and construction of the steps and handrails will have to conform to all the current safety criteria. The project will therefore have to be professionally designed and executed so Cllrs. may wish to discuss options.

- 2 The abandoned car in the Parish Council owned car park has been removed, presumably by the owner (18.03.09)
- 3 Quotations and suggestions have been received from Elite Cleaning UK Ltd for decorating the Pavilion (41.03.09) Cllrs. may wish to decide which options to pursue.
- 4 Mr Evans, who jointly leases the land next to the Old Post Office with Leslie Mathias, has regrettably died. It is understood that Lesley Mathias, wishes to carry on renting the land. Ms Mathias has requested that the hedge boundary between the Old Post Office and the Playground is lowered, as it was several years ago. If Cllrs. decide to undertake the work, quotations can be sought to undertake the work next autumn.
- 5 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. PT09/0414/F – Extensions etc. at "Two Oaks", Manor Road. (GRD)
  2. Letter from First Bus regarding changes to bus services. (WM)
  3. Letter from Mark Parry regarding a speed limit review. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

