

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011

#### Those Present

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

Six members of the public

#### Public Question Time

Prior to the start of the formal meeting of the Parish Council, as detailed in the Agenda, members of the public were invited to raise any matters concerning the Parish.

A.06.11 Mr Tony Clements enquired if the Parish Council had yet decided whether to move Public Question Time back to the end of the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that the matter was still under review and dependent on the majority of residents' preferences.

Mr Mike Ellery raised the following two issues:-

B.06.11 He is not receiving his post until around 3:00pm, which is far too late. He asked whether the Parish Council had been advised by Royal Mail that morning deliveries have been abandoned in the village. The Chairman confirmed that no such notice had been received and it was agreed that he should contact Royal Mail directly.

C.06.11 It would appear from the South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) website, that many of the Planning Conditions for the creation of a Gypsy and Traveller site at Hall End have been either modified or removed. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council were not aware of these changes. The Clerk then read out the e-mail, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, from the SGC Planning Department to Cllr. Mr Gawler regarding work at the site (G.05.11). This dealt mainly with the drainage works and a suggestion that the site might be used by travelling show people. There was no mention of any changes to the conditions. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Wickwar Parish Council to see if they had been notified.

Clerk

Mrs Alyson Marsden reported that she has raised the following issues with SGC Cllr. Mr Brian Allinson:-

D.06.11 A road traffic accident involving a cyclist which may or may not have been caused by the recent road works.

E.06.11 The current suspect activities at the new Gypsy and Travellers site.

F.06.11 The poor quality of the recent road repairs and the failure to use the promised quieter rubberised surface dressing.

G.06.11 Cllr. Mr Allinson has agreed to look into one or more of the issues. Noted.

	Mrs Marsden also raised the following two further issues:-	
H.06.11	Pallet lorries are having difficulty negotiating New Road without mounting the pavement. Noted.	
I.06.11	She supports the request to provide allotments in the village. Noted.	
J.06.11	Mrs Fiona Vosper and Mr Matt Gardner also supported the request for allotments.	
	Mr Dave Moore raised the following three issues:-	
K.06.11	What action is the Parish Council taking to get the S52 Planning Condition reinstated? The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council are supporting the actions of the “Cromhall and Rangeworthy Action Group” who are challenging the way that SGC removed the condition (07.05.11). Mrs Alyson Marsden, a member of the Group, reported that the Ombudsman has become involved and that an official complaint has now been made. Mr Moore asked whether the Parish Council should not have made its own complaint. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had complained to SGC, but understood that SGC did not have a statutory duty to consult the Parish Council. It was agreed to clarify the matter with ALCA.	Clerk
L.06.11	The quality of the recent repairs to the main road is unsatisfactory in many areas. The repairs to some subsided areas have in fact made the ride quality worse, with an increased noise level. Cllr. Mr Somers agreed with these comments, particularly adjacent to the new houses near Pool Farm. An Engineer from SGC will be visiting the village to discuss the matter. The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr Barrie Purnell which also criticised the repairs. He had complained to SGC, but they had seemed satisfied with the work, given the budget available. It was agreed that the Parish Council would also complain about the quality of the repairs to SGC.	Clerk
M.06.11	Are results available from the speed recording sign? The Chairman confirmed that Cllr. Mr Gawler should be providing the results in the near future. Mr Moore asked what can be done to stop the illegal speeding of cars and lorries through the village. He had approached a mobile speed detecting unit in North Road to see if they could visit the village. They agreed to see what can be done. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had been assured by SGC that the Police would take extra measures to enforce the speed limit. Regrettably very little had been done to date and never at the right time of day.	

The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
01.06.11	Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
02.06.11	None.	

3	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
03.06.11	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> May, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	None.	
5	<b><u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u></b>	
04.06.11	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.	
05.06.11	<u>Item 3.</u> It was resolved to write to Network Rail and ask if the necessary strengthening works have ever been done.	Clerk
06.06.11	<u>Item 4.</u> SGC has commenced cutting the grass on the Woodland Rides. Noted.	
07.06.11	<u>Item 10.</u> The letter from Mr Howes was circulated to Cllrs. for perusal.	Cllrs.
08.06.11	Ms Deborah Bentley, at "The Chapel", has confirmed that she has been in contact with Steve Webb MP regarding the lack of 30mph repeater signs. He has asked the Department of Transport to provide clarification on what signs should be provided and to clear up apparent ambiguities in the Regulations (08.05.11). Noted.	
09.06.11	Mrs Bartlett has complained that the Parish Council owned grass verge adjacent to Pool Farm is not being cut. It was noted that it had been decided not cut this area and the area at the junction with New Road this year due to the high costs involved (£807). Cllr. Mr Livall offered to cut the verges in question. It was resolved to accept his offer with thanks.	KL
6	<b><u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u></b>	
	None.	
7	<b><u>Planning Matters</u></b>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
10.06.11	PT11/1065/F – Conversion of a garage into living accommodation at 12A Kings Field. Permit. Noted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
	None.	
8	<b><u>Other Correspondence</u></b>	

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:-

Clerk

- 11.06.11 A petition drafted by Alyson Marsden and signed by ten residents asking for the Parish Council to provide some allotments in the village. It was resolved to approach SGC to see if it would be possible to rent the area of land set aside for a new school near Berrows Mead.
- 12.06.11 A letter from South Gloucestershire Senior Citizens Forum seeking financial support (C).
- 13.06.11 An invitation from SGC Safer Stronger Community Group for Cllrs. to become e-group members (C).
- 14.06.11 Notice from Heron Land Developments Ltd of their forthcoming North Yate Masterplan exhibition on the 17<sup>th</sup> June (C).
- 15.06.11 SGC details of "National Carers Week" and "Celebrating Age" events (C).
- 16.06.11 An invitation from CAB to attend their annual meeting on 30/06/11 (C).

**9** Finances

Received

- 17.06.11 £5433.00 – 50% Precept.
- 18.06.11 £158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 19.06.11 £254.47 - Clerk's salary (Net of Tax).
- 20.06.11 £182.00 – Landcare (Maintenance work in the Woodland).
- 21.06.11 £97.00 – Nexcen (Laser printer less £50.00 credit for Dell laptop).
- 22.06.11 £22.00 - Virgin Media.
- 23.06.11 £33.83 – ALCA (Five Cllrs. information packs).
- 24.06.11 £15.50 – NALC subscription.
- 25.06.11 £56.19 – Npower.
- 26.06.11 £115.00 – I A Selkirk (Internal Auditor).
- 27.06.11 £51.30 – John Hicks (Playground inspection).
- 28.06.11 £22.99 – Clerk (Printer Cartridge).
- 29.06.11 £54.00 – Elite Cleaning SW Ltd.

<b>10</b>	<b><u>The Children's Playground</u></b>	
	(See 12 of the Clerk's report)	
30.06.11	The Playground Inspection Report was generally good, but again identified the ongoing need to replace the rotting board on the climbing module. In addition, the Hurst Rocker needs rubbing down and re-varnishing. Cllrs. may also wish to consider painting the module steelwork, together with the original swing support frames. It was resolved to seek expressions of interest for quoting for the work in the next article in "Parish News".	Clerk
31.06.11	Mr Derek Morley has drawn the Council's attention to the northern boundary hedge, which needs cutting, plus damage to the copper beach tree. Cllr. Mr Livall reported that he has been dealing with the broken branches from the tree, which he believed had been caused by the recent high winds. He offered to deal with the hedge and tree at the appropriate time. It was resolved to accept his offer with thanks.	KL KL
<b>11</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>	
	(See items 6 to 9 of The Clerk's Report)	
32.06.11	It was resolved to accept SGC's quotation for repairing the four goal mouths, fertilizing the pitches and de-compacting the pitches. It was also resolved to try and remove the goal posts before the work is done. Cllr. Mr Livall offered to see if this can be done. It was resolved to accept his offer with thanks.	Clerk KL
33.06.11	It was resolved to approve Rangeworthy Football Club's proposed works in the Pavilion, to be done after Elite Cleaning SW Ltd have deep cleaned inside.	Clerk
34.06.11	With regards to the identity of the unknown players, the Chairman declared his intention of speaking to them if and when they appear again. Noted.	GRD
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Councillors' Open Forum</u></b>	
	Cllr Miss Moody raised the following four issues:-	
35.06.11	She has removed some Ragwort from the Woodland and will keep a look out for any more. Noted with thanks.	WM
36.06.11	When SGC deliver the collection bags for recycling cardboard, she will distribute them locally and bring some to the Memorial Hall. Noted with thanks.	WM
37.06.11	The enforcement of the 30mph speed limit causes concern. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Somers would contact WPC Bainbridge directly to try and get some action.	DS
38.06.11	The Council should consider some suitable way to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was resolved to consider ideas and review the matter in the Autumn.	Cllrs. Clerk
39.06.11	Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he is progressing with tidying up the bus shelters. Noted with thanks.	KL

40.06.11 | Cllr. Mr Somers noted that the main road is deteriorating badly through Bagstone, where no recent repairs have been done. Noted.

**13** | **Date of Next Meeting**

41.06.11 | Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011

Since the last meeting, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 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 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has confirmed that the traffic calming element of the S106 payment, made as part of the Kings Field development, has been used for the new 30mph speed limit through Rangeworthy (D.05.11)
- 2 The SGC Planning Department has investigated the works being undertaken at the Gypsy and Traveller site at Hall End. They have been unable to confirm that the drainage works have been done in accordance with the Planning conditions. They have however noted that there is a "pending breach of planning control" if the site is not used as a Gypsy and Traveller site. SGC will continue to monitor developments at the site (G.05.11).
- 3 SGC has provided strength assessment reports for Lime Kiln Road Railway Bridge, Horse Bridge and Tanhouse Lane Culvert (05/06.05.11). The latter two structures meet the current loading requirements but the strength of Lime Kiln Railway Bridge is unclear. It would appear that re-assessment of the bridge proved that it could only take 40t if end bearing stiffeners were added to the main girders. It would appear from a letter from Network Rail, dated September 2007, that the bridge has not been strengthened and therefore the loading capacity is only 3t.
- 4 SGC has quoted the sum of £38.00 for cutting the grass on the Woodland rides (13.05.11). Following discussions with Cllr. Miss Moody SGC has been asked to undertake the work.
- 5 The Internal Auditor has completed his examination of the Parish Council's Accounts and found them to be in order. The Accounts have now been forwarded to the External Auditor (22.05.11).
- 6 Cllr. Mr Livall has trimmed the hedges adjacent to the footpath leading to the Recreation Ground (35.05.11)
- 7 Elite Cleaning UK Ltd has quoted the sum of £145.00 to deep clean the Pavilion to remove mud from the walls etc (36.05.11).
- 8 SGC has quoted for repairing the goal mouths on the Recreation Ground and undertaking maintenance work on the pitches (37.05.11)
- 9 Rangeworthy Football Club has recently undertaken a major tidy-up in the pavilion.

The Club has verbally raised the following points:-

They would like permission to undertake the following work in the Pavilion:-

- a) Paint the floors grey, returning the paint three feet up the walls.
- b) Paint the rest of the walls to match existing.
- c) Use the Referee's changing room as a store

The Club has also noted that unknown players are using the northern pitch without permission but it has not been possible to establish their identity (32.05.11). One solution to the problem is

perhaps to remove the goals when not in use or, alternatively, use mobile goals. The Club has suggested that new goals are required since the present goals are nearing the end of their life. The Club has been asked to price up the various options.

The Club is currently training at the new facility at Chipping Sodbury School and will continue to do so until July. There are apparently insufficient players interested in training at the Recreation Ground in the winter to justify the Club installing floodlights.

- 10 Mr Howes has responded to the request to replace the present stile and steps on the permissive footpath leading from The Grove to the Recreation Ground (36.04.11). He is unhappy about the way that the footpath is currently being used but, subject to certain conditions, will consider the modifications.
- 11 Landcare has undertaken a limited amount of maintenance work in the Woodland.
- 12 John Hicks has completed the annual inspection of the Children's Playground. A copy of the report will be available at the meeting.
- 13 SGC has advised that Capital Grants are available for certain types of schemes. The closing date for applications is the 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- 14 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:-
  - a) Frome and Ladden Vale Environmental Link Group data for 9/06/11. (WM)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1<sup>st</sup> June 2011