

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2011

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
Mrs Marsden, Mrs Launay and Mrs Lucioli representing the lorry movement action group

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.03.11 Mrs Alyson Marsden, representing the lorry routing action group, updated Cllrs. regarding the forthcoming meeting with South Gloucestershire Councillor Mr Brian Allinson on Thursday. The question of an unreasonable limit on the number of people being allowed to attend the meeting has been resolved. It was agreed that three Parish Councillors and members of the action group would attend the meeting.

There was a general discussion on events leading up to the decision to remove the Section 52 Agreement and the points to be raised at the meeting on Thursday.

B.03.11 Mrs Catherine Launay asked why white lines were being painted in the road through the village. The Chairman advised that the lines are part of the traffic management safety scheme being introduced along with the new 30mph speed limit through the village.

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

Action

1 Apologies for Absence

01.03.11 Mr D Somers

2 Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items

02.03.11 The Chairman declared an interest in Planning Application PT11/0346/F at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. Noted.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

03.03.11 It was noted that Mr Mike Marsden, not David Marsden, attended the last meeting on the 1st February (A). The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler

- 04.03.11 Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the new 30mph speed limit had been in force for a week and that the new signs and road markings were substantially complete.
- 05.03.11 The Chairman put the following questions to Cllr. Mr Gawler regarding the removal of the Section 52 Agreement covering the present Morrisons depot:-
- 06.03.11 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) says that Rangeworthy and Cromhall Parish Councils were fully consulted regarding the removal of the Agreement. Did Cllr. Mr Gawler agree that in actual fact no consultations whatever took place? Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed that the two Parish Councils had not been consulted.
- 07.03.11 SGC Cllr. Mr Brian Allinson says that all the SGC Cllrs. in the area were consulted on his proposals to lift the Agreement. Did Cllr. Mr Gawler support the proposals without consulting the Parish Councils? Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that he did support the proposal. He was of the opinion that the present data available suggested that the removal of the conditions would have minimal effect on lorry numbers through the village. In addition, the new 30mph speed limit would reduce any adverse effects. The Chairman expressed the view that it would have been better to wait and see the type of firm that might occupy Morrisons' warehouse when they leave.
- 08.03.11 Did Cllr. Mr Gawler's decision allow for the fact that when Morrisons vacate the warehouse a new occupier might generate even more traffic? In addition, does SGC have the powers to veto the type of firm that might wish to occupy the vacated warehouse? Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the future of the warehouse is at present unknown. However it is SGC's long term policy to get all distribution warehousing established at Severnside. It is hoped to encourage small factory units to occupy the present warehousing areas to create local employment.
- 09.03.11 Finally the Chairman expressed the view that the manner in which the decision to remove the Section 52 Agreement had been taken was misleading. He will take the matter up with Cllr. Mr Allinson on Thursday.
- 10.03.11 Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that he had approached various SGC Cllrs. and officials in an effort to discover how the decision had been taken. The answers given had been unclear and in some instances contradictory. Noted.

5 To Receive the Clerk's Report

- 11.03.11 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.
- 12.03.11 Item 2. It was resolved to sell the old Dell laptop computer to Nexcen and to obtain quotations for a mono laser printer.
- 13.03.11 Item 5. It was resolved to appoint Mr Iain Selkirk as the Internal Auditor.
- 14.03.11 The Clerk reported that South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has quoted for

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	cutting the grass in the village, which is the responsibility of the Parish Council, during 2011. The prices are 6% higher than those for 2010. It was resolved to accept the SGC quotation for cutting the grass on the Recreation Ground. The grass verge near Pool Farm will not be cut (16.01.11) neither will the areas of verge at the junction of New Road and the main road.	Clerk
15.03.11	The Clerk reported that a tender for £250.00 has been received from Mr Rowan Woodman for the grass keep in the field off Kidnappers Lane. It was resolved to accept the tender.	Clerk
16.03.11	The Clerk reported a request from Mr John Bennett that action is taken to prevent the frequent surface water flooding by “Tudor Cottage”. It was noted that SGC had recently been working on the problem.	
17.03.11	The Clerk confirmed that the article on Parish Council activities published in the recent March edition of “Parish News” was in fact the original article published in March 2010. Noted.	
6	<u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
	None.	
7	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
	None.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
18.03.11	PT11/0346/F – Extensions at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. No objection.	
	<u>Non Material Amendments</u>	
19.03.11	PT11/0180/NMA – The Old Vicarage, Church Lane. SGC approval to remove a high level window. Noted.	
8	<u>Other Correspondence</u>	
	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:-	
20.03.11	SGC proposal to amend the list of Locally Listed Buildings. It was noted that it is proposed to List The Old Vicarage, Church Lane. No objections.	
21.03.11	An invitation from Heron Land Developments Ltd to a preview of “Heron Land Public Exhibition, North Yate New Neighbourhood” on 11/03/11 (C).	
22.03.11	An invitation to a meeting to discuss lorry movements in Rangeworthy on 3/03/11. (See 09.03.11)	

9	<u>Finances</u>	
	<u>Received</u>	
23.03.11	£158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
24.03.11	£587.00 – Yate Rangers Football Club.	
25.03.11	£50.00 – Rangeworthy Court Hotel Wayleave	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	
26.03.11	£305.94 - Clerk's salary.	
27.03.11	£45.00 - Elite Cleaning (SW) Ltd	
28.03.11	£333.33 – Nexcen Ltd (Part)	
29.03.11	£3298.00 – Phillip Symons (Safety surfacing)	
30.03.11	£56.14 – Bristol Water.	
31.03.11	£25.64 – Clerk's expenses (Six months)	
32.03.11	£22.00 - Virgin Media.	
33.03.11	Blank	
10	<u>The Children's Playground</u>	
	(See item 3 of the Clerk's Report)	
34.03.11	It was noted that the Contractor has made a good job of replacing the safety bark.	
35.03.11	Cllr. Mr Livall offered to cut the grass in the Children's Playground again during 2011. It was resolved to accept the offer with thanks.	KL
11	<u>The Recreation Ground</u>	
	None.	
12	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u>	
36.03.11	Cllr. Mr Ellery drew Cllrs' attention to the recent vandalism of cars in the lay-by at Audley Close. Neighbourhood Watch and the Police are aware of the problem. It was noted that a similar problem had occurred some time ago and the culprit had been caught. It was resolved to remind the Police of this fact so they might review their past files.	HG
37.03.11	The Chairman asked whether Cllr. Mr Gawler was aware of the significant amount of building activity at Brooklands Farm. Cllr. Mr Gawler will	

	investigate the matter.	HG
38.03.11	Cllr. Mr Gawler advised Cllrs. that the Memorial Hall Management Committee is hoping to resurface the west car park. He requested that the Parish Council approach HMRC to see if the Council can reclaim the VAT from the cost of the work. It was resolved to contact HMRC.	Clerk
39.03.11	The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's salary be moved up one Scale Point to Scale Point 23, which is £10.603 per hour. It was resolved to accept the proposal.	Clerk
13	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
40.03.11	The Annual Village Assembly will be on Friday 25 th March at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.	
41.03.11	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 5 th April 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 1ST MARCH 2011

Since the last meeting, on the 1st February, 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 The Editor of the "Parish News" magazine has thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £100.00 (09.02.11).
- 2 Nexcen Ltd has installed a new Toshiba laptop computer to replace the failed Dell laptop (10.02.11). Nexcen has indicated that they would be willing to give the Council £50 for the Dell computer, which they would refurbish and sell.

As anticipated when the Parish Council first went on-line four years ago, there is an ever increasing volume of information coming to the Council via e-mail and the Internet. Ideally a lot of this should be circulated to Cllrs. for their information before each meeting. This does not present a problem if all Cllrs. have a computer and a Broadband connection to the Internet. This is an assumption possibly made by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) and Central Government. As it is, paper copies of some of the more important documents have to be produced for circulation to Cllrs. To date, SGC and other sources have provided paper copies of their larger documents on request, but some have to be printed by the Parish Council. The present Dell inkjet printer does this adequately, but uses a lot of expensive printer cartridges. On average the ink costs are in excess of 10p per copy using only black ink. Copies in colour could be up to twice as expensive. An alternative would be to purchase a mono Laser printer which would cut the cost per print down to around 4p per copy. Nexcen Ltd has advised that the cost of a laser printer, with toner cartridge would be around £100. A duplex laser printer, which prints on both sides of the paper, would be in the region of £200. Cllrs. are asked to consider seeking firm quotations for purchasing a replacement printer which would allow more information to be circulated in a more cost efficient manner.

- 3 Phillip Symons has successfully completed the replacement of the safety bark in the Children's Playground with Playscape Safety Grass.

He will also be quoting for replacing the rotting board on the climbing module in the Playground. (32.02.11). He is investigating the use of recycled plastic board on to which the various climbing accessories can be bolted.

- 4 SGC has offered to provide bin bags for the "Big Spring Clean" in March. The offer has been accepted and they will be delivered and collected from the home of Cllr. Miss Moody (36.02.11).
- 5 Mr Iain Selkirk has again offered his services as the Internal Auditor of the Parish Council's Accounts for 2010/11. His fee would be £115.00, as in previous years.
- 6 SGC has started introducing the 30mph speed limit through the village. Cllr. Mr Gawler has drawn their attention to the dangerous siting of a new post by the Rose and Crown PH.
- 7 Cllrs. are reminded that the Annual Village Assembly will be on 25th March at 7:30pm.
- 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:-

- a) SGC proposals to amend the Listed Buildings Register. (GRD)

- b) Offer from Mr Stuart Choak in assist in resisting unwelcome Planning proposals. (GRD)
- c) PT11/0346/F – Extension at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. (WM)
- d) Agenda for the Frome Vale Area Forum on 24/02/11. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

23rd February 2011

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