

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008

#### Those Present

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

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor  
Three members of the public

#### Action

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
01.11.08	None.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
02.11.08	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
03.11.08	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 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 raised the following six issues-:	
04.11.08	The two sunken manhole covers near the Rose and Crown PH are due to be repaired this week (43.10.08). Noted.	
05.11.08	Mr Mark Parry from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has agreed to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the lorry routing issue (40.10.08). It was resolved that the Clerk would set up a mutually convenient date for the meeting.	Clerk
06.11.08	Details of how SGC applies the Data Protection Act to comments on Planning Applications have been received (06.10.08). The details were circulated for Cllrs' perusal.	
07.11.08	The Planning Application to establish a Gypsy and Travellers site at "Homefields", Hall End has attracted in excess of a hundred objections from residents, both in Wickwar and Rangeworthy. Cllr. Mr Gawler attended a meeting last week, arranged by Mrs Averis, at which residents likely to be affected by the proposals were present. A Planning Consultant also attended the meeting to advise on Planning issues. The group agreed to strenuously oppose the Application, possibly forming some kind of action group. It was resolved that the Parish Council would give what support it could to the group.	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler noted that the Application is still being handled under	

delegated powers at SGC, but it appears likely that it will eventually go before the Committee. He promised to keep Cllrs. informed of developments.

The Clerk noted that SGC had sent the Planning Application to Wickwar PC for comment, since the site is in their Parish. Rangeworthy PC had not been aware of the Application until fairly recently. In cases where an Application may affect an adjacent Parish, SGC has in the past drawn that Parish's attention to the Application. However SGC had not advised Rangeworthy PC in this instance, although this Parish will be primarily affected. Objections from Rangeworthy have now been received by SGC. Noted.

08.11.08 The data collected from the recently erected speed warning and recording sign, near Backfields Farm, will be made available to Rangeworthy PC. The Chairman noted that speed control on this stretch of the main road was less important than further north through the village.

09.11.08 The application for funds to reconstruct parts of the Iron Acton By-Pass also includes an application to reconstruct lengths of the main road through the village (06.09.08). Noted.

## **5 To Receive the Clerk's Report**

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.

10.11.08 Item 3. The Clerk confirmed that Landcare has completed the remedial works in the Woodland. Noted.

11.11.08 Item 12. It was resolved to make a donation of £60.00.

12.11.08 Item 13. It was resolved to approve the proposed meeting dates.

13.11.08 Mr Alvery Grazebrook has written to confirm that he has vacated the field off Kidnappers Lane as agreed, but he will not be wishing to rent the pasture next year. Noted.

## **6 Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda**

14.11.08 Minute 42.10.08.

Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that he had received a letter from Wessex Water which acknowledges that the foul sewer through Bagstone is inadequate. He has passed a copy of the letter to SGC's Planning Officer, who seemed less than impressed. Noted. It is hoped that the letter will temporarily stop any further development in the area until the sewer is upgraded. Cllr. Mr Gawler will pass a copy of the letter to the Highways Department to ensure that any replacement sewer work is completed before the road is reconstructed.

HG

## **7 Planning Matters**

## Decisions

- 15.11.08 PT08/2455/F – Extensions at “Oakmead”, New Road – Refused. Noted.
- 16.11.08 PT08/2505/F – Extensions at Patch Elm Farm, Wotton Road – Refused. Noted.
- 17.11.08 PT08/2478/FDI – Footpath diversion at Patch Elm Farm – Withdrawn. Noted.
- 18.11.08 PT08/2459/F – Alterations to existing vehicular access and construction of new access to the Recreation Ground – Refused. Noted.

## New Applications

- 19.11.08 PT08/2842/F – Raising the roofline and loft conversion at “Two Oaks”, Manor Road. No objections.

## **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:-

- 20.11.08 E-mail from Lee Dunn Plumbing and Heating offering his services. Noted.
- 21.11.08 Invitation from SG NHS and SGC to attend a Remembrance Day Service at Chipping Sodbury & District War Memorial Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> November. (C)
- 22.11.08 An invitation from Entec to attend a workshop on the “Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Preferred Options” (C)

## **9** Finances

### Received

- 23.11.08 £222.00 Yate Rangers Football Club (Three month’s rent).
- 24.11.08 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.
- 25.11.08 £8.82 – BT Wayleave payment.

### Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 26.11.08 £270.57 Clerk’s salary.
- 27.11.08 £310.00 – Elite Cleaning.
- 28.11.08 £169.20 – Yvonne Carter (Refund for white lining material)
- 29.11.08 £189.00 – SGC (Grass cutting)
- 30.11.08 £22.00 - Telewest
- 31.11.08 £253.50 – SGC (Grass cutting)

32.11.08	£51.94 – Npower.	
33.11.08	£60.00 - PCC of Wickwar (11.11.08)	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>	
	<b>a) <u>Letting Arrangements</u></b>	
	None.	
	<b>b) <u>The Pavilion</u></b>	
34.11.08	Cllr. Mr Somers reported that he had not yet serviced the boiler, but hopes to do so once he can get his van to the Pavilion (34.10.08). Noted.	DS
35.11.08	The Clerk reported that Dave Buckley had reported a “noisy pump” which appeared to be about to fail. Cllr. Mr Somers agreed to look at the problem.	DS
	<b>c) <u>To Consider the Provision of a Purpose Built “Kick Wall”</u></b>	
	(See item 4 of the Clerk’s Report)	
36.11.08	The idea of providing the wall was reviewed. Originally the idea was to stop balls being kicked against the front of the Pavilion. The suggestion that children might use the wall was popular with the children at the School. However it appeared that their parents would be reluctant to let them go up to the Recreation Ground on their own. The possibility of locating the wall nearer the centre of the village was explored, but without success. The cost of providing and maintaining a suitable surface in front of the wall was found to be a significant factor. It was resolved to drop the idea for the foreseeable future.	
	<b>d) <u>General</u></b>	
	(See item 5 of the Clerk’s Report)	
37.11.08	Cllr. Mr Livall agreed to trim the tree branches.	KL
38.11.08	Cllr. Mr Livall reported that Mr Howes’ contractor is currently digging out the ditch along the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground (30.07.08). Noted.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>To Consider the Enhancement of the Children’s Playground</u></b>	
	(See item 6 of the Clerk’s Report)	
39.11.08	The draft proposals prepared by the Clerk were reviewed. It was resolved to proceed with the reduced scheme, based on the original quotation submitted by Wicksteed Playscapes. The children at the School will be asked to choose two “Springies” from the catalogue and Wicksteed Playscapes will be asked to submit a modified proposal for the reduced scheme.	Clerk
<b>12</b>	<b><u>To Consider the Adoption of the Model Publication Scheme Under the Freedom of Information Act</u></b>	

(See item 11 of the Clerk's Report)

40.11.08 It was resolved to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

Clerk

**13**      **Public Question Time**

41.11.08 Mr John Murray expressed his satisfaction with the way the objections to the Gypsy and Travellers site Planning Application is being handled.

42.11.08 Mr Barrie Purnell confirmed that he had heard about the group opposing the above Planning Application. The Chairman suggested that he contact Mrs Averis, who is organising the group.

43.11.08 Mr Bob Cox complained about the volume and size of the lorry traffic passing through the village. He suggested that a weight limit be introduced which would result in only local traffic using the route. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council is continually pressing SGC for a solution to the problem. There is no immediate solution and the likelihood of a new road being built to link the Yate trading estates to the motorways looks remote. In the meantime, the lorry traffic has to use what routes are available, albeit that they are far from satisfactory. The only current options are to keep pressing SGC to manage the movement of lorries as best they can. The idea of introducing a weight limit would result in a greater number of smaller lorries. This could in all probability do more damage to the roads.

**14**      **Councillors' Open Forum**

44.11.08 It was noted with regret that Mr Jack Ellis of "Westways" had recently died.

**15**      **Date of Next Meeting**

45.11.08 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 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 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

Since the last meeting, on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 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 agreed response has been sent to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) regarding the consultation document for possible Gypsy and Traveller sites (05.10.08). It has since become apparent that Wickwar Parish Council has been asked to comment on a Planning Application to establish such a site at "Homefields" in Hall End. Comments have been sent to SGC regarding the application, which confirm the views expressed regarding the previous consultation document. Ms. Jan Averis is convening a meeting at her house on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, in Firing Close, to discuss the matter with various interested parties. A representative from Rangeworthy Parish Council has been invited.
- 2 Cllr. Mr Gawler has confirmed that he has arranged a meeting with SGC's Data Protection Officer to discuss the possible "sanitizing" of earlier Planning Applications (06.10.08).
- 3 Landcare are due to undertake the agreed remedial works in the Woodland during the week commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> October (10.10.08).
- 4 John Hicks, who carries out the annual inspection of the Children's Playground, has been consulted regarding the proposed "Kick Wall" at the Recreation Ground (36.10.08). He has confirmed that these types of facilities are known in the trade as "MUGAS" (Multi-use games areas). It is essential to ensure that a robust surface is provided in the activity area. Ideally this should be a relatively expensive proprietary safety surface or, at the very least, scalplings laid over a drainage layer. Both options will require regular maintenance.
- 5 The hedges flanking the footpath leading from the main road to the Recreation Ground have been trimmed, together with the grass area immediately to the north of the Pavilion (37.10.08). The ends of several branches of the adjacent Horse Chestnut tree are rubbing the oil storage tank and the electrical supply cable to the Pavilion. The ends of the branches need trimming.
- 6 Estimates for possible alternative enhancement schemes for the Children's Playground have been prepared, details of which are attached (39.10.08)
- 7 Emma Puttullo, at "Meadowside", New Road, has e-mailed to say that she and residents in The Grove have been in contact with Central Networks regarding power cuts in their area (49.09.08). The matter appears to have been resolved by trimming appropriate trees.
- 8 SGC has offered a grant of £350.50 towards the cost of hedge laying in the field off Kidnapper Lane (05.07.08). Following consultations with Cllr. Miss Moody, an order has been placed with Mr Ricketts to undertake the work.
- 9 Fountain Support Services have advised that they will be carrying out an inspection of the overhead power lines at the Woodland in the near future.
- 10 Mr Winter-Alsoop is still trying to get the new bus shelter in Manor Road re-sited. Copies of correspondence between Steve Webb MP and SGC have been received from SGC.
- 11 The Information Commissioner's Office has published a new Model Publication Scheme under

the Freedom of Information Act. The new scheme sets out the type of information held by the Parish Council and how members of the public might access the information. It is recommended that the Council adopts the new scheme rather than prepare its own scheme. A copy of the Publication Scheme will be available at the meeting for Cllrs' perusal. The new scheme will supersede the scheme adopted by the Parish Council in November 2002.

12 Cllrs. may wish to know that last November they approved a donation of £60.00 to the "Parish News" magazine.

13 The following meeting dates for the parish Council in the first half of 2009 are suggested for Cllrs' approval:-

6<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> July

The Annual Village Assembly Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

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:-

1. PT08/2842/F – Raising the roof line and a loft conversion at "Two Oaks", Manor Road. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

29<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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