

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

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
11 members of the public

Action

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| 1 | <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

None. | |
| 2 | <u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>

01.09.09 None. | |
| 3 | <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>

02.09.09 The Chairman abstained from approving the Minutes, since it he was not present at the last meeting. It was then resolved to approve the Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 7 th July, by a majority vote, with Cllr. Mr Ellery also abstaining.

The Chairman noted that the majority of the members of the Public present had a specific interest in Agenda item12 and he proposed to take this item next. | |
| 12 | <u>To Review the Possible Creation of a Gypsy and Travellers Site at Land in Tanhouse Lane</u>

03.09.09 The Chairman noted that the Parish Council was aware that certain comments made at the last meeting, when this matter was discussed, had been misconstrued (11.07.09). The comments had been reported in the monthly “Parish News” article about the Parish Council activities and had caused concern to those opposing the proposals. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council is totally opposed to the idea of creating a Gypsy and Travellers site at the land off Tanhouse Lane. The Parish Council’s objections had been sent to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). It must however be recognised that the Parish Council’s powers in influencing SGC are limited. With regards to the comments about “the best option to date”, Cllr. Mr Ellery confirmed that he had in mind that this might be SGC’s opinion, definitely not the Parish Council’s opinion. It was resolved to continue to oppose the proposal and to ensure that the Parish Council’s position is clearly understood. In response to an invitation for questions on this matter the following issues were raised:-

04.09.09 Peter Jones:- Can a copy of the Parish Council’s letter to SGC be made available and had the receipt been acknowledged? The Clerk confirmed that an acknowledgement had been received and that copies of both letters would be made available. Mr Jones noted that there are vacancies on most of the present | Clerk |

sites in the area.

05.09.09 Helen Marsden:- The magazine article had been misleading giving the impression that the Parish Council had accepted that a site would be established. She feared that SGC would note the Parish Council's apparent acceptance of the proposal. Cllr. Mr Ellery again explained that this was definitely not the case and that his comments referred to SGC's possible view.

06.09.09 Christopher Jones – Chairman of the Hall End Action Group:- He confirmed that the Group had been happy with the support offered by the Parish Council when the site at Hall End was being considered. However, the ambiguity about the Parish Council's position regarding the site at Tanhouse Lane had caused some people to abandon their fight to oppose the proposals. Cllr. Mr Dawe confirmed that the next magazine article would clear up any misunderstandings about the Parish Council's position. Mr Jones reported that Steve Webb MP and several senior Planning Officers from SGC, are due to meet a Government Minister in London. The whole concept of providing additional sites in the area will be discussed. There is apparently no identified immediate need for additional sites in the area. Many of the existing sites are only partially full, despite advertising for users. This suggests that the whole basis for the project is flawed. Noted.

Clerk

07.09.09 Peter Jones:- He confirmed details of the various low occupancy levels of the present sites in the area.

08.09.09 Terry Cornock:- Does Cllr. Mr Gawler know when SGC will be producing their next document for consultation? Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that it will be some time in the autumn. He will however try and find the outcome of the London visit to London and pass on the information.

HG

4 Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler

09.09.09 SGC propose to start Stage 1 of the new Manor Road to North Road footpath link towards the end of October. The work will take about one month. Noted.

10.09.09 SGC had a budget of £86k to repair the main road through Rangeworthy to the Iron Acton By-Pass. However, the extent of the work needed in Rangeworthy meant that the money had been used up towards the southern end of the village. The repairs down to the Iron Acton By-Pass will have to wait for future funding. Noted. Cllr. Mr Somers raised doubts about the quality of the repairs and the patchwork quilt appearance.

11.09.09 SGC have noted that there have been three recent accidents at Winpenny Bridge. Some drainage improvement work has been carried out and Cllr. Mr Gawler is to try and get the 40mph speed limit extended to include the bridge. 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.

12.09.09 Item 2. Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that he had met two officers from SGC to discuss the problem. The tree in question just complies with the requirements of the Highways Act. However SGC recognise that there is a problem and will write to the adjacent landowner. It was resolved to pass the name of the landowner to SGC. Clerk

13.09.09 The matter of the ongoing problem with the illegally planted hedge at Myrtle Cottage had also been discussed. The officers are willing to write to the owners of the property if the Parish Council makes another formal complaint. It was resolved to make the complaint again. Clerk

14.09.09 Item 9. It was suggested that the 30mph speed limit should start to the south of Patch Elm Lane. Clerk

15.09.09 Item 15. It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00. Clerk

16.09.09 Item 16. It was resolved to purchase a copy of “Local Council Administration”. Clerk

17.09.09 Item 17.7. Cllr. Miss Moody noted that the footpath diversion was needed as part of the sewer diversion work. Noted.

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

18.09.09 Minute 35.06.09 Cllr. Mr Dawe reported that Leyhill Prison is not able to paint the footpath signs. It was noted that to have the work done professionally would be very expensive. It was resolved to include the scheme in next year’s preliminary Precept estimates. Clerk

7 **Planning Matters**

Decisions

19.09.09 PT09/122F/F – Erection of double garage at “Carel”, New Road – Permit. Noted.

New Applications

None.

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:-

20.09.09 Letter from the CAB seeking a donation for the current financial year and for an amount of £250 to be included in next year’s Precept estimates. It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00. Clerk

21.09.09 Invitation from Community Action to renew the annual membership for £30.00.

It was resolved not to renew the membership.

22.09.09 Request from SGC to promote the “Love Food Hate Waste” initiative by displaying appropriate material on the Council noticeboard. It was resolved to approve the request.

Clerk

23.09.09 Leaflet about “Heritage Open Days” from the 10th to 13th September. (C)

24.09.09 SGC invitation to attend a meeting on the 8th September to hear about the Local Involvement Network’s activities to influence local health and social care services. Noted.

25.09.09 SGC invitation to attend one of two workshops to review the working of the SG Partnership. Noted.

26.09.09 Frome Vale Area Forum agenda for the 10th September. (C)

9 Finances

27.09.09 The Clerk reported that Mazars, the External auditors, had completed their audit of the 2008/09 Accounts and had found them to be generally satisfactory.

Received

28.09.09 £289.00 Yate Rangers Football Club.

29.09.09 £300.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club (Two months).

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

30.09.09 £574.74 - Clerk’s salary (Two months).

31.09.09 £90.00 - Elite Cleaning UK Ltd. (Two months).

32.09.09 £129.20 – SGC (Servicing dog bins).

33.09.09 £44.00 – Telewest (Two months).

34.09.09 £30.51 – Bristol Water.

35.09.09 £133.56 – SGC (Grass cutting).

36.09.09 £61.37 – Clerk’s expenses (Six months).

37.09.09 £135.00 – Mazars (External auditors)

38.09.09 £30.00 - Mr Brittan (Grass cutting in the Woodland)

39.09.09 £30.00 - CAB.

10 The Children’s Playground

(See also items 4 and 5 of The Clerk’s Report)

40.09.09	The Clerk reported that Cllr. Mr Ellery had repaired the footrests on the Hurst Rocker. Noted with thanks.	
41.09.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that whilst working in the Playground, he had received several requests for additional toddler swings. It was resolved that Cllr. Miss Moody would continue to pursue the idea of providing a “bird nest” toddler swing with SGC (38.07.09). If this fails, the idea of converting two of the junior swings will be explored.	WM
11	<u>The Recreation Ground</u> (See also items 6, 7, 8 and 14 of The Clerk’s Report)	
42.09.09	Cllr. Mr Somers confirmed that he has still to look at the two apparently scaled up shower heads in the Pavilion (25.07.09).	DS
43.09.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery has adjusted the pedestrian gate adjacent to the main gate leading to the Woodland and Recreation Ground (31.07.09). Noted with thanks.	
13	<u>Public Question Time</u> None.	
14	<u>Councillors’ Open Forum</u>	
44.09.09	Cllr. Miss Moody drew Cllrs’ attention to a Goods Vehicle Operator’s Licence application at Bristol Mineral Works in Lime Kiln Road. Cllrs. suspect that it is an application for the renewal of an existing licence rather than a new one. It resolved that the Clerk would confirm that this is the case.	Clerk
45.09.09	Cllr. Mr Somers noted that a banner advertising “Yate Storage” has been hung up at the junction of Manor Road and New Road. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Gawler would arrange for it to be removed.	HG
46.09.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that Wessex Water had confirmed that the sewer diversion work will be starting soon and last about four months, with some traffic control. Noted.	
15	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
47.09.09	Tuesday 6 th October 2009 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed.....

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