

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### Those Present

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

Two members of the public

#### Action

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
01.07.09	Mr G R Dawe (Chairman) Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
02.07.09	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
03.07.09	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	None.	
<b>5</b>	<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.	
04.07.09	<u>Item 1.</u> It was noted that the repair by the Children's Playground has still not been done. It was also noted again that in many other places the main road is settling to such an extent that an accident may result. In some areas the settlement causes lorries to lean over the adjacent combined footpath/cycleway. This puts pedestrians and cyclists at risk from being hit by lorry mirrors. Similarly, lorries passing in opposite directions could be slewed sufficiently to collide. It was resolved to contact South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) again regarding the state of the road and find out when the repair by the Playground will be done. Their attention will also be drawn to their liability, should an accident occur due to the poor state of the road. Cllr. Mr Ellery also reported that some of the defective sewer manhole covers in the main road have still not been repaired. Noted.	Clerk
05.07.09	<u>Item 3.</u> It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Ellery would meet the Arboricultural Officer on site to discuss the matter.	Clerk ME

06.07.09 Cllr. Miss Moody has met a representative from SGC to discuss the grant application for layering the Woodland boundary hedge (10.03.09). It appears that there is a good chance of getting a grant, but the question of burning the arisings so close to the main road needs to be addressed. It was suggested that Mr Ricketts should be asked to quote for chipping the material instead. Once SGC know the additional cost, the decision about a grant will be made. It was resolved to follow this course of action.

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

07.07.09 Minute 12.06.09. Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she had attended the SGC Environmental Link Group meeting on the 11/06/09. The main point of note was that the Jubilee Footpath booklet has now been republished and copies are available. Noted.

**7 Planning Matters**

Decisions

08.07.09 PT09/0922/F – Erection of one dwelling at 1 Berrows Mead – Refused. Noted.

09.07.09 PT08/2703/F – Gypsy and Travellers Site at “Homefield”, Hall End – Permitted with conditions. (Decision noted on the SGC website) Noted.

New Applications

10.07.09 PT09/1222/F – Erection of a detached double garage at “Carel”, New Road. No objection.

Associated Planning Matters (See item 8.1 of the Clerk’s Report)

11.07.09 Following the SGC public consultation on options for Gypsy and Traveller sites in SG, Leechpool Dairy Farm in Tanhouse Lane has been put forward by the owners as a possible site (05.10.08). SGC has requested that any relevant information on proposed sites is brought to their attention. Cllrs. discussed the matter at length and it was agreed that the proposal was not to be supported. It was however pointed out by Cllr. Mr Ellery that the site is the best option to date, having the least effect on the village. If the site is chosen by SGC, the question of seeking a Section 106 contribution needs to be explored. It was resolved to make the following comments:-

1. The site is very close to the main Bristol to Birmingham Railway line.
2. The land is prone to water logging.
3. The site is much too close to the recently approved site at Hall End.
4. Previous planning applications have been turned down due, in part, to the approach lanes being inadequate for skip lorries and the like. Similarly the lanes would not be suitable for caravans and associated traffic.

	5. If the site is chosen, will a Section 106 contribution be appropriate?	Clerk
<b>8</b>	<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:-	
12.07.09	An invitation from the SITA trust to attend a presentation on the 13 <sup>th</sup> July to explain grant funding criteria. (C)	
13.07.09	An application from the Alzheimers Society for a grant. (C)	
14.07.09	SGC formal consultation on the Manor Road footpath extension. It was resolved that no comments were needed.	Clerk
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Finances</u></b>	
	<u>Received</u>	
15.07.09	£150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	
	£287.37 - Clerk's salary.	
16.07.09	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.	
17.07.09	£368.88 – SGC (Grass cutting)	
18.07.09	£30.89 – NPower.	
19.07.09	£22.00 – Telewest.	
20.07.09	£1518.37 – Loan repayment.	
21.07.09	£13.50 – NALC LGR magazine subscription.	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>The Children's Playground</u></b>	
	(See Clerk's Report)	
22.07.09	<u>Item 2.</u> It was resolved to accept the quotations from Paul Collins.	Clerk
23.07.09	<u>Item 7.</u> It was resolved to contact Wicksteed Leisure and investigate the best way of overcoming the problem.	Clerk
24.07.09	Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall have been inspecting the Playground on a weekly basis. Several minor items requiring attention have been resolved. Cllr. Miss Moody was of the opinion that the quantity of rubbish is diminishing but was annoyed to find the second footrest on the Hurst Rocker smashed. The vandalism had required significant force and had left dangerous splinters. It was reported that a gang of youths had been in the area causing damage. Noted. Cllr.	

	Mr Ellery confirmed that he has the replacement of the footrests in hand.	ME
<b>11</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>  (See Clerk's Report)	
25.07.09	<u>Item 6.</u> Cllr. Mr Somers reported that he had repaired the valve. Noted. He also reported that the two shower heads nearest the Home changing room need descaling. Presumably these are the ones that are used the most. The water flow is minimal and this causes the shower pump to "hunt". Turning on other showers deals with the problem. Cllr. Mr Somers agreed to see if the heads could be descaled.	DS
26.07.09	The Clerk reported that details of the Pavilion decorating have been finalised with Elite Cleaning UK Ltd (29.04.09) Subject to Cllrs' approval, the front of the Pavilion will have the lower one metre painted brown, to match the doors and to disguise the worst of any future muddy marks. Noted.	Clerk
27.07.09	SGC have quoted the sum of £85.00 to run their "Blec Earth machine" over the southern pitch to roll it and improve the drainage (30.06.09). It was resolved to accept the quotation.	Clerk
28.07.08	It was noted that the grass is uncut around the one small goal in the south-east corner of the ground. Cllr. Mr Livall agreed to strim the overgrown grass.	KL
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Public Question Time</u></b>  Mr Barrie Purnell raised the following three issues:-	
29.07.09	He was disgusted at the Parish Council's acceptance of the Planning Decision to allow a Gypsy and Traveller site at "Homefield". He urged the Council to organise a protest, possibly involving MP Steve Webb. The Vice-Chairman explained that the Parish Council did not have legal powers to challenge the decision and had to act in accordance with the standard Code of Conduct.	
30.07.09	Similarly he was appalled to hear the question of a Section 106 Agreement being discussed at the proposed Tanhouse Lane site. The Council should oppose the proposal by every means. Noted.	
31.07.09	The metal gate to the Woodland has dropped and the spring has broken. It was resolved to get it repaired.	Clerk
32.07.09	Mr Ken Fisher complained that the hedge in front of "Myrtle Cottage" obstructs his view when he is leaving his property. It was resolved to contact SGC on the matter.	Clerk
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Councillors' Open Forum</u></b>	
33.07.09	Cllr. Mr Livall enquired whether there was any news regarding the use of the SGC surplus money from the transfer of Council Houses (06.03.09). It was confirmed that the matter was with Cllr. Mr Gawler.	
34.07.09	Cllr. Mr Somers repeated his views on the state of the main road (04.07.09). In	

addition, he asked that Mark Parry be reminded that he had promised to consider the introduction of a 30mph limit. It was resolved to contact Mark Parry on the matter.

Clerk

Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following three issues:-

35.07.09 Wessex Water has been digging trial holes in Bagstone as a prelude to laying the diversion foul sewer to the pumping station (11.06.09). Noted.

36.07.09 Several hedges in the vicinity of Myrtle Cottage also need cutting back. It was resolved to contact SGC on the matter.

Clerk

37.07.09 He is greatly concerned to see some parents parking their cars in the Rose and Crown PH car park and then crossing the road with their children on the blind bend, on their way to school. It was noted that in the past there had been an informal code, whereby the road was only crossed well clear of the blind bend. Ideally parents should use the Parish Council Car Park and walk down the footpath. It was resolved to write to the Head Teacher and draw her attention to the danger.

Clerk

38.07.09 Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she was still trying to speak to the person in SGC who is dealing with the Playbuilder fund. The person in question is apparently off sick. (16.03.09). Noted.

**14      Date of Next Meeting**

39.07.09 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....