

**RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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>	
01.10.08	None.	
02.10.08	The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Mr Livall to his first Parish Council meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
03.10.08	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
04.10.08	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
05.10.08	<p>Cllr. Mr Gawler reported on the current position regarding the progress being made by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) in preparing a “Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan.” SGC has recently released a consultation document “Towards a Preferred Option” which invites residents in SG to express their views. Cllr. Mr Gawler drew Cllrs’ attention to one particular possible additional Gypsy and Traveller site, at “Homefields” in Hall End, Wickwar. There appear to be anomalies in SGC’s evaluation of the suitability of the site. In particular, the very close proximity of the railway and the nature of the lane serving the site seem to have been ignored.</p> <p>Following discussions it was resolved to object to the suitability of the site. A paper copy of the latest document will be obtained from SGC and Wickwar PC will be approached with a view to making a joint response.</p>	Clerk
06.10.08	Cllr. Mr Gawler has approached the Planning Department regarding the alleged “sanitizing” of earlier Planning Applications (15.09.08). No specific answer has yet been obtained, but he will be seeing SGC’s Data Protection Officer to discuss the matter further. Noted.	HG
<b>5</b>	<b><u>To Receive the Clerk’s Report</u></b>	
07.10.08	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.

08.10.08 Item 3. It was noted that new gates have been installed but they are currently padlocked.

09.10.08 Item 10. Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall reported that the footpath is properly marked. It appears likely that the walkers in question had strayed from the footpath, which is clearly marked both in the latest publications and on the ground. Noted.

10.10.08 Landcare has quoted the sum of £520.00 for undertaking the necessary remedial works in the Woodland. (44.09.08) Once this is done, the balance of the Forestry Commission's grant of £684 can be claimed. It was resolved to instruct Landcare to undertake all of the work.

Clerk

11.10.08 The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's salary should be increased to the NJC Scale Point 21 of £9.579 per hour, for thirty hours per month. It was unanimously resolved to approve the proposal.

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

None.

**7 Planning Matters**

Decisions

12.10.08 PT08/2214/F – Extension at “Two Oaks”, Manor Road. – Refuse. Noted.

13.10.08 PK08/0681/F – Erection of an agricultural building and installation of a wind turbine at “Oak View Alpacas,” Firing Close. Approved. Noted.

New Applications

14.10.08 PT08/2459/F – Alterations to the existing vehicular access off the Wotton Road and construction of a driveway to serve the Recreation Ground.

The comments received from a local resident concerning the proposals were noted. It was resolved to raise the following objections:-

1. The Recreation Ground, which is owned by the Parish Council, has an adequate access and as such, there is no need for another access.
2. The present access is in a dangerous position, with poor visibility to the north around the bend by the Rose and Crown PH. In addition, it is nearly opposite the junction of Church Lane and the main road. This is very busy at the beginning and end of the School day. Any alterations to the present entrance would presumably significantly increase the number of vehicles using the entrance. This would inevitably increase the risk of an accident.

	<p>3. The new driveway would pass over land that is outside the village development envelope.</p> <p>4. The new driveway would pass across the public footpath serving the Recreation Ground in order to access “West View”.</p>	Clerk
15.10.08	PT08/2455/F – Extensions at “Oakmead”, New Road. No objections.	
16.10.08	PT08/2505/F – Two storey side extension and change of use of field to bring it into to the residential curtilage at Patch Elm Farm, Wotton Road. (See PT08/2478/FDI).	
17.10.08	PT08/2478/FDI – Diversion of Footpath LIA/14/10. It was resolved to object to the footpath diversion on the basis that any development should be kept within the present residential curtilage.	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:-	
18.10.08	Letter from SGC drawing attention to the amendments to the permitted development regime for householders. The Clerk confirmed that more details will soon be made available on SGC’s website. Noted.	Clerk
19.10.08	Extract from SGC’s latest CAMS report detailing resolved problems on footpaths in the Parish. This month a problem on ORA/7/10 has been resolved. Noted.	
20.10.08	SGC letter regarding SGC’s Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan. (See 05.10.08)	
21.10.08	A reminder from SGC that the closing date for applications for Revenue Grants is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> November. Noted.	
22.10.08	A letter from the Childrens Playlink Scheme for Disabled Children seeking financial support. (C)	
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Finances</u></b>	
	<u>Received</u>	
23.10.08	£150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
24.10.08	£4939.00 – Second instalment of the Precept.	
25.10.08	£301.48 – Rangeworthy Football Club (2007/08 utilities costs)	
26.10.08	£206.66 – Interest.	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	

27.10.08	£270.57 Clerk's salary.	
28.10.08	£285.00 – Mazars (External Auditors)	
29.10.08	£148.00 – SGC (Grass cutting)	
30.10.08	£22.00 – Telewest.	
31.10.08	£189.80 – SGC (Servicing two dog bins for six months)	
32.10.08	£24.67 – B R Miller (Two printer cartridges)	
<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>	
33.10.08	Cllr. Mr Somers reported that he had made the necessary adjustments to the heating system to minimise heating oil consumption. He has put up a notice which instructs the teams how to heat the water ready for their showers etc. (38.09.08) Noted.	
34.10.08	It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Somers should provide a quotation for undertaking the annual service of the heating system. (Item 8 of the Clerk's Report)	DS
35.10.08	The Clerk reported that Elite Cleaning UK had quoted the sum of £89.00 for treating the outside Pavilion woodwork. It was resolved to accept the quotation.	Clerk
	<b>c) <u>To Consider the Provision of a Purpose Built "Kick Wall"</u></b>	
36.10.08	After discussions, it was resolved that the Clerk would seek expert advice on the type of surface that would be appropriate in front of a "kick wall".	Clerk
	<b>d) <u>General</u></b>	
37.10.08	Cllr. Mr Livall offered to trim the hedges flanking the footpath leading to the Recreation Ground from the main road. (Item 9 of the Clerk's Report) It was resolved to accept his offer.	KL
38.10.08	Cllr. Mr Livall reported that Mr Howes intends to clear 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 2 of the Clerk's Report)	
39.10.08	It was resolved to explore the option of undertaking a limited programme of enhancements in the existing Playground. The idea of replacing only the "Springies" and introducing perhaps only one or two items of new equipment at this stage will be costed.	Clerk

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**Public Question Time**

40.10.08

Mrs Alyson Marsden expressed her concern about the amount of lorry traffic passing through the village, a lot of it exceeding the speed limit. Mrs Marsden has in mind to form an action group to campaign for a new road that would connect the industrial estates in Yate directly to the motorways. Avon County Council had long ago recognised the need for a road, originally planned to be the Wickwar By-pass. All such ideas had been abandoned by SGC.

Cllr. Mr Somers confirmed that on five occasions he had left messages with WPC Bainbridge regarding the speeding lorries, but none of his calls had been answered. In addition, he had discussed the lorry problem with PCSO, but without hope of much action.

The Chairman accepted that the lorry traffic had to use the present, albeit inadequate road network. He suggested that SGC should consider operating a one-way system for lorries enforced by weight limits. For example, lorries coming south should be directed through Latteridge and northbound lorries should pass through Rangeworthy.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had done all it could to get SGC to take the lorry problem seriously, but to no avail.

After further discussion the following was resolved:-

1. The Parish Council would provide support to Mrs Marsden's action group.
2. Cllr. Mr Gawler would ask SGC to consider the one-way option and to get Mr Mark Parry from SGC to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to hear the views of residents on the lorry problem.

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**Councillors' Open Forum**

41.10.08

Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she had received a letter from Mrs Winnard regarding the lack of a bus stop sign by the new raised area in Manor Road. It was resolved to raise the matter with SGC.

Clerk

42.10.08

Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that the sewer had continued to repeatedly surcharge in Bagstone. He had taken the matter up with SGC's Planning Department who had declined to take any action, saying that Wessex Water had not advised them that there was any problem. Thus any applications for further development in the Parish will not take any account of the overloaded sewer.

He has also taken the matter up with Wessex Water's Technical Department. They have acknowledged that the present sewer is overloaded and that a moratorium on any new development should be introduced by SGC. Cllr. Mr Ellery is currently pressing Wessex Water to put their views in writing so that SGC can be pressed to introduce a temporary moratorium.

Copies of all correspondence have been passed to Steve Webb MP. He has expressed concern about the problem and has cited the case as an example of new housing preceding the necessary infrastructure improvements. Noted.

43.10.08 | It was noted that the two dangerous manhole covers in the main road to the north of the Rose and Crown PH have been marked with both a yellow and a red cross. (50.09.08)

14 | **Date of Next Meeting**

44.10.08 | Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

Since the last meeting, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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 approved Minutes of the Parish Council's September meeting will be the first to appear on the Rangeworthy Community Website. (10.09.08)
- 2 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has confirmed that the land adjacent to Berrows Mead is still reserved as a potential Education site, for a replacement for the Primary School. As such, SGC cannot either sell the site or enter into any long term leasing arrangements. (42.09.08)
- 3 SGC's PROW Office has advised that the outstanding works associated with the recent installation of the new bridge on LWR 43 will shortly be completed. Work has been delayed by the wet weather. (48.09.08)
- 4 Positive indications have been received that a grant might be available towards the hedge laying work in the field off Kidnapper Lane. (05.07.08)
- 5 SGC have passed summary details of responses to BT's proposals to remove various payphones in the area. (09.07.08) It is recorded that the payphone in Bagstone was used thirty-four times in the previous twelve months.
- 6 Mazars, the external Auditor, has approved the Parish Council's Accounts for 2007/08. The audit also included the rigorous examination of the Parish Council's procedures and records, required this year under Mazars' 5% spot check policy.
- 7 A copy of the Parish Council's mid-year audit is enclosed for Cllrs' perusal.
- 8 The heating system in the Pavilion is due for its annual service. Cllrs. may wish to nominate an approved Heating Engineer to undertake the service.
- 9 The hedges adjacent to the footpath leading from the main road to the Recreation Ground were cut back in June this year. Cllrs. may wish to approve a further trim of the hedges.
- 10 A report has been received that the footpath marker at the end of Church Lane is missing. Cllr. Miss Moody has agreed to check out the problem.
- 11 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. PT08/2459/F – Alterations to existing vehicular access and construction of a driveway to serve the Recreation Ground. (GRD)
  2. PT08/2455/F – Extensions at “Oakmead”, New Road. (GRD)
  3. PT08/2505/F - Two storey side extension plus change of use of field to residential curtilage at Patch Elm Farm, Wotton Road. (ME)
  4. SGC notice of Environment Forum meeting – “Climate Change – Progress and

Challenges” on 7/10/08. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1<sup>st</sup> October 2008

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