

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009

Since the last meeting, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 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 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has confirmed that the deteriorating section of main road by the Children's Playground has been programmed for repair towards the end of June (05.06.09).
- 2 Advice has been obtained regarding the permitted dates for hedge cutting (08.06.09) Generally the work should not be undertaken before September, after the nesting season. However, in the case of the boundary hedge next to New Road, it will be possible to check for the presence nests. If no nests are present, then the work can proceed at an earlier date to maintain the safety of the children using the Playground. Quotations for the hedge cutting have been obtained from Paul Collins, who has cut hedges for the Council before. He has quoted £40.00 for lowering the southern hedge and £90.00 for lowering the hedge next to the Old Post office. The latter would be done in September and include the area of hedge currently encroaching on the litter bin (08.06.09)
- 3 The SGC Arboricultural Officer has confirmed that, in his opinion there is no need to prune any trees where damage to lorry mirrors is taking place (13.06.09). Cllrs. may wish to convene a site meeting to discuss the matter with him.
- 4 Cllr. Mr Somers has cut off the cold water supply to the shower area in the Pavilion kitchen (33.06.09).
- 5 Cllr. Mr Livall has trimmed back the hedges on either side of the footpath leading from the main road to the Recreation Ground (34.06.09) and cleared the new seat in the Woodland (39.06.09)
- 6 Cllr. Mr Somers has investigated a report that the showers in the Pavilion were not getting hot. It was found that the plunger on the outlet from the oil tank had been removed so that oil could not reach the boiler. Cllr. Mr Somers is investigating the best way to overcome the problem.
- 7 Clare Legge has reported that, in her opinion, there is a design fault on one of the new springies in the Children's Playground. The ears of "Ronnie Rabbit" protrude upwards in such a manner that they can hit a child in the face as they bounce about on the springie. There have been reports of several such incidents on this type of equipment, both in Rangeworthy and elsewhere. Cllr. Miss Moody was advised of the initial report.
- 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:-
  1. PT08/2703/F – SGC notice of the timing of the Planning Sub-Committee site inspection at "Homefield" on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, the Planning Officer's Report and an explanation of the error in issuing the conditions for granting Planning consent before the decision had been made. (GRD)
  2. Invitation from National Grid to attend the Cotswold Show. (GRD)
  3. SGC details of additional possible Gypsy and Travellers sites in the area. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

