

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm ON TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2024 LISTER ROOM, RANGEWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present

Parish Cllrs: Cllr W Moody – Chair (WM), Cllr K Livall (KL), Cllr L Haigh (LH), Cllr MJ Steer (MJS)
Clerk: Jennie Wright (JW)

Signed copy available upon request from the Clerk.

Two members of the public in attendance.

Public Question Time

Prior to the start of the formal meeting of the Parish Council, as detailed in the agenda, any members of the public are invited to raise any matters concerning the Parish.

The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

1.	Apologies for Absence	
1.1-10/24	Apologies were received from Cllr P Morse and SGC Ward Cllrs Jon Lean and Tristan Clark	
2.	Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda	
2.1-10/24	There were no declarations of interest	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
3.1-10/24	WM proposed, KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes accordingly	JW
4.	South Gloucestershire Councillors Report	
4.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED the update on the new parking charges announced and the weekend closure of the M4 (Appendix 1)	
5.	Clerk's Report	
5.1-10/24	The Clerk's time sheet was NOTED	
5.2-10/24	Cllrs NOTED Nat West have yet to confirm signatory added or to provide bank statements	
5.3-10/24	WM proposed and LH seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's expenses	JW
6.	Planning	

6.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED comment submitted on P19/13683/RM Lane at Wotton Road, Rangeworthy	
7	Planning Decisions	
7.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED P24/01836/HH Green Acre, Church Lane, Rangeworthy, BS37 7ND Raising of roofline - APPROVED	
7.2-10/24	Cllrs to NOTED P24/00976/CLE The Bungalow, Lea Gate, Bagstone Road, Rangeworthy, GL12 8BD – APPROVED Certificate of Lawfulness	
8	Financial Matters	
8.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED Nat West have not provided any statements as the change of signatory is not yet completed	
8.2-10/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to settle the payments that have been verified by the Clerk	JW
9	Children's Playground	
9.1-10/24	Cllrs to NOTED PC will cut the hedges again this year, KL to repair latch, new swing ongoing – site meeting with providers to be arranged	KL JW
10	Recreation Ground & Pavilion	
10.1-10/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to instruct SLCC advice line to start work on the IAFC proposition at the agreed budget of £850 plus VAT. WM to try to contact BM. JW to email MJS what details are needed regarding the Charity Deed	JW WM MJS
10.2-10/24	Cllrs NOTED updates received from IAFC	
10.3-10/24	LH proposed and WM seconded and it was RESOLVED to waive IAFC fees for this season considering the work completed	JW
10.4-10/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to instruct Context Planning to draw up the paperwork for the Certificate of Lawfulness for the new track	JW
10.5-10/24	Cllrs NOTED Ford Fuels have delivered 500 litres of oil to the Pavilion	
10.6-10/24	Cllrs NOTED Andersons refused to use the track in order to empty the Septic Tank	
10.7-10/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to employ a drainage clearing company if deemed necessary at the Pavilion	JW
11.	Woodland – Local Climate & Nature Action Plan (LCNAP)	
11.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED we are able to tie the bulb planting in with the wild flower planting morning and bulbs are being sent	
11.2-10/24	WM proposed and LH seconded and it was RESOLVED to visit Grow Wilder Nursery on 18 th to purchase plug plants. LH will be reimbursed for the cost of the plants. Advertising poster to be drawn up	JW LH WM

12.	Highways & PROWs	
12.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED concern raised regarding parking opposite the recreation ground	
13.	Councillors Open Forum	
13.1-10/24	Cllrs NOTED if we are contacted regarding a list of jobs to be completed by SGC, the bus shelter needs to be added to the list otherwise WM intends to clear the Ivy herself	JW WM

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

The ordinary next meeting will be held in the Lister Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

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Appendix 1

Rangeworthy Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Details of Car Parking Charges Announced

Following consideration of a wide range of options to implement a scheme of charging for parking in council-owned car parks South Gloucestershire Council has begun publishing further details of how the scheme will operate. The proposals are currently being shared and discussed with local stakeholders, including Town and Parish Councils and Chambers of Commerce, in the areas where car park charging would be introduced. The scheme is expected to go live in Spring 2025.

Key features include:

- At least 10% of spaces in short stay car parks where charging will be introduced will remain free for 30-minute stays. This will help ensure turnover and easy access for more drivers making short trips to local shops.
- Short-stay parking will be charged at only 70 pence for the first hour. Other rates will apply to long stay, train station and Park and Ride car parks.
- A validation system is proposed for some car parks (e.g. those that have primarily and historically served health facilities) so patients visiting a GP will not be charged.
- In the council's long stay parking spaces, season tickets will be introduced so local traders, businesses and workers are able to pay for their parking in advance.
- Disabled Badge Holders will be able to park for free in designated disabled bays for up to 4 hours in the council's short and long stay car parks.

Payments for parking will be cashless. Payments will be able to be made using the paperless pay and stay machines on site, using a debit or credit card or contactless, or by using the MiPermit app. Users will also be able to pay without the need for a smartphone as MiPermit allows payments to be made by phone call or text message. The scheme will not use cash as the cost of introducing and operating a cash handling and management system for the car parks would cost around £40,000 per year. Current modelling for the scheme suggests it will generate an annual income of more than £800,000. This income will be essential in reducing the pressure to cut funding to other vital council services. It delivers on savings targets inherited from previous annual budgets. Introducing parking charges will help protect services that residents value.

Charges will apply between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, with parking remaining free on Sundays and Bank Holidays, excluding Park and Ride and train station car parks.

While there are discussions currently underway with local councils and other stakeholders, the council is sharing outline plans with residents now, ahead of the formal processes that will need to be followed to implement the final scheme.

Not all council-owned car parks will have charging introduced. Detailed analysis showed some of the very smallest and some Park & Ride facilities would be unlikely to ever break even against the cost of installing charging facilities. Furthermore, charging for the latter would contradict policies to encourage more use of public transport. The council will monitor any displacement parking on roads surrounding council owned car parks. It will work with residents should this occur to develop practical measures to counter it. This could include the introduction of resident parking schemes if there is proven local need and demand.

Implementation of the scheme will require changes to the council's existing Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO), which will be published later this year. For more information visit:

www.southglos.gov.uk/parking-charges-faqs

Weekend Closure of M4

National Highways is warning road users that the M4 north of Bristol will be closed for a full weekend in October as part of the work on the A432 Badminton Road Bridge. The M4 will be closed in both directions between junctions 18 and 19 from 7 p.m. Friday 18th October to 6 a.m. Monday 21st October while National Highways dig a trench under the motorway. This will allow utilities to be diverted that are currently within the bridge before the structure is demolished next year.

With 3,000 to 4,000 vehicles using this section of the M4 every hour over peak weekend periods the closure is likely to cause substantial disruption, and drivers are advised, where possible, to avoid the area and plan journeys for alternative times. National Highways route manager Sean Walsh said: "This is one of the busiest sections of motorway in the South West which is why we are giving drivers as much notice as possible so they're able to plan their journeys well in advance. We carefully plan our schemes to limit any inconvenience, but sometimes it's not possible to carry out the work that's needed without a closure. Our message for anyone who plans to travel on the M4 around Bristol is to avoid the area if you can – if that's not possible, allow yourself plenty of extra time to complete your journey via our signed diversion routes and expect delays."