

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 1st March 2022
LISTER ROOM, RANGEWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present

Councillors: Miss. W. Moody Ms. L. Haigh Mr. K. Livall Mr. D. Moore
Mrs. P.J. Evans (Clerk) – Remotely
Cllrs. Young and Clark (joined the meeting after Agenda Item 6)

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Question Time

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

A.03.22	There was no public participation.	<u>Action</u>
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The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

1. Apologies for Absence

01.03.22	Apologies were received, noted and accepted from Cllr. Steer. The Clerk also apologised for not being present at the meeting but was attending remotely. All Agreed.	
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2. Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items

02.03.22	There were no declarations of interest.	
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3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

03.03.22	Following two typographical amendments, Cllr. Moore proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Tuesday 18 th January 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. The Chairman signed the minutes. All Agreed.	Clerk
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4. Clerk's Report

04.03.22	The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of her report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.	
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5. South Gloucestershire Councillors Report

05.03.22	South Gloucestershire Councillors had circulated a copy of their monthly report which was noted by Parish Councillors. The report included information on SGC's Local Plan Phase Two consultation, including future homes, brownfield development, renewable energy, employment land and the environment and green spaces; SGC's 2022-2023 Budget; Nibley Park & Ride.	
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06.03.22	It was noted that due to a technical issue the Local Plan consultation had been extended by two weeks. Regarding the Nibley Park & Ride, it was noted that no additional bus services had yet been secured. The car park would be available for rail users and EV charging points would be installed over the coming months. The £4.5m funding for this project had been received from WECA and Local Enterprise Partnership through the Investment Fund, administered by WECA.	
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6. Planning Matters

- 07.03.22 P22/00308/F | Oldwood Farm, New Road, Rangeworthy, BS37 7QF | Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 1 no. replacement building for agricultural storage, workshop and general purposes | NO OBJECTIONS.
- 08.03.22 P22/00557/HH | East View, Bagstone Road, Rangeworthy, GL12 8BD | Erection of detached double garage | NO COMMENTS – to note the SGC location map required updating in order to accurately reflect the new layout.
- 09.03.22 P22/00705/PNGR | Building at The Paddock, Patch Elm Lane, Rangeworthy, BS37 7LU | Prior notification of a change of use from 1 no. agricultural building to 1 no. residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to include operational development | TO OBJECT – repeat objections from P19/6744/PNGR plus this new application was a significantly larger residential dwelling.
- 10.03.22 The Clerk advised that an adjoining parish application had been received – P22/01340/HH – Rangeworthy Parish Council would not comment.

7. Planning Decisions

- 11.03.22 P21/05996/RVC | Willow House, Tanhouse Lane, BS37 7QA | Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 6 (surface & foul drainage) attached to permission P21/00826/RM – Erection of 1 no dwelling with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be determined for plot 3 (approval of reserved matters to be read in conjunction with outline permission PK17/1173/O | APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS.
- 12.03.22 P20/24133/RVC | Court Farm, Church Lane, Rangeworthy, BS37 7ND | Variation of condition 2 (listed plans) attached to planning permission PT18/4838/F to substitute approved plan nos 04, 05, 07, 08, 11A, 12A, 13B, 14B, 23 and 24 with plan nos 04A, 05A, 07A, 08A, 11B, 12B, 13C, 14C, 23A and 24A – Alterations and extensions to 3 no. existing agricultural buildings to facilitate conversion to 3 no. dwellings with landscaping and associated works | APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS.
- 13.03.22 P21/08146/F | Land at Old Forge, Bagstone Road, Rangeworthy, GL12 8BD | Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and attached double garage with access, parking and associated works (resubmission of P21/00827/F) | REFUSAL.
- 14.03.22 P21/08175/CLP | Stratford House, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, BS37 7NA | Erection of front porch, erection of two storey rear extension and loft conversion to form additional living accommodation | APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS.

8. Financial Matters

- 15.03.22 The Clerk presented the monthly financial report and reported the following estimated balances (non-receipt of up-to-date bank statements), which were noted by Parish Councillors.
- 16.03.22 Business Current Account: £ 100.00
Business Reserve Account: £40,312.95
- 17.03.22 An up-to-date Receipts and Payments Account identifying spending and receipts compared to budget was also noted by Parish Councillors, and included all payments presented under agenda item 17.
- 18.03.22 The Clerk had contacted the Memorial Hall re their 2022-2023 insurance

premium. The Hall would advise the Parish Council of the premium and the cheque would be processed following approval from Cllrs.

19.03.22 Cllr. Haigh proposed, Cllr. Moody seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to make a donation to the Parish Magazine of £100 to help with printing costs. **All Agreed.**

20.03.22 Cllr. Haigh proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the 2022 Grounds Maintenance contract provided by SGC – Woodland £65.61/cut; Recreation Ground £52.94/cut; 17 cuts for the season. **All Agreed.**

9. Children's Playground

21.03.22 Cllr. Moody had undertaken the weekly safety checks – all in order.

22.03.22 Following the recent storms there had been no reports of any damage in or around the playground.

10. Recreation Ground & Pavilion

23.03.22 The contractor had completed the bramble/vegetation clearance from the storage building, along the boundary and into the corner of the Recreation Ground. A substantial amount of rubbish had been uncovered – plastics, glass, metal, garden waste and tyres. The clearance had also exposed the rear garden of one of the neighbouring properties which was separated by a metal chain-type fence.

24.03.22 Cllr. Moore queried why the storage compound had not been completely cleared. The Clerk explained that some of the brambles had been cleared in order to store the tyres, but the actual clearance of the compound (and behind the pavilion) was part of another quote/works and would be undertaken later in the year. The contractor had completed the boundary clearance as a matter of urgency in order for the grove of trees planted before the end of March.

25.03.22 Cllr. Moore proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to arrange for the boiler to be serviced at a cost of £125 (including VAT). **All Agreed.**

Clerk

11. Woodland

26.03.22 The Parish Council noted there was a good show of Snowdrops and Narcissi at the top of the woodland.

12. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

27.03.22 The ground had been cleared. Chairman had paced it out and there appeared to be plenty of space for planting the seven trees. It was acknowledged the delay in planting the grove had been due to reaching agreement on the type and species of trees to be planted. Cllr. Moody offered an alternative suggestion to the Himalayan Silver Birch (*Betula Jacquemontii*) – a row of four native Silver Birch (*Betula Pendula*) trees to the front of the grove, representing the four generations of the Royal Family, with a row of three Himalayan Silver Birch behind. Cllr. Haigh wished the entire grove to be planted with *Betula Jacquemontii* as the whiteness of the bark got better and better with age, whereas the *Betula Pendula* got darker. Cllr. Haigh felt that as this was a memorial grove, there should be a visual impact. Cllr. Haigh appreciated the Chairman's attempt to pull the two sides together. Cllrs. Livall and Moore had no preference. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to plant a grove of seven *Betula Jacquemontii*. **All Agreed.** The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements. Cllrs. Moody and Haigh would confirm the planting layout. In time a bench would be added to the grove.

**Clerk
WM/
LH**

13.	2022-2023 Meeting Dates		
28.03.22	The following 2022-2023 Ordinary Parish Council meeting dates were agreed.		
	Tuesday 5 th April 2022	Tuesday 8 th November 2022	
	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	Tuesday 6 th December 2022	
	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	
	Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Tuesday 7 th February 2023	
	Tuesday 30 th August 2022 – <i>note one week early</i>	Tuesday 7 th March 2023	
	Tuesday 4 th October 2022		
29.03.22	It was RESOLVED to hold the 2022 Annual Village Assembly on Friday 29 th April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. All Agreed. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.		Clerk
14.	2022 Big Spring Clean		
30.03.22	The Clerk was asked to complete the Big Spring Clean request form and ask for the rubbish to be collected from the Memorial Hall.		Clerk
15.	SGC Consultation – New Local Plan: Phase 2 – Urban, Rural and Key Issues		
31.03.22	The Chairman and Clerk would liaise to prepare a response to this consultation. A draft response would be circulated to all Cllrs. for approval before submission.		WM/ Clerk
16.	B4058 Wotton Road, Speeding – Average Speed Cameras		
32.03.22	A resident had approached the Parish Council and suggested average speed cameras as a possibility to help reduce the speed of traffic through the village along the Wotton Road. The Clerk had obtained some information on this type of equipment – the Speed-Safe system – similar to that installed in Kingswood. Cllrs. discussed the pros and cons of such a system including cost (£7,500 per camera plus VAT), the downloading and responsibility for data, the efficacy of any information supplied to the police. It was agreed that further investigation was required. The Clerk had emailed the Clerk to Kingswood PC to ascertain how their system operated and whether the system had reduced speeding traffic. CIL funds could be used to support this initiative, but such a significant investment in either one or two cameras would leave the CIL funds standing at between £7,500 and £15,000.		Clerk
33.03.22	The Clerk was asked for forward the A&S Police link to the Speedwatch initiative to Cllr. Moore.		Clerk
17.	Accounts for Payment		
34.03.22	The Clerk confirmed the following invoices as accurate and due for payment.		
	Mrs. P. Evans	Clerk’s Salary – January	£402.50
	Mrs. P. Evans	Clerk’s Salary – February	£402.50
	Mrs. P. Evans	SLCC Membership	£51.30
	Mrs. P. Evans	McAfee Virus Protection	£44.99
	Elite Cleaning (SW) Ltd	Pavilion Cleans – Jan and Feb	£130.00
	South Glos. Council	Localism Service Charges	£187.86
	ICO	Data Protection	£35.00
	KLH Landscaping	Bramble Clearance	£680.00
	PCC of Wickwar	Donation	£100.00

- 35.03.22 Cllr. Livall proposed, Cllr. Moore seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid. Cllrs. Haigh and Livall witnessed the invoices and signed the cheques. **All Agreed.**
- 18. Councillors Open Forum**
- 36.03.22 It was noted the verge adjacent to Pool Farm had been mowed.
- 37.03.22 In connection with the E-Scooter consultation discussed previously, it was considered that the battery charge of these machines would probably not allow for a scooter to reach from Bristol to Rangeworthy. Therefore, it was unlikely these scooters would be encountered in such a rural setting.
- 38.03.22 It was noted there are 69 pupils on the school roll (70 being the maximum). There are 15 registered for the September 2022 intake (10 being the maximum). There were four houses nearing completion in Patch Elm Lane and a further thirteen to be built at Pool Farm, there is therefore more than likely to be more pupils than space at the village school.
- 39.03.22 There have been a couple of incidents by the building site on Patch Elm Lane – a householder’s gate was hit off; a worker’s van had the side gouged out by a passing tractor; the verge immediately opposite the building site had been churned into a quagmire because of tractors and trailers having to pull over to avoid builders’ vehicles. It was hoped the building contractors would be asked to reinstate the verge once work had finished.
- 40.03.22 After several days of muck spreading, the farmer scraped off the surface of Patch Elm Lane which resulted in the gullies and culverts draining water from the Lane into the ditch which became blocked – consequently the road flooded.
- 43.03.22 SGC had visited Patch Elm Lane and outlined all the potholes in yellow paint. The paint must be water soluble as all the markings have now washed away in the rain.
- 44.03.22 A dead deer was reported along Oldwood Lane – it was not clear if the animal had died of natural causes, an accident with a vehicle or been shot. There have also been two deer struck by traffic and killed on the B4058. Deer can be the cause of a serious accident if they suddenly run out in front of a car.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Rangeworthy Parish Council would be held in the Lister Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm – date to be agreed.

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RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk’s Report

Agenda Item 4

Activities up to 1st March 2022

1. My apologies for not being present at the meeting, due to a family member testing positive for COVID-19.

2. The two recent winter storms appear to have passed without any damage to Parish Council owned property – no trees down (apart from small twigs and branches). A small tree had been blown over and was blocking the footpath on the Wotton Road (just before Harford Place). This was reported to SGC by the Clerk.
3. The invitation to tender for the Kidnapper Lane field was advertised in the Parish Magazine. So far one tender has been received. Successful tender to be agreed at the April Parish Council Meeting.
4. Cllr. Moore advised the Clerk that the chain to the woodland gate had not been properly secured and could be simply lifted over the post. The Clerk attended the woodland and re-secured the chain below the closing latch. It appeared that SGC had been into the woodland to cut back some of the branches which were encroaching onto the access track.
5. An oil delivery will be required in April – the Clerk will arrange as soon as the access track is passable.
6. The bramble clearance works have taken place.
7. The Clerk is chasing SGC re the S.106 grant monies – no responses either via email or telephone.
8. The Clerk is liaising with the Hall Committee re the new defibrillator installation.
9. Avon & Somerset Police have started a new round of Beat Surgeries through to August 2022. The Clerk has booked the Lister Room and will advertise the dates in the Parish Magazine and via the village forum -

Wednesday 23rd February – 11.00am to noon.

Wednesday 20th April – 11.00am to noon.

Wednesday 15th June – 11.00am to noon.

Wednesday 10th August – 11.00am to noon.