

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2024
LISTER ROOM, RANGEWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present

Parish Cllrs: Cllr W Moody – Chair (WM), Cllr K Livall (KL), Cllr Morse (PM)
Clerk: Jennie Wright (JW) and Locum Clerk Emma Pattullo (EP)

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, members of the public were invited to raise any matters concerning the Parish.

A-09/24	IAFC discussed the proposed redevelopment of the Recreating Ground and Sports Pavilion. An EGM will need to be scheduled in order to discuss this matter in full and JW will contact SLCC legal advice line for guidance	Action JW
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The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

1.	Apologies for Absence	
1.1-09/24	Apologies were received from Cllr Haigh and Cllr Steer and SGC Ward Cllrs Jon Lean and Claire Young	
2.	Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda	
2.1-09/24	There were no declarations of interest	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
3.1-09/24	WM proposed, KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Monday 5 th August 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meetings. The Chair signed the minutes accordingly	JW
4.	South Gloucestershire Councillors Report	
4.1-09/24	Cllrs NOTED the update on the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation and the Children’s Home Partnership provided by TC. (Appendix 1)	
5.	Clerk’s Report	
5.1-09/24	The Clerk’s time sheet was NOTED	
5.2-09/24	WM proposed and PM seconded a and it was RESOLVED to approve the Clerk’s expenses	JW

5.3-09/24	Cllrs NOTED that the Clerk handover sessions have now been completed and in due course the move to online banking will need to be addressed	JW
5.4-09/24	Cllrs to RESOLVE to approve new Clerk's SLCC membership	JW
5.5-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve new Clerk's training – ALCA New Clerk course, ILCA online learning module and ALCA Planning in plain English.	JW
5.6-09/24	Cllrs NOTED the banking process to add the new clerk has now been completed – we are awaiting confirmation from Nat West that new clerk has been successfully added prior to removing Andrea. There have historically been issues making any changes to the account	JW
6.	Planning Consultations	
6.1-09/24	Cllrs NOTED P24/01836/HH Green Acre Church Lane planning application was approved earlier today	
7	Planning Decisions	
7.1-09/24	Cllrs NOTED P24/01473/HH 1 Kites Nest Cottage Bagstone Road Rangeworthy South Gloucestershire GL12 8BB - Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation and Annexe ancillary to main dwelling - REFUSED	
7.2-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED P24/01208/HH Ladden Brook House Bagstone Road Rangeworthy South Gloucestershire GL12 8BD Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation SPLIT DECISION	
7.3-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED P23/01179/O Land At Wotton Road (ST690858) Rangeworthy South Gloucestershire BS37 7NA - Erection of 9 no. new dwellings with associated works (outline) REFUSAL	
8	Financial Matters	
8.1-09/24	Cllrs NOTED 2023-24 financial year - BDO has confirmed receipt of the Parish's certificate of exemption and confirmed that Rangeworthy Parish Council is exempt from external audit as income and expenditure was below £25000	
9	Financial Report	
9.1-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED the updated receipts and payments account	
9.2-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED the bank balance as @ 31st July 2024	
9.3-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED that SGC has awarded the S106 funding as follows: £24,521.48 capital / £7,421.82 revenue to fund the redevelopment of Rangeworthy Recreation Ground and on-site pavilion	
9.4-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to settle payments that have been verified by the Clerk:	JW

10	Children's Playground	
10.1-09/24	WM proposed and PM seconded and it was RESOLVED to purchase a new swing for potentially two teenagers and two toddlers on a single frame and also new matting if needed. A site meeting with potential suppliers will be arranged to discuss requirements and price	JW
11.	Recreation Ground & Pavilion	
11.1-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to construct an improved trackway through the woodland to the recreation ground. Clerk to seek advice with regard to putting together an action plan to release S106 funding and to move the project forward	JW
11.2-09/24	Cllrs to NOTED action plan for S106 funding covered in 11.1-09/24	
11.3-09/24	KL proposed and WM seconded and it was RESOLVED to agree match fees of £40.00 per game	JW
11.4-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to instruct Bastin Electrical to complete PAT testing at the Sports Pavilion	JW
11.5-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to instruct PJ Bryer to complete the boiler service	JW
11.6-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to order 500 litres oil	JW
12.	Woodland – Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP)	
12.1-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to purchase wild flower plants for planting in woodland up to a total of £800.00 with advice from Daisy Finniear	JW
12.2-09/24	WM proposed and KL seconded and it was RESOLVED to provisionally plan the woodland planting day for 19 th October 2024	WM/JW
13.	Highways & PROWs	
13.1-09/24	Cllrs NOTED no further issues reported with parking during a match	
14.	Councillors Open Forum	
14.1-09/24	It was NOTED the village school is now an Academy	
14.2-09/24	It was NOTED KL will establish if the hall is responsible for cutting the far side of the hedge	KL
14.3-09/24	It was NOTED that residents with GL12 and BS37 can end up being sent to different hospitals	

The meeting closed at 9:53pm.

The ordinary next meeting will be held in the Lister Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st October 2024.

Signed

Date

Appendix 1

National Planning Policy Framework Consultation Commences

On Tuesday 30th July Angela Rayner, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, announced in parliament the start of a consultation on the government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The 8-week consultation will run from 30th July until 24th September. An informative summary of the proposed changes can be found at

<https://www.lsh.co.uk/explore/research-and-views/view-points/2024/july/government-kick-startsmuch-anticipated-nppf-consultation-and-planning-reform>

More detailed information on the consultation and the proposed changes can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policyframework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planningpolicy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

It is still too early to know what the proposed changes will mean for South Gloucestershire Council's work on a new Local Plan. The removal of the 'Urban Uplift' would reduce the housing requirement that Bristol City Council was struggling to meet for their new Local Plan. The proposed changes to Standard Method for assessing housing need, however, would increase the housing targets for South Gloucestershire Council and for Bath & North East Somerset Council. The proposed changes for South Gloucestershire alone would be an additional 6,000 dwellings over the 15 year lifetime of the Local Plan.

A comparison of the existing and proposed new standard method housing targets per annum for the West of England authorities is as follows:

Authority	Current fig	Revised fig	Difference	Percentage
B&NES	717	1,466	749	+104%
Bristol	3,378	3,057	-321	-10%
South Gos	1,317	1,717	400	+30%
Combined Authority	5,412	6,240	828	+15%
North Somerset	1,324	1,587	263	+20%
West of England	6,736	7,827	1,091	+16%

South Gloucestershire Council Announces Children's Home Partnership

An important milestone has been reached in the council's project to increase the number of homes for children in its care and enable them to live within their own community. In addition to the purchase of three properties, which will provide support and stability for young people in need, the council has appointed Phoenix Learning & Care Group as a partner to operate and staff them.

Phoenix has outstanding experience in providing qualified and compassionate team members, who will work with young people in these homes. The new homes will help the council provide support to more children, who cannot live with their families for various reasons, giving them a stable home and appropriate help, when they need it and where they need it, to enable them to get the best start in life. Data consistently shows that if children within the care system can stay living locally, they will have much better outcomes as they can maintain links with their family, friends, school and other services they receive.

The council acts as Corporate Parents to children in its care. It has a responsibility to support them in much the same way as any other family. There have not been enough places for them to stay and be supported locally, meaning that too often they can be placed a long way away from their communities. This can cause major disruption to their education, support networks and family connections. The new homes will allow more of these children to remain close to their own areas.

The three properties are all pre-existing family houses, and their appearance won't change. Each house will be for up to three children, aged between 7 – 17 years old. They will be nurturing, warm, welcoming spaces, with typically two or three team members present at any time. The support model the council will follow, working with Phoenix, is designed to give young people the closest experience as possible to anyone else's family set-up. Neighbours will notice very little difference regardless of who will now live there.

The houses will be owned by the council, but managed by Phoenix, who will support children through trained carers, who will aim to give them the safe home environment which they may not have had in the past.