

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm ON TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2022 LISTER ROOM, RANGEWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present

Councillors: Miss. W. Moody Ms. L. Haigh Mr. K. Livall Mrs. M.J. Steer
Mrs. P.J. Evans (Clerk)
Cllr. Clark (South Gloucestershire Councillor)

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.04.22 | There was no public participation.

Action

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

1. Apologies for Absence

01.04.22 Apologies were received, noted and accepted from Cllr. Moore. **All Agreed.**
Apologies were also noted from SGC Councillors Young and Lean.

2. Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items

02.04.22 Cllr. Moody declared a non-pecuniary other interest in agenda item 12 and would not take part in the discussions or decision.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

03.04.22 Following one typographical error, Cllr. Livall proposed, Cllr. Haigh seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of Tuesday 1st March 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. The Chairman signed the minutes. **All Agreed.**

Clerk

4. South Gloucestershire Councillors Report

05.04.22 South Gloucestershire Councillors had circulated a copy of their monthly report which was noted by Parish Councillors. The report included information on bus service cuts and timetable changes; A432 and A4174 improvements consultations; Member Awarded Funding for 2022/2023.

06.04.22 A query was raised about the reliability of the new Badminton Road Park & Ride bus service. It had been reported recently in social media that on several occasions the bus had simply not turned up. This brought into question the trustworthiness of public transport particularly as members of the public are being encouraged to use public transport. If residents were not confident that buses were reliable to get them to hospital appointments, work etc, then how could they be expected to use them? All too often developers cite a "frequent" and "reliable" bus service in their Design & Access Statements which SGC Planners accept as true. The Parish Council was advised there are problems with the Park & Ride bus service being unreliable or not stopping because the bus had either been full or running late. The bus service provider had attributed these problems

to a shortage of drivers. It was also noted that a number of the ‘Y’ service buses had either been withdrawn or had route and timetable amendments.

07.04.22 Parish Councillors enquired about any plans that SGC had for the field at the end of Berrows Mead. Although Cllr. Clark was not part of the advisory group that is looking at this as part of the new Local Plan, it was understood it was potentially being looked at for affordable housing, although it must be emphasised no firm plans have been agreed.

08.04.22 Cllr. Clark was advised of two road safety issues – the bend at the north end of Bagstone Road (by the Ladden Brook) was missing four chevron signs; and the condition of Church Lane was extremely poor and in need of resurfacing. Cllrs. enquired whether Church Lane was included in SGC road repairing scheme, and if it was, what priority had it been given bearing in mind Patch Elm Lane was number 460 on the current list. It was confirmed that SGC assessed the list on a six-monthly basis and the higher the usage of the road gave it a higher priority.

5. Clerk’s Report

09.04.22 The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of her report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

6. Planning Matters

10.04.22 P21/07185/LB | Rose & Crown, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, BS37 7NB | Retention of 13 no. replacement windows | NO OBJECTIONS.

7. Planning Decisions

11.04.22 P21/06789/F | Land off Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, BS37 7NA | Erection of 7 no. detached self-build dwellings with associated works | WITHDRAWN.

12.04.22 P21/07489/F | Land off Patch Elm Lane, Rangeworthy, BS37 7LT | Installation of battery storage facility and ancillary Western Power Distribution 132kV electricity substation with associated access track and highway | APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS.

13.04.22 P22/00557/HH | East View, Bagstone Road, Rangeworthy, GL12 8BD | Erection of detached double garage | APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS.

8. Financial Matters

14.04.22 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.

15.04.22 Business Current Account: £ 100.00
Business Reserve Account: £38,783.97

16.04.22 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 14.

17.04.22 The Clerk left the meeting room for the following two resolutions. Following discussions, Parish Cllrs. agreed to review the Clerk’s contracted hours at the Clerk’s Annual Appraisal in July.

18.04.22 Cllr. Livall proposed, Cllr. Moody seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the NALC/SLCC negotiated pay increase for 2021-2022 backdated to April 2021. **All Agreed.**

19.04.22	Cllr. Livall proposed, Cllr. Moody seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve payment of 9 hours overtime for the Clerk. All Agreed.	
9.	Children's Playground	
20.04.22	All in order. The Whirly Bird needs two new slats.	Clerk
10.	Recreation Ground & Pavilion	
21.04.22	All in order. The Jubilee Grove had been planted. Cllr. Haigh queried the method of securing the trees to the stakes. The Clerk advised that the method used had been discussed and agreed between Landcare and KLH. Cllr. Haigh advised that the Landcare brochure advised using rubber ties to secure the trees. The Clerk reiterated the method adopted had been agreed between Landcare and KLH. However, it was established this was not an urgent critical matter and could be reviewed at a later stage.	
22.04.22	It was agreed to purchase a 40l Aquaroll which could be filled from the Pavilion. The resolution for this purchase would be tabled at the May meeting.	LH Clerk
11.	Woodland	
23.04.22	All in order.	
12.	Kidnapper Lane Field – 2022 Tenancy	
24.04.22	Cllr. Haigh proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was RESOLVED to accept the bid of £300 for the 2022 Tenancy. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.	Clerk
13.	Annual Village Assembly – 6th May 2022	
25.04.22	It was emphasised the AVA was a meeting of the parish electorate and not a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would advertise the event on the website, social media and notice board.	Clerk
14.	Accounts for Payment	
26.04.22	The following invoices were confirmed as accurate and due for payment (ex VAT).	
27.04.22	<u>March 2022 Supplemental</u>	
	Rangeworthy Hall Fund	Annual Insurance Premium £1,138.83
	Mrs. P. Evans	Trees £245.00
	Mrs. P. Evans	High-Viz Vests x 10 £19.45
	ALCA	Membership £192.24
	Water2Business	Pavilion Water Supply £20.56
	<u>April 2022</u>	
	Mrs. P. Evans	Clerk's Salary – March £402.50
	Elite Cleaning (SW) Ltd	Pavilion Cleans – March £65.00
	Mrs. P. Evans	Backdated Salary 2021-22 £96.60
	Mrs. P. Evans	Overtime x 9 Hours £105.57
28.04.22	Cllr. Haigh proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was RESOLVED that the above invoices be paid. Cllrs. Moody and Steer witnessed the invoices and signed the cheques. All Agreed.	
18.	Councillors Open Forum	
29.04.22	T&PC Forum – ALCA had attended the recent T&PC Forum and recommended all Cllrs. undertake the new online training; SGC was developing a new housing	

strategy, the aim of which was to provide a sustainable house for everyone to meet their needs for the future – this will not create a new Council policy but would influence it; complaints had been received about the short timescale of the latest consultation for improvements to the Badminton Road

30.04.22 Litter pick – one volunteer had turned out, and two medium sized bags of rubbish had been collected. It was obvious from the lack of rubbish that regular walkers are picking up rubbish.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

The next Meeting of Rangeworthy Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and held in the Lister Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

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Clerk's Report Activities up to 1st April 2022

1. An email of thanks had been received from the PCC of Wickwar following the Parish Council's donation of £100 to the magazine printing costs.
2. Big Spring Clean – Ten high-viz vests were purchased by the Parish Council at a cost of £22.09 (including VAT). These vests will be kept in the Lister Room cupboard and available for residents to use throughout the year, along with the litter picking sticks.
3. The Clerk received a telephone call from a resident regarding traffic along the Wotton Road. The resident had previously emailed the Parish Council expressing their concerns about the volume and speed of traffic. The Clerk advised that Rangeworthy Parish Council have been discussing this matter at recent Parish Council meetings and considering various options. Details on how to set up a Speed Watch Group had been received from Avon & Somerset Police and a neighbouring Parish had been emailed to ascertain the effectiveness of their average speed cameras compared to cost.
4. An enquiry had been received from Pucklechurch Cricket Club, looking to rent a cricket pitch for the 2022 season. The Clerk replied advising the Parish Council did not operate a cricket pitch.
5. The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting on 2nd April 2022 to formulate a response to Phase 2 of the new Local Plan.
6. The Platinum Jubilee Grove has now been planted up.
7. Following the latest Parish Magazine article, one resident requested a wheelie bin sticker. Should further requests be made, the Clerk will purchase a supply for distribution.
8. South Gloucestershire Council has advised they will be carrying out a "Clearance Week" of a backlog of planning applications during week 4th to 8th April. During that week case officers will not be responding emails, phone calls or other unplanned disruptions.
9. The Clerk would like to request two days holiday (total 4 hours) on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April.