

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30pm ON TUESDAY 29th August 2023
LISTER ROOM, RANGEWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL

Those Present

Parish Cllrs: Miss W Moody, Miss L Haigh, Mr K Livall, Ms MJ Steer
LA Cllrs: Tristan Clark, Claire Young, Jon Lean
Clerk : Andrea Wheal

No members of the public were present.

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.

		Action
A-08/23	There was no public participation.	

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

1.	Apologies for Absence	
1.1-08/23	No Apologies for absence	
2.	Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items	
2.1-08/23	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
3.1-08/23	Cllr. Steer proposed, Cllr. Haigh seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Tuesday 4 th July 2023 & Tuesday 1 st August as a true and accurate record of the meetings. The Chairman signed the minutes. All Agreed.	
4.	South Gloucestershire Councillors Report	
4.1-08/23	It was noted that Cllr Clark will issue a detailed report in due course.	Cllr Clark
4.2-08/23	Cllr Clark gave an update on the Wickwar Bloor housing application. This application will be going to appeal 31 October. The outcome of this application may affect future/current applications within Rangeworthy, as the issues that decide the outcome are likely to be relevant for any housing applications within Rangeworthy parish (settlement boundaries/5 year housing land supply). Current South Gloucestershire housing land supply is greater than 5 years, but this figure is likely to be challenged by developers in the appeal.	
4.3-08/23	Cllr Young pointed out that there is now a dedicated page on the SGC website to provide information on the A432 bridge closure for affected parishioners.	
4.4-08/23	Cllr Young gave an update on the South Gloucestershire New Local Plan. This will be considered by the cabinet at its meeting in November, with public consultation expected to start from the beginning of December	

	until the end of January. Most public facing publicity will take place in the New Year.	
4.5-08/23	It was noted that the Tour of Britain will be coming through Rangeworthy on Saturday, September 9 th at approx. 2pm. This will involve road closures through the Parish.	
5.	Clerk's Report	
5.1-08/23	It was noted that the Clerk expects to exceed 35 hours worked in August due to additional time spent on handover meetings with the outgoing clerk and time spent learning the job. The intention is to balance this out with less hours worked in September, which is likely anyway due to the Clerk's holiday absence.	
5.2-08/23	Parish Council Printer - Cllr. Haigh proposed, Cllr. Livall seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the use of the Clerk's existing printer for Parish purposes on the basis the value of existing ink supplies in the printer would be paid to the Clerk via an expenses claim and the printer would not be used for personal use going forwards.	Clerk
5.3-08/23	Grant request from 1 st Wickwar Brownies. Cllr. Moody proposed, Cllr. Haigh seconded and it was RESOLVED to approve the payment of a grant of £50 from 'grants and Section 137 money' to the 1 st Wickwar Brownies to help fund some of their future costs relating to outdoor activities. Clerk to contact Mary Griffin, Leader 1st Wickwar Brownies and arrange payment.	Clerk
6.	Planning Matters	
6.1-08/23	It was noted that there is an application in a neighbouring parish - P23/02270/F Land Between Larks Lane and Latteridge Lane, Latteridge Formation of battery energy storage site, substation compound, with associated infrastructure, fencing, access road via the existing access, drainage and landscaping. NO COMMENTS	
6.2-08/23	P23/02443/HH Tamarisk, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy Erection of front glazed porch extension NO OBJECTION	Clerk
	P23/01929/F. Rangeworthy parish councillors objected to this application but Cllr Haigh notes that their comments are not recorded on the re-submission. Clerk to investigate situation.	Clerk
7.	Planning Decisions	
7.1-08/23	The following planning decisions were noted: P23/01646/F Installation of underground grid connection between Rag Lane Solar Farm and Chipping Sodbury Substation and associated works. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS	
8.	Financial Matters	
8.1-08/23	Balances to be provided to Councillors when the next statement is received.	Clerk
8.2-08/23	Land adjacent to The Old Post Office is leased to the property owner on a rolling annual lease. It was noted that no rent has been received by the Parish for the use of this land for a number of years. Invoice to be issued to the lessee (name on electoral role 'or occupier').	Clerk

8.3-08/23	The receipts and payments account as of 22 nd August 2023 was noted.	
9.	Children's Playground	
9.1-08/23	It was noted that the 'whirly bird' and one of the spring toys are loose at the base. Clerk to ask Kevin Hardy, KLH landscaping to check and propose action.	Clerk
9.2-08/23	It was noted that the hedges would be due for their annual cut in October. Quote to be obtained from Paul Collins (hedges around memorial hall also to be cut as part of same job.)	Clerk
10.	Recreation Ground & Pavilion	
10.1-08/23	It was noted that Chris Sweet (Iron Acton Football Club [IAFC] manager) has verbally informed the Clerk that they have had a condition survey undertaken for the pavilion. He has also reported that they are confident in securing grant funding for their own ride-on mower and would hope to take control of the grass cutting during the football season at some point in the future. IAFC will provide a written update in due course.	
10.2-08/23	It was noted that IAFC have continued to use the recreation ground for pre-season friendly matches during August	
10.3-08/23	Cllr Moody raised the possibility of hosting some junior teams from neighbouring clubs. Local football clubs can struggle to find suitable pitches that are playable all season. This could be a 'plan B' if IAFC proposals to use the recreation ground as their home ground do not come to fruition for any reason.	
10.4-08.23	Cllr Haigh reported that the Jubilee grove is growing well. She has offered to keep controlling the weeds so that the snowdrops will be visible in the new year.	
11.	Woodland	
11.1-08/23	Cllr Moody has the 'hedgehog sign' which is to be erected on the fence at the entrance to the woodland. Kevin Hardy to be asked to collect and install.	Clerk
12.	B4058 Speeding	
12.1-08/23	It was noted that the plan to purchase some 'traffic buddy' signs had not been executed. Clerk to contact the parishioner who had offered to host a sign to see if they are still willing to host. Approval has previously been given by the Parish Councillors to purchase two. Updated quote required.	Clerk
	Cllr Haigh noted that there may be a flashing speed limit sign along New Road that has been too overgrown to function. Cllr Young noted that there was a plan to install a temporary speed visor which but this would have been taken out in April 2023. There is no record of any data being received. Cllr Young and Cllr Haigh to investigate further.	Cllr Haigh Cllr Young
13.	Co-Option of a Parish Councillor	
13.1-08/23	It was noted that the landlady of the Rose and Crown pub had offered to display a poster advertising the role. This may attract a new audience. Clerk to prepare and give to pub.	Clerk

13.2-08/23 | New post to be placed on Facebook | Clerk

14. **Accounts for Payment**

14.1-08/23 | The following payments and invoices had been verified by the Clerk and were presented for payment -

Payee	Supplier Invoice	Chq No		Net	VAT	TOT
Andrea Wheal	N/A	SO	Clerk's Salary - Aug	£429.80	£0.00	£429
SGC	221384	1732	Grounds maintenance	£206.26	£41.25	£247
KLH Landscaping	1908	1733	Playground grass cutting	£150.00	£0.00	£150
SGC	3805352627	1734	Dog bin servicing	£228.90	£45.78	£274
				£1,014.96	£87.03	£1,100

14.2-08/23 | Cllr. livell proposed, Cllr. Steer seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs. Livall and Moody witnessed the invoices and signed the cheques. **All Agreed.**

15. **Councillors Open Forum**

15.1-08/23 | It was noted that Cllr Haigh attended Town & Parish Council meeting on 27 July. Notes have been previously circulated to all councillors.

15.2-08/23 | It was noted that Cllr Haigh can no longer attend the T&PC Planning training meeting on the 12 September (online session). Cllr Steer may be able to attend. Cllr Haigh to forward on email. | Cllr Haigh

15.3-08/23 | Cllr Steer highlighted that the 'wild about churchyards' event was taking place this Saturday 2nd September. All welcome.

15.4-08/23 | Cllr Livall noted that many of the local verges away from the main road have not been cut recently. LA Cllrs to investigate. | LA Cllrs

15.5-08/23 | It was noted that the defibrillator at the Rose and Crown had been activated last month but was not in the end used. This was a "False alarm with good intent."

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

The next Meeting of Rangeworthy Parish Council would be held in the Lister Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

Signed _____

Date _____