

**Minutes of Meeting of Roade Parish Council
held on Monday 8th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall**

Present: Susan Mallock (Chair)

Malcolm Beech (Vice Chair) John Gwilt
Myra Inglis Rick Thake Stephen Miller

Clerk : John Marshall

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Public Session:

Before opening the public session, Cllr Mallock read a letter from Mrs Pam Bottomley, expressing an interest in rejoining the Council as a co-opted member. There was unanimous support from Cllrs and Mrs Bottomley, duly elected joined the Meeting.

Issues raised by the public were as follows;

- Dis Cllr Townsend who restated her position on the provision of affordable housing ie that it should be determined by local need rather than raw percentages. Dis Cllr Clarke advised that West Northants Joint Planning Unit will be meeting in July to consider the location for the Northampton Implementation Area and that the information on which the decision is to be made will be available on their website from the end of June. He also congratulated Mrs Bottomley and looked forward to working with her.
- an overhanging hedge in Hartwell Road; the Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the hedge owner, who had promised to attend to it
- the late posting of draft Minutes for the May meeting in the Library and the absence of content relating to the resignation of the grass cutting contractor
- the condition of the fencing around the Leys derelicts

Cllr Mallock closed the public session at 7.50pm

34. Declarations of Interest:

There were none

35. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Dudman (family and work commitments), Cllrs Lowther and Mann (reason unknown)

36. Attendance Register:

All present had signed the Register

37. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 11th May 2009:

Cllr Thake proposed and Cllr Inglis seconded approval of the Minutes; all in favour

38. Matters arising from the Minutes:

a) The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions. Cllr Thake proposed and Cllr Gwilt seconded the proposal 'that the Council engage Wicksteed Leisure to carry out an inspection of play equipment at a cost not exceeding £150 + VAT'. All in favour; the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

The current arrangements for grass cutting within the village were discussed. The

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Cemetery had been cut by the Village Technicians on a trial basis, but the time required took up an excessively large number of their available hours. It was therefore agreed to ask N & P, as the contractors currently undertaking the grass cutting to add this to their schedule. It was also agreed to continue with the rolling month by month arrangement with N& P, until the end of the 2009 grass cutting season. The Clerk to advise N & P on both counts.

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b) Cllr Beech introduced his proposals for the location of the 3rd dog waste bin. He suggested 2 locations *viz* the bridle path in the vicinity of the Hyde Road with Blisworth Road junction, or the grassed area in Hyde Road in the vicinity of the entrance to Roade Football Club. He suggested the latter as the favoured site but after debate, the consensus was for the former. Mindful of the concerns raised by members of the public when the bin was previously located in that vicinity, Cllr Beech was asked to consult with the residents of the bridle path area to obtain their agreement before the location is finalised. The Village Technicians will then reinstall the bin.

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c) Cllr Beech then introduced his Working Group's proposals for a new Committee structure, details of which had been previously circulated to Cllrs. He sought approval firstly for the general principles of how the new structure would operate. Cllr Gwilt proposed and Cllr Inglis seconded acceptance of the principles; all in favour. Cllr Beech then moved on to the new 4+1 Committee structure itself, *viz* a Planning and Policy Committee, a Finance and Administration Committee, an Open Spaces Committee, a Communities Committee and an Emergency Committee. Cllr Gwilt proposed and Cllr Miller seconded acceptance of the structure; all in favour.

d) Cllr Beech then proposed that he circulate the 'Restructuring' document in order that Cllrs could indicate on which Committees they wished to serve. He requested responses to him by Friday 12th June
NB Cllr Miller indicated that he wished to serve on all Committees; Cllr Dudman has indicated that he wishes to serve on the Open Spaces Committee and the Communities Committee

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39. Village Lead Technician's Report:

The Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions.

40. Reports from Outside Bodies:

a) Neighbourhood Watch

The Report had been previously circulated. There were no questions. Cllr Gwilt was thanked for his speedy response at the time of the bus becoming stuck under the tree on Memorial Green.

b) Youth

Cllr Mann was not present and there was no report.

41. Advisory Groups:

Planning:

Cllr Beech proposed and Cllr Gwilt seconded approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 27 May 2009; all in favour.

Planning Update

Cllr Mallock provided an update on S/2009/0068/P, the ex-Walkerpack site. New information received indicates that some minor changes have been made to the Application. SNC Development Control Committee was due to visit the site on 16th June and the PA is due before the Committee on 25th June. Cllr Mallock offered to prepare and circulate an assessment of the new proposal and to attend

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the site visit.

42. Planning Information

Cllr Gwilt provided an update on Blisworth PC's meeting with Agrivert, attended by himself and Cllr Mallock.

Finance:

Financial report:

Cllr Thake reported the position as;

Cash at bank	£38,429.55
Youth	£ 4,805.27
Cash available to PC	£33,624.28

Schedule of bills for payment and receipts

Cllr Thake proposed and Cll Beech seconded that the schedule of bills tabled at the meeting and set out below be approved for payment; all in favour. Receipts are shown in the second table.

Anglian Water	32		27.35
BT	33		78.34
IRH Servicing & Repair	34		69.63
TBS Ltd	35		41.26
N & P Garden Service	36		850.00
F G Eustace	37		188.63
AH Contracts	38		30.93
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	39		40.25
BACA Workwear & Safety	40		222.81
B & Q Financial Services	41		16.40
N & P Garden Service	42		850.00
B & Q Financial Services	43		23.40
Court Couriers	44		384.63
WJM Marshall	45		692.08
H Geddes	46		399.75
J Evans	47		252.68
Post Office Ltd	48		465.37
ARH Developments	49		3,217.70
L P Finn	340/9		60.00

Cllr Thake then proposed and Cllr Inglis seconded that that the Council purchase the 8th edition of 'Local Council Administration' at a maximum cost of £67 + VAT. All in favour. Cllr Thake to purchase.

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43. Correspondence:

Details of the correspondence received since the last meeting had been previously circulated to Cllrs with the Agenda. The Clerk gave a resume of the correspondence and added details of correspondence received since the Agenda was posted.

44. Items for inclusion on the next Agenda, Monday 13th July:

NCC Emergency Planning Seminar on swine 'flu, 7th July at Daventry; Cllr Gwilt attending.

Cllr Mallock closed the Meeting at 9.30pm