

**Minutes of Meeting of Roade Parish Council
held on Monday 13th April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall**

Present: Susan Mallock (Chair)

Sharon Lowther	Glenn Dudman (Vice Chair)
John Gwilt	Bill Mann
Myra Inglis	Rick Thake
Malcolm Beech	Stephen Miller
Bill Dredge	

Clerk : John Marshall

2009/

Declarations of Interest:

1. Cllr Mallock, Agenda items 9 (c) (i) (personal and prejudicial interest as neighbour and consultee re Planning Application S/2009/0279/P) and 10 (c) (personal and prejudicial interest as Treasurer of St Mary's Church PCC re Proposal 6, application for grant).
The Clerk, Agenda item 9 (c) (i) (applicant for Planning Application S/2009/0279/P)

2. Public Session:

The Public Session was opened at 7.35pm.
Issues raised by the public were as follows;

- information from SNC regarding a defective batch of **green** 'wheelie' bins; residents who have a bin that has split can receive a replacement on application to SNC
- due to the costs involved, SNC will not be pursuing the government initiative and offering free swimming for under 16s and over 60s
- use of Parish Council funds for projects and grants, why the same bodies seem to receive a grant every year, whether St Mary's Church is a legitimate recipient of such a grant and whether alternative funding is available for the proposed wild flower areas (see Agenda item 9 (e) Proposal 2)
- alleged 'fly tipping' on land at the corner of Butlins Lane and Northampton Road; see further details below

Cllr Beech proposed and Councillor Gwilt seconded a proposal that 'the Council move to next business'; 8 in favour 2 against. The public session closed at 8.20 pm

3. **Apologies for absence:**
None from Councillors; Brian Binley MP, Dis Cllrs Townsend and Clarke, NCC Councillor Ingram

4. **Attendance Register:**
All present had signed the Register

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th March 2009:**
Cllr Thake proposed and Cllr Inglis seconded approval of the Minutes; all in favour

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**
The Clerk's Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions.

Cllr Beech reported on the review of Standing Orders that had been carried out by the Working Group. Cllr Beech proposed and Cllr Gwilt seconded the proposal 'that the document Roade Parish Council, Standing Orders and Chairmanship April 2009 be accepted'; 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

Cllr Beech further proposed that the Working Group now moved on to review the Council's Committee structure; Cllr Dudman seconded the proposal; all in favour.

MB

Cllr Mann had yet to identify a volunteer(s) from the Youth group to assist with the operation of the VAS; he agreed to progress this matter.

BM

Cllr Beech reported on the issue of the dog waste bin that had previously been sited at the Hyde Road / Blisworth Road junction. The bin had been removed and relocated further up the bridleway, not by the Council but by a person or persons unknown, during the course of which the Council-owned mounting post had disappeared and the bin fastenings damaged. Police had been informed and were investigating. Cllr Beech also reported on discussions that he had held with the resident who had been aggrieved by the original location. The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Barry Parsons, another nearby resident who had advised the Council that he and his neighbour, Mr Stockdale wished to be consulted, should the Council wish to relocate the bin in the vicinity of their property. Cllr Mallock proposed that in view of the amount of time needed to fully consider this issue, it should be deferred to a special meeting of the Council; Cllr Beech seconded the proposal, all in favour. Cllr Mallock to seek Councillor availability.

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7. Village Lead Technician's Report:

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

8. Reports from outside bodies:

(a) Neighbourhood Watch:

The Report had been previously circulated.

Cllr Dredge proposed 'that the Council investigate, with adjoining Parish Councils whether there is interest and support for a shared, Parish Council funded PCSO'. Cllr Inglis seconded the proposal; all in favour. Clerk to write to Blisworth, Ashton, Hartwell and Stoke Bruerne PCs.

Clerk

(b) Village Hall Charity:

Cllr Dudman gave a brief update on the 'Surestart' scheme that is likely to be rolled out to Roade.

(c) Youth:

Cllr Mann advised that the Youth Group would be giving a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

9. Advisory Groups:

(a) Cemetery:

Cllr Beech had nothing to report

(b) Lighting:

Cllr Dudman proposed and Cllr Thake seconded Proposal 1 'that Aylesbury Mains Ltd be engaged to conduct an inspection and test of all street lights for which Roade Parish Council is responsible at a cost of £2075.00 ex VAT (their quotation dated 02 February 2009)'; all in favour.

- (c) **Planning:**
- (i) **New Applications:**
 S/2009/0219/P, 2 The Green; Cllr Dredge proposed and Cllr Lowther seconded the proposal 'that the Council object, because the height of the roof line of the separate garage building is not in keeping with the surrounding area'. 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention.
 S/2009/0279/P, 31b Hartwell Road; Cllr Mallock (personal and prejudicial interest) and the Clerk (applicant) then left the Meeting room at 8.45pm; Cllr Dudman in the Chair. Cllr Dudman proposed and Cllr Thake seconded 'no objections'; all in favour. Cllr Mallock and the Clerk returned to the Meeting at 8.50pm; Cllr Mallock in the Chair.
 S/2009/0285/P, land adjacent to 28 Hyde Road; Cllr Dudman proposed and Cllr Thake seconded 'no objections'; all in favour.
- (ii) **Update:**
 Cllr Mallock provided an update on outstanding Planning Applications.
- (iii) **Information:**
 Cllr Gwilt provided outline details of the proposed Agrivert facility at West Lodge Farm, Blisworth Road, Courteenhall. After discussion, the Council resolved to convey to NCC, as the Planning Authority and SNC Planning, its concerns over the increase in traffic volumes on the A508 through Road that would result from the new facility, the increased risk that would arise as a result of HGVs turning into and out of Blisworth Road at the A508 junction and the potential for odour emanating from both vehicles and the plant itself. **Clerk**
 The Clerk was also asked to advise Blisworth Parish Council that we wished to attend their planned meeting with Agrivert. **Clerk**
- Cllr Mallock apprised the Council of SNC's 'Proposed Interim Rural Housing Policy' and also of the West Northants Joint Planning Unit's 'Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Affordable Housing', both of which had 6 week consultation periods. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Roade Master Plan Group (RMPG) be asked to review both documents and produce a précis of the options proposed, for distribution by means of the 'flyer' advertising the Annual Parish Meeting and for discussion at that Meeting, by those attending in order that our response to the consultation conveys the village rather than just the Parish Council view. **SMa / RMPG**
- (d) **Road Master Plan Group:**
 Cllr Mallock had nothing to report
- (e) **Footpaths:**
 Cllr Thake suggested and it was agreed that in view of the time, Proposal 2 be deferred to the next Meeting.
- (f) **Churchcroft / Recreation Field:**
 Cllr Dudman had nothing to report, other than some damage to the skate board ramp.
- (g) **IT / Website:**
 Cllr Dudman suggested and it was agreed that the proposal in relation to the BT Open Zone hotspot be deferred to the next Meeting. Cllr Dudman proposed and Cllr Thake seconded Proposal 3 'that the Parish Council spend up to £75 ex VAT on a memory upgrade for the Parish Office computer'; all in favour.
- (h) **Community Forum:**

Cllr Mann suggested and it was agreed that this be held over to the next Meeting.

(i) Parish Plan Monitoring Group:

The Report had been previously circulated; there were no questions. Cllr Lowther passed £30 cash, obtained from the sale of logs to Cllr Mallock for passing on to the Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund.

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10. Finance:

(a) Financial report:

Cllr Thake reported the position as

Current a/c £21,928.85

Deposit a/c £1485.61

Youth £5905.00

He predicted a carry forward of £23,413.00

(b) Schedule of bills for payment and receipts:

The Schedule, which forms part of these Minutes was tabled and cheques 2009 - 2011 (Alliance & Leicester a/c) together with cheques 000001 - 000014 inclusive (NatWest a/c) were approved for payment.

(c) Proposals 4, 5 and 6

Cllr Thake proposed and Cllr Dudman seconded Proposal 4, 'that the Parish Council renew the insurance policy with Norwich Union via Came and Company for one year at a cost of £1329.13; all in favour.

Clerk

Cllr Dredge proposed and Cllr Mann seconded Proposal 5, 'that the Parish Council make a grant of £350.00 to 1st Roade Scouts Group; all in favour. The Clerk was asked to write to the Scouts seeking confirmation that the funds will be / have been used for the purpose set out in their letter of 3rd February 2009.

Clerk

Cllr Mallock (personal and prejudicial interest) left the room at 1045pm; Cllr Dudman in the Chair. Cllr Dudman proposed and Cllr Dredge seconded Proposal 6, 'that the Parish Council make a grant of £500.00 towards the mowing and strimming of St Mary's Churchyard; 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. The Clerk was asked to clarify, with St Mary's Church PCC whether the churchyard is in fact legally closed.

Clerk

Cllr Mallock returned at 10.55pm; Cllr Mallock in the Chair.

11. Items for inclusion on the next Agenda:

All items deferred to the next Meeting, together with Knock Lane junction (Cllr Beech) and elections for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Council then returned to the matter raised by a member of the public during the public session regarding alleged fly tipping. After considering the representations made by several members of the public and having received the written notification of specific concerns, the Council decided that the issue constituted, at least in part a complaint against the Council and as such, the Council's Complaints procedure was invoked. The Council decided that the complaint would be investigated by the Clerk. The findings, together with any recommendations will be reported to both the Parish Council and the complainant.

Clerk

12. Correspondence:

Correspondence from a member of the public regarding accumulations of rubbish in The Leys derelicts; to be passed to SNC Environmental Health Dept as a

complaint re possible vermin infestation.

Invitation from NCC Transport and Highways to a 'Way Forward' meeting on 23rd April; Cllr Mallock to attend.

13.

Date of next Meeting:

AGM, Monday 11th May 2009 at 7.15pm followed by normal monthly Meeting at 7.30pm

Cllr Mallock closed the Meeting at 11.15pm