

**Minutes of Roade Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 14 April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall**

Present: Dr John Gwilt (Chairman)

Rev Malcolm Beech	Cecil Bottomley	Bill Dredge
Glenn Dudman	Mrs Anna Freund	Mrs Myra Inglis
Dick Johnson	Mrs June McAlear	Bill Mann
Rick Thake		

Apologies: Dave Bennett Mrs Susan Mallock Mrs Sylvia Mawby

Minute Taker: Mrs Nicky Hall

The Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m. and the Chairman welcomed all present.

Action

1. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Bottomley and Dudman declared an interest in item 7b (Village Hall).

2. Public Session:

2.1 The Chairman welcomed County Cllr Bernard Ingram and District Cllrs Stephen Clarke and Sally Townsend.

2.2 Cllr Townsend was pleased to note the superb job done by Roade Parish Council in getting funding on behalf of the youth of the village. She also noted that the Design Brief planned for Roade will not be available quickly regarding The Leys and Walkerpark sites. Cllr Townsend hoped that the Joint Core Strategy would in due course provide the best strategy for safe-guarding the village.

2.3 The Chairman confirmed that, as suggested by Cllr Townsend, he had written to the portfolio holder at SNC, Cllr John Townsend (no relation), who has now been in contact after his holiday. Cllr J Townsend recognises that the village urgently needs a Planning Brief for the foreseeable future and expects to work closely with the Parish Council on the needs of Roade.

2.4 *Mr Ray Griffiths of 1 Orchard Way* placed a letter before all Councillors and all those in the public seating regarding legal advice he had taken with reference to the proposed development to the rear of 25 Churchcroft. It was noted that this should have been circulated before the meeting if discussion were to take place, and Cllr Beech proposed that the Council moved on to the next agenda item. This was seconded by Cllr Dredge and it was agreed. Cllr Thake was happy to look into the matter the following day outside this meeting.

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2.5 *Mr Roy Phillips of 43 St Mary's Way* noted that Central Networks had dug various holes in roads around the village which had then simply been left. Cllr Dudman confirmed that the Clerk had spoken to McAlpine and to MEB who are aware of the disruption being caused. Works currently being undertaken to upgrade and test cabling to outlying villages should be completed by the end of next week. Works in Hartwell Road are being carried out by BT. Cllr Dudman agreed to monitor the situation.

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2.6 *Mr Phillips* asked whether other bus companies apart from X4 could electronically display their timetables at the bus stops in London Road. Cllr Dudman believed that other bus companies did not have the technology to do this but would ask the Clerk to follow it up.

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- 2.7 Cllr Dudman spoke on behalf of *Mr Newitt of Ivy House, The Grove* who had, for the past 25 years, cut the grass verges in The Grove. He now asked that this be included in the contractors' work schedule. Cllr Dudman confirmed that he would ask Allseasons to include this area in future. GD
- 2.8 Cllr Dudman spoke on behalf of *Mr Dave Saunders of The Leys* who had noted that vehicles are parked on Chartwell-owned land at the factory end of The Leys, and he was concerned that these cars may become vandalised. Mr Saunders had spoken to Mr Trevor Jolley (representative of Chartwell) and it was agreed that Cllrs Dredge and Dudman would also speak to Mr Jolley to request that he rings ELVIS to have the vehicles removed. GD/BD
- 2.9 *Cllr Dudman* confirmed that he had learned from Christie & Co (a business marketing company in Milton Keynes) that the owners of The George (Enterprise Inns) are considering the future of the pub. Ideas currently being discussed for the site include new dwellings, commercial premises or possibly a restaurant. It is unlikely to re-open as a public house. Cllr Dudman passed on contact details for Roade Parish Council and asked that we be kept informed of future plans.
- 2.10 The Public Session closed at 7.45 pm
3. **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bennett and Mallock, and from Mrs Sylvia Mawby (Clerk).
4. **Attendance Register:** This had been signed by all Councillors present.
5. **Minutes of Meeting (10 March 2008):**
Cllr Thake proposed, Cllr Dudman seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that in terms of accuracy the minutes be signed as a true record.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting (10 March 2008):**
- 6.1 *P1039 Item 6.7* planning permission requirement for change of use of premises – will be taken later in the Agenda.
- 6.2 *P1042 Item 8.5* A meeting with contractors, BT, Mr Parrish, the Clerk and various Councillors had taken place and the work to trees in Churchcroft had been completed safely.
- 6.3 *P1043 Item 8.7.2* Cllr Thake reported that as the Youth Group were concerned that any future employee should be paid correctly, it was agreed that RPC would make these payments. Cllr Thake had drafted a Service Level Agreement between RPC and the Youth Group detailing the correct procedures. This would be at zero cost to RPC. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Inglis seconded and with all in favour it was agreed. RT/Clerk
7. **Reports from Outside Bodies:**
- 7.1 **Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:**
Cllr Dredge reported on the following:
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| March 17/18 | There was a break-in at the ex-Servicemen's Club – nothing reported stolen Police attended. |
| March 18 | Youths in derelict building in The Leys. A further request for it to be made secure has been made. Police were advised. |
| March 21 | Nottingham knocker in Manor Close – aggressive and refused to give phone number. Police were advised. |
| March 21 | Youth was allegedly mugged near The George at around 10pm and his mobile phone was reported as being taken. Police were advised. |
| March 30 | Youths were seen poking around The George and were chased off by |

local residents. Police were advised.

7.1.1 Cllr Dredge was concerned to report his understanding that police in Northampton would no longer treat anti-social behaviour as a crime but rather as an incident. He would be investigating whether this was a local or a national initiative. Cllr Dredge encouraged everyone to continue using the 432436 telephone number to report crimes – last year in the region there were over 70,000 calls.

7.1.2 Cllr Clarke asked what sort of take-up there had been of the intercom telephones. Cllr Dredge confirmed that approximately 600 have been installed in the area with a fairly good take-up in Roade, although there had been some difficulties with the back-log of installations. The main problem was to get the elderly and vulnerable actually to use them and not simply to open the door.

7.2 Village Hall Charity:

7.2.1 Cllr Bottomley had circulated a letter regarding an S137 application for the Village Hall to replace its central heating system with a new Potterton BAXI gas fired condensing boiler at a cost of c£6,000. Applications have been made to SNC (£2,097), the Lottery Fund (£2,097), £299 from Roade Parish Council, with the balance of £1,500 being found from Village Hall funds. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Beech seconded and with all in favour it was agreed.

7.2.1 Cllr Bottomley noted that SNC now requires letters of support from Parish Councils in respect of any grant aid for specified village hall projects. Cllr McAlear proposed, Cllr Thake seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to Cllr Bottomley for inclusion with his application to SNC for grant aid.

Clerk

8. Reports from Advisory Groups:

8.1 Cemetery:

Cllr Beech reported that he had received a quotation from Allseasons in the sum of £95 plus VAT for trimming the sides and reducing the height of the yew trees in the Cemetery immediately adjacent to the Memorial Garden. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Inglis seconded and with all in favour it was agreed.

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8.1.2 Cllr Dredge noted the concerns of a parishioner regarding ivy growing on a number of trees in the cemetery which it was feared might choke the trees. Cllr Dudman confirmed that previous advice given by Ian Lorman, Arboriculture Officer at SNC, noted that ivy does not damage trees and that it should be left in situ.

8.2 Lighting:

Cllr Dudman noted that there we are still awaiting the connection of a light at the end of The Leys. He has been chasing and will continue to do so but MEB are notoriously slow.

8.3 Planning:

Cllr Bottomley reported on the following:

Post Office ATM – permitted

Rear of 4& 5 Southview- conversion of former Bakehouse – permitted.

Former Country Tackle Shop – change of use from shop to business – SNC have been informed and the necessary paperwork sent out – will be permitted.

Brookfield, Ashton Road – permitted.

8 Fox Covert Drive – demolition of one dwelling and replacement with two – permitted.

23 Church End – double garage – no observations.

2,4,6,8 & 10 Manor Close – work to trees - no observations.

Walkerpack site – planning application withdrawn.

Plainswood Farm – change of use of some buildings – to carry out proposed modifications to American RVs (recreational vehicles aka very large caravans).

Although there was some discussion regarding possible disruption to local traffic, given

that other large vehicle users (eg Tim Stockdale and Chaplins) apparently do not cause problems, it was agreed that there should be no observations.

12 Church End – single storey extension and garage – permitted

Rear of 25 Churchcroft – application for erection of 1½ storey dwelling - the Planning Officer suggests approval will be given at the Development Control Committee meeting scheduled for 24 April. The land received outline consent for one bungalow in May 2007. The height is slightly lower than the ridge lines of the Orchard Way bungalows. The culvert pipe previously discussed may run through Orchard Way gardens although this has yet to be proved. Objections raised to the red roof tiles could be amended by conditions (to specify brown to match adjacent dwellings). Cllr Bottomley believed there could be a case for speaking at the DCC meeting on 24 April to put the case that the proposed dwelling is too high and should be reduced to bungalow size or else for the elevations to be substantially reduced. Cllr Bottomley will discuss this with Cllr Mallock (who is taking over as Chairman of the Planning Advisory Group). Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr McAlear seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that Cllr Mallock should speak on behalf of the Parish Council and that Cllr Bottomley should speak on behalf of Orchard Way residents, supported by Cllr Townsend. Cllr Dudman will accompany Cllr Bottomley to lift the manhole cover in Tithe Way to ascertain whether it feeds the culvert or, as is suspected, is merely part of the sewage system. Cllr Thake also suggested inspection of the Foul Water Drawings kept in the Parish Office.

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Land to rear of 57 High Street – this will be heard on 24 April. Parish Council's objections from earlier application to stand. Cllr Dudman confirmed that local residents are deeply concerned about this proposed development and asked for support from the District Councillors.

The Leys – outline planning application for up to 39 dwellings (27 flats and 12 houses) following demolition of existing factory buildings. A large amount of paperwork has now been received including Design & Access Statement, Noise Statement, Transport Statement based on previous estimates, Flood Risk. The Planning Advisory Group and Planning Working Group will need to study and discuss these before further comments can be made.

- 8.3.1** The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with SNC's Principal Planner, together with several Councillors, Cllr Townsend and Messrs Bainbridge and Colson from Bidwells regarding the Walkerpark site. Susan Hope, Strategic Housing Officer for South Northants (who has a special interest in affordable housing) had also been present. Some of the alternative suggestions made by the Parish Council may not be acceptable on financial grounds. Discussion was held on several of the major bugbears, including the use of apartment buildings. There has not yet been formal police report, but our concerns regarding the potential for vandalism and other anti-social behaviour were made clear. Bidwells appeared more receptive to the use of 3 storey townhouses and, regarding density, there were signs that they might be prepared to reduce the number of dwellings on the site. Regarding traffic, the Principal Planning Officer indicated that there would be a separate meeting dealing only with traffic matters (primarily the A508) as well as access and ingress to the site. The Chairman asked that discussions covered the A508 in its entirety through the village from the Courteenhall turn through to where the old Scratton line used to run across the A508 past Road School. Cllr Townsend was invited to attend all future meetings as her input and knowledge are invaluable.
- 8.3.2** Regarding the timing on the pedestrian crossing lights by The George, it was believed that by changing the timing on the lights (currently on-demand) some of the congestion problems on the A508 might be relieved.
- 8.3.3** The Chairman hoped that the dialogue could be continued with a flow and exchange of ideas. Bidwells appeared to have been impressed by the Public Meeting held on 13 March at which the Chairman believed all the questions and comments to have been genuine and without "a plant", from which a lot of useful information was garnered.

- 8.3.4** Cllr Bottomley confirmed that the area known as The Swannings was definitely not currently in the frame for development.
- 8.3.5** Cllr Dredge was concerned to note the proposal for apartment buildings on The Leys site to which he was completely opposed. The Chairman confirmed that at a meeting with Terry O'Brien of Brian Barber Associates, our objections to apartments and a request for consideration of town houses had been strongly made.
- 8.3.6** The Chairman congratulated the Minute Taker (Mrs Nicky Hall) in that notes from the 13 March meeting were so quickly made available. Copies were sent to Bidwells who had made no comment or queries. A copy each had also been sent to the Principal Planner and Cllr Townsend; these notes are in the public domain and available to anyone who wishes to see them.
- 8.3.7** Cllr Dredge noted remarkable feedback from across the village, and Cllr Mann was pleased to note how impressed villagers were by the communications both before and after the Public Meeting.
- 8.3.8** Cllr Mann thanked Cllr Bottomley for all his years of hard work for the Council, particularly in planning terms. All Councillors concurred.
- 8.4** **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- 8.5** **Recreation Field/Churchcroft:**
Cllr Dudman reported a little light vandalism to the skateboard ramp which has now been repaired by the Village Technicians. R&G Mowing had for some reason cut only half the Recreation Ground grass, but after a phone call to them, have now completed the job. The Churchcroft flower bed has now been cut back successfully and seeded; it will be carefully tended over the next few months. Cllr Bennett had circulated a note regarding possible encroachment at the bottom of the Recreation Ground where a hedge appears to have been planted on Parish Council land. Discussions are taking place and Cllr Bennett will report back to the next meeting.
- 8.5.1** Regarding grass cutting, the Chairman reported that a resident in Hyde Road had written to thank the Council and the contractor for the improved standard of grass cutting around the village. Cllr Dudman confirmed that in future, the grass cutting contract will be subject to re-tendering every year for 16 cuts, which will allow for changes in contractor if necessary. He confirmed that more cuts could be added, depending on weather and growth of grass.
- 8.6** **IT -Website – Installation of Broadband in Parish Office:**
The installation of broadband in the Parish Office could be achieved at a monthly cost of not more than £20 per month, and probably nearer £15 per month, depending on service provider, the costs of which Cllr Thake confirmed could be met by setting up an appropriate Direct Debit. This needs to be minuted and re-confirmed annually. Cllr Dudman confirmed that broadband could be set up to give all Councillors access to a "surfing PC" to ensure privacy of use. There may also be an ad hoc cost of up to £50 for PC upgrades to accommodate broadband. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Inglis seconded and with all in favour it was agreed.
- 8.7** **Youth:**
- 8.7.1** The Chairman congratulated Cllrs Freund and Mann on a magnificent occasion recently when a presentation was made in Husbands Hall to all students of Roade School who live in Roade. Cllr Freund had introduced herself to them and confirmed that the Youth Group had acquired a £10,000 grant from SNC, £1,000 from the County Council and that monies would be made available from Roade Parish Council by way of an S137 grant. A

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number of student volunteers came forward who would be prepared to participate in the setting up of a Youth Group.

- 8.7.2** Cllr Freund confirmed that a finance meeting would take place next week. She also confirmed that Jenny Evans would become a (paid) Youth Worker, starting on 1 May 2008. Cllrs confirmed that, as previously agreed, they were happy for the Youth Group to manage the workings of the Group independently.
- 8.7.3** Cllr Beech wished to place on record a commendation for the work that Cllrs Freund and Mann have done – an enormous amount has been achieved in a very short space of time. All Councillors supported this commendation.
- 8.7.4** Although the Youth Group would be working independently of the Council as an Outside Body, Cllr Dudman asked that any reports be made available for circulation to Councillors with the Agenda – usually a week before the Council Meeting. **AF/BM**
- 8.8 Elderly & Vulnerable:**
- 8.8.1** Cllr Mann confirmed that he would be circulating a report. The first surgery this year had been held on 31 March, attended by a few more people than the last surgeries generated. It was felt that these surgeries should be opened up and made available to more villagers than just those considered to be elderly and vulnerable, although Cllrs McAlear, Beech and Mann would remain as the primary points of contact for this group. However, in order to widen their appeal, Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Beech seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that in future surgeries would be renamed “Community Forum”. **BM**
- 8.8.2** Cllr McAlear was concerned at the continuing speed of vehicles entering the village via Blisworth Road. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the village had had the opportunity some time ago for training on the use of a radar gun, but at the time the required 12 volunteers had not been forthcoming. Roade was thus now a long way down the waiting list for this training and use of the radar gun. Cllr Mann was concerned to encourage villagers to take part in the community and to act for themselves as well as for others in conjunction with the Parish Council. The Chairman asked Cllr Mann to produce a short piece for inclusion in Roade News. **BM**
- 9. Finance:**
- 9.1** Cllr Thake reported a carry forward a little better than anticipated at £16,377, including £10,000 of Youth Group funds. He also noted that the Clerk was due a Spine Point increase in pay with effect from 1 April 2008 which will be implemented next month.
- 9.2 Annual Insurance £2,594.87 due 1 June 2008**
Cllr Thake will look over the renewal invitation paperwork with Cllr Bennett and report back with a proposal at the next meeting. He noted the possibility of including street lamp insurance (currently only c10% is covered) although it was likely that none would in future be insured. Cornhill were deemed to be the best and most experienced at Parish Council insurance.
- 9.3 S137 grant for fireworks £250:**
A request had been received from Mr Chris Hillyard at the ex-Servicemen’s Club for a £250 towards fireworks for the village display. Cllr Thake proposed, Cllr Freund seconded and with all but one (Cllr McAlear against) in favour, it was agreed.
- 10. Risk Assessments - Council Property:**
Cllr Dudman reported that, as discussed at the previous meeting, he had spoken to Allseasons who are, in principle, agreeable to carrying out a watching brief on all trees in the village for which the Council has responsibility. Alongside other contractors, they

would be given the opportunity to quote for any works deemed necessary.

11. Parish Plan:

This will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman did not believe it was up to the Parish Council to audit Parish Plan accounts since the bulk of the funding had come from NCALC, and an S137 grant, and it was therefore up to the Parish Plan Steering Group to decide if they needed an audit and, if so, by whom.

12. Bills for Payment and Receipts:

Cllr Thake noted that the £572 due to NCALC would be held back until the next meeting at which time details of the new Chairman could also be sent.

Cheques for Signature:		Cheque	£	inc VAT
PO Counters Ltd	March income tax	812	147.97	
Mrs S Mawby	Clerk's March salary	813	406.76	
Hugh Geddes	VTech March salary	814	360.27	
Andy Johnson	Asst. VTech March salary	815	261.85	
Riverwood Associates	Minute taking 3 meetings	816	196.81	29.31
Cecil Bottomley	Stationery for planning mtgs	817	51.22	
Bill Dredge	2 black ink cartridges	818	65.78	
Road Village Hall	Jan/March hire & W'pack mtg	819	171.00	
Milton Keynes Surveys	Photography for W'pack mtg	820	352.50	32.50
R&G	Mowing	821	106.42	15.85
Young's Nurseries	Gloves & Roundup	822	22.25	
Allseasons	Grass cutting & work in Ch/Cft	823	1133.88	168.88
BACA	Hi-viz vests	824	18.68	2.78
Aylesbury Mains	Lighting 2 invoices	825	349.39	52.04
Count on Us	Traffic count & survey	826	323.13	48.13
B&Q	Hardware 4 invoices	827	108.90	16.21
			4076.81	365.70

The Chairman asked that these be taken en bloc. Cllr McAlear proposed, Cllr Inglis seconded that they be approved and it was agreed.

13. New Notice Board in London Road:

A quotation had been received from Mr Eustace in the sum of £522 to include locking double doors, Perspex viewing panels, and installation. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Mann seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that this should be purchased and installed as close as possible to the bus stop in London Road.

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14. Purchase of Signs to indicate Local Businesses approx £200:

Local shopkeepers are concerned to see these provided as soon as possible. After some discussion Cllr Dudman proposed, Cllr Inglis seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that these should be provided for £200 or less.

Clerk

15. Replacement of some street signs £250:

Cllr Dudman has spoken to Northants County Council. They have agreed to provide these and therefore this item can be dropped from the Agenda.

16. Correspondence:

All letters received had been circulated to Councillors.

17. Annual Parish Meeting 8 May 2008:

17.1 The Chairman reported that Susan Hope, Strategic Housing Officer for South Northants dealing specifically with affordable housing, has asked to make a presentation to the Parish Council particularly in respect of the Walkerpack site. This will take place in two stages: firstly she will attend a meeting with the Planning Group next week to discuss

both the Walkerpack and the Leys sites, at which it is hoped to hammer out specific proposals. Secondly she will attend the Annual Parish Meeting and talk to people with specific queries and also make a presentation at the meeting and outline the required criteria to qualify for affordable housing.

- 17.2** Affordable housing is made available first to current residents of the parish, then previous residents of the parish, those with close family living in the parish, those with permanent employment in the village, someone studying in permanent education or training in the village. After that the net might be cast more widely, e.g. Stoke Bruerne or Blisworth.
- 17.3** Cllr Dudman confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council Thursday 8 May at the ex-Servicemen's Club, and to set up informal information points to advertise their groups and what they do. Local shopkeepers have also been invited to attend. At 7.30pm the RPC Chairman, Cllr Gwilt, will speak and introduce a public session, after which Susan Hope will make a presentation on affordable housing. Chris Hillyard will then take over as the Master of Ceremonies. The Youth Group will be announced and the Parish Plan will be launched. Any issues raised during the public session will be addressed by the Parish Council at their next meeting. An agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting will be posted on noticeboards 10 days before, and fliers will be delivered approximately one week before, the event. A poster will also be displayed in the bus shelter. A list of leaflet distributors is currently being drawn up. Cllr McAlear impressed upon Cllr Dudman that he had but to ask if he needed any help.
- 18. Councillor Bottomley's Retirement:**
- 18.1** The Chairman reported that regretfully we have to accept Cllr Bottomley's resignation. He has committed an enormous amount of time and effort to the village as District Councillor, Parish Councillor, Parish Council Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Advisory Group. He has shared a wealth of information and advice, particularly in respect of planning, but also with many aspects of running the Parish Council. We are very sorry that he has decided to retire and hope the Parish Council will still be able to draw upon his expertise and, in this respect, the Chairman formally invited Cllr Bottomley to join the Planning Advisory Group and Working Group.
- 18.2** Cllr Beech also thanked Cllr Bottomley for all his hard work, and for being instrumental in getting Cllr Beech co-opted on to both the Parish Council and also the Cemetery Advisory Group.
- 18.3** Cllr Johnson reminded the meeting that Cllr Bottomley had led the push to build not only the Village Hall but also the Village Tennis Courts and had been a mean tennis player in his day.
- 18.4** The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Bottomley was held in warm regard for all he has done for the village, including fund raising and driving along the development of so many parts of the village. Thanks were also offered to Mrs Bottomley both as a Councillor herself and for her support of Cllr Bottomley.
- 18.5** Cllr Bottomley thanked all Councillors for their kind wishes.
- 18.6** The Chairman noted that as a vacancy would now arise, the process for finding a new Councillor must be put in place. This vacancy must be openly advertised within the village and, if 10 residents notify SNC within 14 days, then an election must take place.
- 19. Any Other Business:**
- 19.1** Cllr Dudman noted that the Clerk was currently unwell and that all emails and phone calls were being re-routed to him. Continued absence might necessitate other

Councillors taking responsibility for the telephone calls. Councillors were asked not to ring the Clerk during her illness.

- 19.2** Cllr Thake noted he had reported the collapse of the double bend sign on the A508.
- 19.3** Regarding the Annual Meeting of Roade Parish Council to be held on 12 May, the Chairman confirmed that he would open the meeting and invite nominations for a new Chairman. Once s/he had been agreed and elected, Cllr Gwilt would step down and the new Chairman would take over the running of the meeting and of the subsequent monthly Parish Council meeting.
- 19.4** Cllr Johnson was concerned to note the deteriorating state of Churchcroft roads.
- 19.5** Cllr Dudman noted that complaints had been received regarding vegetation along the verges of Churchcroft and London Road.
- 20. **Date of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and of the next monthly meeting:
Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00 p.m.****
- The meeting closed at 9.52 p.m.