

**Minutes of Roade Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 11 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall**

Present: Dr John Gwilt (Chairman)

Dave Bennett	Cecil Bottomley	Bill Dredge
Glenn Dudman	Mrs Anna Freund	Mrs Myra Inglis
Dick Johnson	Mrs June McAlear	Mrs Susan Mallock
Bill Mann	Rick Thake	

Apologies: Rev Malcolm Beech

Clerk: Mrs Sylvia Mawby

Minute Taker: Mrs Debbie Dudman

The Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Action

1. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

2. Public Session:

2.1 The Chairman opened the public session

2.2 *Mr Ray Griffiths of 1 Orchard Way*, spoke on behalf of *Mr Alan Napier of 28 Priory Crescent* in connection with accident in Blisworth Road. The Chair acknowledged that Mr Napier had been present at the Parish Council meeting in January and had made no comment. He had voiced concern about speeding in Blisworth Road. Cllr Dredge asked Cllr Mallock to give information on speed signs at this point. She confirmed she had received a quote for a "Smiley speed sign" and had also spoken to Mr Napier since the meeting in January. She had been contacted by a member of the village who had kindly offered a contribution of £3,000 for such a sign. Costings for siting such a sign would need to be sought. It was suggested that the item be added to the next agenda. Cllr Dudman asked whether the sign would be mobile or fixed and Cllr Dredge confirmed that it is a mobile sign which would need to be erected on site. He also commented that such signs are very effective. Cllr Dredge confirmed that he had information on such signs and that they were solar powered with a battery pack and lasted up to 7 days. Mr Napier arrived at the meeting at this point.

Clerk

2.3 *Mr Hayes of 9 Priory Crescent*, also spoke about speeding in Knock Lane and the fact that this was at its worst between 4pm to 6pm. He advised that Atkins had been contacted three times about the matter. They had advised they would be looking at the T junction but this was 3 months ago and no action had been taken. Cllr Townsend added advised that Blisworth Parish Council had also expressed concerns and suggested that Roade Parish Council liaise with them on the matter. Photos had been taken of the junction in question and comments made to Highways. Cllr Ingram added that he thought matters would not be dealt with until Atkins had handed over to the new contractors. He advised that the problem was with the gulley and also the ditch in the field which needs clearing. The responsibility is partly with the County Council and partly with the landowner. An engineer had been alerted to the problems. Cllr Dudman asked if a letter could be written to the Safety Camera Partnership about the issue. Cllr Dredge added that a number of the public are concerned and spoke about the possibility of using hand held radar guns. A group of 12 volunteers would be needed and the Chair added that training could be provided.

Clerk

- 2.4** *Mr Alan Napier of 28 Priory Crescent*, spoke about the fact that the road changed from 60mph to 30mph but car drivers do not slow down until the last bend into the village. Cllr Mallock advised that speed could be recorded. Cllr Dudman advised parishioners to report any accidents with specific details to Traffic Safety. Cllr Dredge asked parishioners to speak to their neighbours about the possibility of finding 12 volunteers and then report back to the Parish Council who would be willing to organise.
- 2.5** Cllr Ingram referred to the gulley in Northampton Road that needs to be cleared. Cllr Dudman advised that some work had been undertaken. The Chair referred to a letter from Atkins dated 28th January 2008 advising that the work would be completed within 28 days as part of their ditch clearing programme.
- 2.6** Cllr Townsend referred to the Walkerpack Site development. She advised that she had emailed SNC in connection with costs for highway monitoring of traffic. Planning in Blisworth was also referred to but Cllr Townsend advised that this had no comparison to Roade for number of dwellings. They had looked at worst case/possible scenarios and no objections had been made therefore the matter had not been taken further. Cllr Townsend confirmed that she had also emailed Cllr John Townsend asking SNC to work with Roade Parish Council on the planning brief on other applications. It was suggested that Roade Parish Council write to Cllr John Townsend at SNC asking for a planning brief.
- 2.7** Councillors were advised that there would be a meeting of Mid Northamptonshire Parishes on 16th April. Ivan Moss from the Joint Planning Group would be in attendance. **Clerk**
- 2.8** Cllr Clarke referred to the maps for planning applications and advised these were available on the Joint Planning Unit SNC home website. These show all the registered interests in the Core Strategy. Chartwell land, Courteenhall Estate and land across the A43 are identified. He also referred to planning applications outstanding and advised that an extensive list could be viewed. Cllr Mann commented that he had looked through the miscellaneous documents with some difficulty. Cllr Dudman commented that documents appeared on the website up to 10 days before the hard copy was received by the Parish Council. Cllr Clarke confirmed that documents were validated before they were sent out. He confirmed that the validation date for the Walkerpack Site was 30th January 2008 and there are 13 weeks from that date for comments to be made. Cllr Dredge asked Cllr Townsend whether a committee made the final decision. She confirmed that John Townsend is the Portfolio holder at SNC and other officers also deal with the matter such as Richard Fox, Richard Amor and Richard Strugnell. It was also clarified that Cllr John Townsend is an elected member. Cllr Clarke advised that Cllr John Townsend is one member of a cabinet of six people and that decisions are taken by the Committee as a whole. He spoke about the related problems eg highways and the need for a master plan for Roade.
- 2.9** The Chair advised that a meeting had taken place that Thursday afternoon in connection with the Walkerpack and Leys Site applications. There were two different developers involved so they could not be dealt with simultaneously. He commented that an integrated plan would be useful. A letter has been written to Richard Amor in connection with local requirements for planning applications and a copy is to be placed in the Parish Council circulation box
- 2.10** *Mr Ray Griffiths of 1 Orchard Way* asked about the planning application in Croft Lane and advised he had spoken to Cllr Bottomley in this connection. He asked for clarification about the triangle of land owned by the Parish Council which was in dispute and requested that he could see any paperwork pertaining to this. Cllr Bottomley advised that he had traced an ordnance survey map showing the strip of land concerned. **Clerk**

Thake commented that there was no reasons why this could not be made available to Mr Griffiths.

- 2.11** *Mr Saunders of 37 The Leys*, brought up the matter on path parking in the Leys and asked how this could be addressed. Cllr Dudman advised that matters could be reported to the police and complaints addressed to the Northamptonshire Traffic Partnership. If officers were available action may be taken. The Chair referred to similar problems in Priory Crescent/Dovecote Road and advised that formal complaints had been made by the public to the police in this instance. As a result, warning letters had been issued by the police.
- 2.12** *Mr Peter Bennett of 32 Stratford Road* asked about a possible traffic count to take place at the Walkerpack Site. The Chair advised that this matter would be covered later on in the agenda.
- 2.13** The Chair advised that there will be an article in Roade News advising parishioners that they could explain their queries to Parish Councillors who would be able to represent them at a Parish Council meeting if they could not attend.
- 2.14** The Public Session closed at 7.55pm

3. Apologies:
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Beech

4. Attendance Register:
This had been signed by all Councillors present.

The Chair advised that there had been two Extra Meetings and asked whether Parish Councillors would like to also consider the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th February 2008 which were not included on the agenda. This was agreed by all present.

5. Minutes of Meeting (14 January 2008):

The following alterations were proposed by Cllr Mallock:

- 5.1** 1014. Item 1. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mallock declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 10. S137 for Grasscutting of St Marys Churchyard £500
- 5.2** 1019 Item 10. S137 Grant for Grasscutting of St Marys Churchyard £500: Add: Cllr Mallock withdrew from the room for the period of this item.
- 5.3** Cllr Thake proposed, Cllr Dredge seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that with these amendments in terms of accuracy the minutes be signed as a true record.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting (14 January 2008):

- 6.1** 1015. Item 2.6. Cllr Dudman advised that he spoken to Mrs Maria Nichola of White House Farm in connection with the Model Racing Track. She had advised him that she had received no contact to date from Mr Chris Hillyard about the matter. Mrs Nichola had asked that the Parish Council keep her informed of meetings and also requested that Cllr Dudman be appointed as her representative.
- 6.2** 1015. Item 2.4.1. Councillors were advised that fly-tipping at the bottom of Croft Lane had now been dealt with.

- 6.3** 1015. Item 2.8 Cllr Dudman advised that the new lamppost for the entrance to the Leys had now been installed. Aylesbury Mains is arranging for East Midlands Electricity to connect over the next few weeks. Cllr Dudman also advised that he is liaising with another member of the public about a lamppost in the Leys which has been sited so that it is shining into her bedroom.
- 6.4** 1018. Item 8.4.3. The Chair confirmed that work had now been carried out in Hog Walk by Atkins. The Chair also asked for asphalt to be placed by the pedestrian access to the Primary School and it was suggested that the Clerk write a letter to this effect. **Clerk**
- 7. Minutes of Extra Meeting (30 January 2008):**
- 7.1** 1023. Item 6.6.1 Cllr Dredge advised that Cllr Bottomley should also be included in the meeting. This was confirmed to be 5th March 2008 at 10.30am. To clarify those involved would be Cllrs Bennett, Bottomley, Gwilt, Mallock, Dredge and Mann and also District Cllr Townsend. It was confirmed that Mrs Nicky Hall would be in attendance as Minute Taker.
- 7.2** Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr Dudman seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that with this amendment in terms of accuracy the minutes be signed as a true record.
- 8. Matters arising from the Minutes of Extra Meeting (30 January 2008):**
- 8.1** 1023. Item 6.4.2. The Chair asked for an update on the position regard licensing for the George PH. Cllr Dredge advised that the licence had been revoked. Cllr Dudman advised that the property is currently being assessed for insurance and therefore the matter is currently on hold.
- 8.2** 1022. Item 6.3. Cllr Bennett asked for an update on the Village of the Year competition as it was not on this evening's agenda. Cllr Dudman advised that the closing date is 29th March and it was therefore suggested the item be added to the next agenda. **Clerk**
- At this point of the meeting an extra item was added as agreed previously.
- 9. Minutes of Extra Meeting (7February 2008)**
- 9.1** Cllr Dredge advised that a number of Councillors had made comments at the meeting and these had not been included in the minutes.
- 9.2** 1027. Items 5.20 and 5.21. Cllr Dredge advised that he had raised the initial question in respect of this item. He had commented that the Parish Council should be prepared to talk to all and any land owner (irrespective of whether their land is in or out of the village confines) who politely and courteously request discussions with the Parish Council. The Chair suggested that Cllrs Dredge's comments be recorded in this evening's minutes to cover his point and Cllr Dredge was in agreement. Cllr Dudman agreed with Cllr Dredge that the Parish Council should be "even-handed" to all parties. The Chair suggested that this be included in the minutes as a matter of principle and asked for any other comments to be made on the matter. Cllr Bottomley advised that if the landowner was interested in developing initial inquiries would be made through SNC. Cllr Dudman re-iterated the need to have an open-door policy. Cllr Bottomley replied that the Parish Council would be unwise to become involved on discussing such matter. Cllr Bottomley also asked if the matter being referred to was the pocket of land behind the Primary School and Cllr Dredge confirmed that this was what was being referred to. Cllr Johnson suggested that the Council should return to accuracy of the minutes. It was suggested that a policy be formulated on the matter and this be added to the next agenda and this was agreed. The Chair closed the discussion at this point. **Clerk**
- 9.3** Cllr Dudman proposed, Cllr Thake seconded and with all in favour it was agreed that in terms of accuracy the minutes be signed as a true record.

10. Matters arising from the Minute of Extra Meeting (7 February 2008)

10.1 1025. Item 5.2.3. The Chairman referred to the reference to the Walkerpack Site recorded in the Minutes “Although this is a village location, this particular site is almost self-contained with its only reference being the houses on the opposite side of Stratford Road. Mr Mark Strawbridge, the Council’s Urban Design adviser, has been involved in pre-applications discussions with the developers on this site and has not raised any concerns on density”. The Chair added that Roade Village is not an urban village and commented that the development is rural. The Chair asked the District Councillors present to advise on this. Cllr Townsend advised that concerns had been raised and that the Chair should write to Mrs Whitfield at SNC in this connection.

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10.2 The Chair also raised the point about the development including 4 storey flats. Cllr Mann advised that they were listed as 3 ½ storeys rather than 4.

10.3 1025. Item 5.4 The Chair referred to the fact that The Swannings was now to be included in the development which could give rise to a further 14 units increasing the proposed total to 138. The Chair advised that there were no plans for the further 14 units at the Swannings until the main site position had been reviewed. Therefore the number of units was currently 124. Cllr Dudman advised that a commercial agreement had not yet been signed for The Swannings.

10.4 1027. Item 5.22 Cllr Dudman asked for clarification as to what information should be included in the flier for the next edition of Roade News and whether a statement should be made from the Parish Council about the Walkerpack Site.

10.5 The Chair referred to a letter received from Mrs G Bennett of 32 Stratford Road written to SNC raising her concerns about minimum parking places, close proximity to the A508, landscaping, cutting down of trees, the affect on the doctors surgery and whether more people could be accommodated.

10.6 Cllr Dudman referred to the flier for Roade News and offered to produce a draft copy to be circulated to all Councillors for their approval and this was agreed. He asked for any comments to be included to be provided to him by Thursday/Friday of this week.

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10.7 Cllr Thake asked about information to be displayed also in Roade Library as not all parishioners have access to the internet. Cllr Dudman advised that there is free internet access at Roade Library and all documents can be accessed through the Roade Village website link.

10.8 Cllr Dudman asked about a public exhibition. Cllr Dredge suggested that the date for this and Public Meeting also be included on the flier.

11. Reports from Outside Bodies:

11.1 Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:

Cllr Dredge reported on the following:

11.1.1 The Police were called to two men suspiciously looking over the derelict buildings in The Leys on 16 January 2008.

11.1.2 The George Public House was broken into during the night/morning of 26/27 January 2008. All copper piping was stolen and as a result very significant damage was done. It is now securely boarded up. He asked everyone to be vigilant towards this site and telephone 432436 or 999 to report incidents.

11.1.3 There was a Bogus Caller in The Close on Thursday 7th February 2008. A man claiming to be a Gas Meter Reader attempted to gain access to the property. Thanks to the vigilance of the occupier he didn’t gain access and the occupier reported the crime immediately.

11.1.4 There was an egg throwing incident in Manor Close during the night/morning of 10/11

February 2008. Several cars and a garage door were stained. Anyone who saw anything should telephone 432436.

- 11.1.5** Cllr Dudman advised that a lady in Stratford Road had reported a light on in the cellar at The George PH on the night of 9th January 2008 The police had attended and confirmed that the premises were secure and there were no problems.
- 11.1.6** Cllr Clarke raised his concerns for the elderly and vulnerable in connection with reports of a bogus caller. He mentioned the use of doorbells/intercoms. The Chair advised that Care & Repair can install these at no charge although there had been some problems in that some properties did not have a suitable power point near to the door. Cllr McAlear advised that she was in receipt of doorbells/intercoms to be fitted for the sheltered housing and would be following the matter up this week. Cllr Dredge also advised that 600 in the area were to be installed and that Care & Repair were rather inundated with demand therefore installations may take some time. Cllr Clarke advised that Blisworth had problems with the Council and installation. Cllr Dredge suggested that PCSO Tara Cooksammy and PC Mick Wallace could be contacted in this connection also.
- 11.2** **Village Hall Charity:**
There was nothing to report
- 12.** **Reports from Advisory Groups:**
- 12.1** **Cemetery:**
In Cllr Beech's absences there was nothing to report. Cllr Dudman advised of two interments.
- 12.2** **Lighting:**
Cllr Dudman advised the following:
A new light in the Leys had been installed. There would be a site visit later on this week with contractors in connection with a problem with a light in Hyde Road. The lights in London Road had been sited in a different location and All Seasons had trimmed a tree in the area. The situation with the light in Croft Lane at the rear of 25 Churchcroft is ongoing, a quotation has been received and the householders advised that they may incur costs for the moving of the light.
- 12.3** **Planning:**
Cllr Bottomley reported on the following:
- 12.3.1** *57 High Street.* Bungalow in rear garden. Recent application withdrawn. Submission of outline planning application – all matters reserved but bungalow is the same footprint. Recommend reiteration of previous objections (in circulation). All in agreement.
- 12.3.2** *2-4 South View.* The Old Bakehouse (rear of Mr Roger Goodes old shop) Conversion to a one-bedroom dwelling. No extensions involved. No parking space but County Council Highways have no objections. Recommended no objections (in circulation). All in agreement.
- 12.3.3** *Road Post Office.* Installation of cash point in front elevation. Not yet circulated to planning advisory group as received today. No buildings to consider. Recommended Parish Council support the application as a village facility. All in agreement.
Cllr Dudman suggested that the overhead lighting would need to be upgraded. Cllr Dredge advised that a camera could also be included. Cllr Dudman commented that 50% of ATM's have in-built camera for security purposes. Cllr Dudman asked whether it would be a free or chargeable ATM and Cllr Bottomley replied that this was not a planning matter. All in agreement.

- 12.3.4** *Brookfield, Ashton Road* (just past railway bridge). Detached triple garage to front with living accommodation in roof over. (amendment to previous application February 2007). Passed to Planning Advisory Group.
- 12.3.5** *Planning Enforcement Policy*. New booklet to be included in circulation box. One point to note on page 5/6: a building, engineering or other operation, or the change of use of an existing building to a dwellinghouse, becomes immune from enforcement action if four years have elapsed since completion or from the date when the residential use began.
- 12.3.6** *Validation of Planning Application – Local requirements*. Document in circulation box outlining national and proposed local requirements.
- 12.3.7** *Parish Council Workshop* to take place at Daventry on 24th January 2008 organised by West Northants Joint Planning Unit. Report included in circulation box.
- 12.3.8** *25 Churchcroft*: Parish Council Strip of Land. Mr Tony Lane, surveyor to applicant for new dwelling to rear garden asked for a map of the Parish Council strip and a copy of the Ordnance Survey map was supplied. Holes have been dug to trace the drainage pipe and a ground plan made. Details and any comments are to be circulated to the Parish Clerk.
- 12.3.9** Walkerpack Site. The Chair brought up the matter of the traffic assessment. The Chair has spoken to Mr Davis of Peter Brett Associates who undertook work for SNC for Blisworth. They have already undertaken assessments for both The Leys and The Quarry Site and were therefore unable to undertake The Walkerpack Site. Other possible contacts are SMT in Milton Keynes and Chevron Traffic Solutions in Finedon. Cllr Mallock advised that she had spoken to the Highways Department in connection with the traffic census at The Quarry Site. A quote had been received from Count Onus Ltd for supplying an automatic data counter for 7 days/24 hours per day which would record speed, number of vehicles and type of traffic. Together with the analysis of the data the cost would be £275. It was proposed this could take place the week commencing 25th February 2008 with analysis available week commencing 10th March 2008. Cllr Dredge proposed, Cllr McAlear seconded. All were in favour.
- 12.3.10** The Chair raised concerns about traffic turning right onto the A508 from the Walkerpack Site. Cllr Dredge suggested information about the traffic data collection could also be included on the Roade News flier.
- 12.3.11** Cllr Thake asked about the impact of The Walkerpack Site on the two schools in the village. The Chair advised that both Primary and Secondary schools had available places.
- 12.3.12** The Chair proposed a Public Display for two days from noon until 7pm followed by an evening Public Meeting on the second day in connection with the Walkerpack Site. Developers were also to be invited to attend. There was discussion and various suggestions made. Cllr Dudman advised that Mr Chris Hillyard had offered the use of The Roade & Courteenhall Exservicemens Club if available. Cllr Dredge suggested the Village Hall Main Hall and Carpeted Room. Cllr Dudman suggested Husbands Hall at Roade Secondary School as it was in close proximity to the site. Dates were discussed and Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March 2008 proposed. Cllr Dudman asked whether the developers would be in a position to provide the relevant information for display purposes and the possibility of SNC providing large scale maps. It was suggested that the Chair contact them with the proposals made once agreed. Cllr Townsend advised that she had been in contact with Angela Whitfield in connection with contacting developers but had received no response to date. She advised that the developer should provide the consultation and provide the large drawings and a comment box was also suggested. Cllr Dredge re-iterated that the public should be involved in the matter as

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soon as possible and the dates of meetings be included in the flier for Roade News. Cllr Dudman commented that Chartwell had paid for the hire of the Bowls Club for the meeting in connection with the Leys Site and suggested the developers be contacted for the hire costs of the room. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Colson, the developer.

Clerk

Cllr Bottomley left the meeting to check the Village Hall Diary bookings.

Mr Peter Bennett of Stratford Road offered to provide large scale drawings free of charge which his company can produce. Thanks were given to Mr Bennett for his offer. The following Councillors offered to organise the meeting/display: Cllrs Dredge, Dudman, Mallock, Inglis and Thake.

A Working Group was also to be set up with the following Councillors and public to look at all the planning documents provided in connection with the Walkerpack Site: Cllrs Mallock, Dudman, Dredge, Gwilt, Bottomley Thake and Mr Alistair Inglis, Mr Peter Bennett and Mr Rust

Suggestions were made that there might be a delay in the circulation of Roade News with the flier until the 29th February 2008. It was also suggested a flier be distributed separately in addition to that in Roade News.

12.4 **Footpaths:**

There was nothing to report.

12.5 **Recreation Field/Churchcroft:**

There was nothing to report. Cllr Bennett advised that there had been a party held on Friday evening 8th February 2008 on Churchcroft until approximately 11pm. Cllr Dudman advised that the police had been called and there were some broken glasses and cans. The Chair advised that neighbours should alert Neighbourhood Watch of incidents.

12.6 **IT -Website - broadband/phone:**

Cllr Dudman proposed that at a future meeting broadband should be considered in the Parish Council Office for Parish Councillors and the Clerk. It was agreed to add this to the next meeting.

Clerk

12.7 Youth: Cllr Freund advised that a grant for £1,000 had been received from Cllr Ingram and this would be used to purchase various items such as a laptop, memory stick, camera, DVD projector, Nintendo Wii console. Councillors were also advised that a cheque for youth funding had been received for £10,000 from SNC. Cllr Mann thanked Cllr Freund for all her hard work. Thanks were also given to Cllr Ingram. Cllr Ingram commented that more money may be available in the next financial year.

Cllrs Ingram, Clarke and Townsend left the meeting at 9.25pm.

12.8 **Elderly & Vulnerable:**

Cllr Mann advised that three dates had been set to meet with interested parishioners and these would be included in Roade News. 31st March 2008 at The Cripps, 30th June 2008 at the Methodist Church Hall and 29th September 2008 at the Cripps House. All meetings would be held from 6-8pm.

12.9 Cllr Bottomley returned to the meeting at 9.30pm. The dates of Wednesday 12th March and Thursday 13th March 2008 were confirmed for the display and meeting at The Village Hall in connection with the Walkerpack Site. He advised that some regular bookings would need to be cancelled. This was agreed.

13. Finance:

13.1 Cllr Thake distributed bank balances at date and Councillors were referred to the projections. He advised the present balance was £17,700 with a carryover of £7,500.

13.2 The Chair asked if accounts were to be provided for the Parish Plan and Section 137 and Cllr Thake advised they were not provided. Cllr Bottomley mentioned the printing costs for the Parish Plan estimated as a further £400. It was confirmed by Cllr Bennett that there was no petty cash available. It was agreed to add to next agenda.

Clerk

14. S137 Grant for 1st Roade Guides £250

Cllr Dudman proposed, Cllr McAlear seconded that a grant would be made available to 1st Roade Guides for £250 for equipment. All were in favour.

15. Risk Assessments - Council Property:

There was nothing to report.

16. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr Mallock advised that this is being independently reviewed and the Chair will be given a copy when available. Cllr Dudman asked what format this would be so that it could be included on the website and Cllr Mallock advised this would be in Word format.

17. Bills for Payment and Receipts:**Receipts:**

		Rct/	£
S W Humphrey	Interment fee	306/0	60.00
M Rosen	Memorial tablet	307/0	25.00
			85.00

Cheques for Signature:

		Cheque	£	inc VAT
Roade PCC	S137 Grass cutting	783	500.00	
CPRE	Annual subscription	784	28.00	
B & Q	Hardware	785	88.44	13.18
G Dudman	Staples printing	786	27.59	4.11
H Geddes	Village technician salary	787	346.75	
A Johnson	Asst Village Technician salary	788	249.24	
C Clayson	Asst Village Technician Salary	789	21.60	
P Shaw	Asst Village Technician Salary	790	57.56	
S Mawby	Clerk Salary and Admin Costs	791	368.76	
Post Office Ltd	HMRC	792	46.16	
All Seasons	Tree pruning – London Rd	793	76.38	11.38
Riverwood Assoc	Minutes – 3 meetings	794	169.91	25.31
BT Payment Services	Office Telephone	795	43.39	5.79
			2023.78	59.77

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

18. Correspondence:

18.1 Letter from Atkins reply received relating to gulleys on A508

18.2 Letter received from Northamptonshire Acre looking for new premises

18.3 Letter received from Mr Ray Parrish relating to trees obstructing phone line.

- 18.4 Letter received from SNC with cheque for £10,000 for Youth Project
19. **New Noticeboard in London Road:**
Cllr Dudman proposed that the Clerk contact for quote for new noticeboard in London Road. Cllr Dredge advised that information was provided in the circulation box about possible lockable noticeboards to be installed on posts. This was agreed. **Clerk**
20. **Purchase of Signs to indicate Local Businesses:**
Cllr Dudman proposed possible signs for Hyde Road and London Road (“The Shops”) and the corner of London Road and The High Street (“To Post Office and Shops”). He advised that approximate costs would be in the regions of £125 for signs and fixings and offered to obtain quotes. This was agreed. **GD**
21. **Replacement of some street signs:** **GD**
21.1 Cllr Dudman proposed to obtain quotes from Nordis for County Council signs to include fixings. It was proposed that the Clerk add £250 for street signs on the next agenda to be approved at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- 21.2 Cllr Dredge asked for consideration that the Hartwell sign be re-positioned opposite side of The Green and vehicles were churning up the Green. There was some discussion about the visibility.
22. **Sponsored Litter Bins:**
The Chair advised that these would be placed in the front yard of Roade Primary School, on the wall of the Newsagents shop and on the corner of ‘Fag Ash Alley’ and Stratford Road.
23. **Any Other Business:**
23.1 Cllr Dredge advised Cllr Bottomley that his name had been included in the Working Party to discuss the Walkerpasck Site planning documents in his short absence.
- 23.2 Cllr Dudman advised that All Seasons are to commence grass cutting in the next 10 days. He also advised that they had offered the Parish Council an Almond Tree to be planted in the village. It was proposed to plant this in Roade Primary School grounds and the Parish Council were asked their view on this. All were in agreement and All Seasons was to be advised to contact the Chair. **GD**
- 23.3 Cllr Mann asked for clarification about ‘Smiling Sid’. Cllr Mallock confirmed that £3,000 had been offered and investigation would now take place about possible sitings and any additional costs for this. It was suggested that thanks be given to the anonymous donor in Roade News. A thank you letter was also to be written from the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. **Clerk**
- 23.4 There was no other business
24. **Date of next meeting: Monday 10 March 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**
The meeting closed at 9.50p.m.