

Roade Parish Council

Roade Annual Parish Meeting - 2009

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 7th May 2009 at 7.30pm at the Roade & Courteenhall Ex-Servicemens' Club, Bailey Brookes Lane, Roade.

Chris Hillyard, Chair of the Roade & Courteenhall Ex-Servicemens' Club opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He then invited PC Roger Smith to present the Police Report.

PC Smith gave a brief overview of the police staffing levels available in this part of the County and referred to the various initiatives, including Community Panels that exist to help the community and police, jointly to both prevent and detect crime. He then moved on to the crime figures for Roade, which he said showed car crime (particularly theft of number plates) growing.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Year to 31.03.09</u>	<u>Year to 31.03.08</u>
Violent offences	5	21
Sex offences	0	1
Robberies	0	2
Burglary – dwellings	7	8
Burglary – other	10	10
Theft from vehicles	14	7
Theft of vehicles	4	8
Vehicle interference	1	1
Criminal damage	27	29
Drugs	2	2
Handling – theft	2	2
Deception / fraud	3	10
Anti-social behaviour	66	not given
Acceptable behaviour agreements	2	not given

He said that whilst the figures in the last 2 categories might seem high, Roade is a good deal better than comparable villages, which he attributes to the presence of a strong Neighbourhood Watch organisation within the village. PC Smith was thanked for his contribution and he then left the meeting

Councillor Susan Mallock, Chair of Roade Parish Council then gave a resume of Parish Council activities within the last 12 months. She highlighted the excellent contribution made by the Village Technicians and took the opportunity to thank those residents who had helped with the distribution and collection of the Roade Master Plan questionnaires. The Parish Council had managed to hold the precept for the current year, at the same level as for 2008-2009 ie £50,000 although modest reserves were being built; a new Clerk had been appointed in August. She referred to the recent provision of the dog waste bins and the 'Smiley SID' speed indicator, the latter having been provided for the village by an anonymous donor. She concluded by

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saying that the number of clubs and societies that exist, together with the buoyant Club in which the meeting was taking place and the level of participation shown by residents in village affairs were all evidence of the fact that Roadé was thriving, but she reminded the audience that there were currently 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors, that she was keen to see filled.

There was one question from the floor about the relevance of brown field sites in the village to the Strategic Housing Review currently being conducted by SNC. Councillor Mallock provided clarification.

Mrs Barbara Holder, the owner of The George site then took questions about her proposals for redevelopment of the site; the Planning Application is with SNC and has been displayed in Roadé Library. The consensus of the meeting was that whilst the provision of retirement accommodation was acceptable, the design proposal was inappropriate both for the village and for the location. A vote was called on the question of whether 4 storey above-ground development was acceptable at The George site; the vote was unanimously against.

Councillor Lowther then presented £50 from the sale of logs, produced from woodland within the village to the Roadé and Quinton Old Folks Fund.

The meeting was then addressed by Nick King from the South Northants Volunteer Bureau (SNVB). The Bureau covers both SNC and Daventry District Council areas and acts not only as a 'broker' to put volunteers in touch with projects needing help and assistance, but also to introduce projects to sources of funding as well as helping them with advice on governance issues, which can markedly improve the chances of obtaining grants etc. He announced a 'Fundérs' Fair' to be held at Greens Norton on 26th where fundérs and potential applicants are brought together. Nick can be contacted at nick@snvb.org.uk

A total of 8 village organisations – Roadé Rangers Youth Football Club, Roadé Tennis Club, Roadé Bowls Club, Roadé Youth Group, Roadé Library (NCC), Roadé Wine Club, Roadé Scouts and Roadé British Legion – then gave a brief presentation on their activities.

Chris Hillyard then thanked all participants and the audience for attending and drew the meeting to a close.

John Marshall
Clerk to the Roadé Parish Council
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