

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 22nd February 2000

Present: Cllr R Homewood (Vice-chairman),
Cllr Johns,
Cllr Lloyd,
Cllr Newbold,
Cllr Purllant,
The Clerk

and 3 Members of the Public
(part-time).

The Vice-chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.33 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence had been received from the Chairman and from Cllr Duffelen.

2. Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of 16th February 2000:

Having been circulated immediately prior to this Meeting, the Record Copy of the Minutes was signed by the Vice-chairman as being a true Record of the Proceedings.

3. Matters arising from the Extra-ordinary Meeting:

3.01 First Steps Nursery - removal of Condition:

Cllr Newbold declared an Interest in this item and took no part in the discussion on it.

The Clerk reported that he had requested clarification of this Application from the City Council, but had received no reply yet.

3.02 2b High Street - erection of two dwellings (09/539): the Clerk reported that he had forwarded Comment (no objection in principle of demolition being replaced by two dwellings, but proposed houses were too big and tall for the Site, and requesting a Site Meeting with the Planning Officer) to the City Council, with no response as yet. He stated that a modified Plan had been received, showing the intention of incorporating a Studio within the detached garage. The Meeting was agreed that the Amendment did not warrant any change to the Comment already made.

4. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 25th January 2000:

Having been circulated prior to this Meeting, the Record Copy of the Minutes was signed by the Vice-chairman as being a true Record of the Proceedings.

5. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

5.01 Archives (01/558): Cllr Johns reported that his contact had fully retired from the photographic business. The Clerk reported that reproduction of the 'Book of Maxey' would cost about £187.50. It was agreed that a sight of the original should be made before any commitment. Regarding the reproduction of the 1820 Map, it was agreed that all Councillors should see it before any commitment.

5.02 Tarmac (01/558): following discussion, it was agreed that the dip-well information warranted further study before comment.

At this point, the Meeting was adjourned to allow the Members of the Public to study, and discuss with Councillors, the Planning Application for 2b High Street. The Members of the Public then left and the Meeting was brought to Order.

5.03 Power-lines (01/558): the Clerk reported that there has been no advice from the City Council.

5.04 Newsletter - Millennium special edition (01/557): the Clerk reported that no appeal for funding has been received.

5.05 Stamford Homes' development (01/557): the Clerk reported that there has been no advice from the City Council.

5.06 Bulky Waste Collection (01/557): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which stated that it did appreciate the problem of acquiring the Form, but that it would be too costly to send out forms by post. The City Council further stated that it hoped that an electronic method of requesting the Bulky Waste Collection Service is under review. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would furnish each Councillor with a supply of Forms, and that this availability would be publicised.

5.07 Church Notice Board (01/557): the Clerk stated that the papers received did not include the information needed to make a Planning Application. Cllr Newbold reclaimed the papers with a view to eliciting the information needed.

5.08 Minutes on the Maxey Website (01/557): it was agreed that the vetting before publication of the Draft Minutes by

the Chairman, together with the enhanced advice of the draft-status, is an acceptable procedure.

5.09 Footway at West End Road (01/557): the meeting noted that the work has yet to be undertaken.

5.10 Police Authority Budget (01/556): the Clerk tabled the letter he had written deprecating the demand for more funds with ever-decreasing Police visibility. The Clerk stated that there has been no response. Cllr Newbold advised of recent concerns of the Neighbourhood Watch, with the response from the Police that measures were in hand to improve the situation and allay fears.

5.11 Grass-cutting (01/556): the Clerk reported that he had advised the City Council that this Council wished to exercise its right to arrange the cutting of grass in the 'amenity' areas, but had received no response as yet. He tabled the one Bid received from the two invitations sent; MG Landscapes tendered £74.00 per cut for the 2000 growing season, with a guarantee of any price-increase limited to inflation should a Contract for three years or more be offered. It was agreed that these terms would be accepted for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

5.12 Peterborough Local Transport Plan (01/556): this document is still on circulation.

5.13 Pot-hole outside No 43 High Street (01/553): the Clerk reported that he had requested the City Council to remedy this defect; the Meeting noted that repair has been effected to a high standard.

5.14 Bus-shelter (01/553): the Clerk reported that he had requested the City Council to repaint the shelter to obscure the graffiti; the Meeting noted that a repaint has been effected.

5.15 Planning Forum (01/556): following discussion, no decision was taken regarding topics for this event.

6. Correspondence:

6.01 Fenweb questionnaire: it was agreed that this document, of which the theme was the development of Web-sites, should be passed to the Maxey Webmaster.

6.02 Register of Electors 2000: the Clerk stated that the poster advising of the availability of this Document had been displayed as requested by the City Council.

6.03 A special offer from the Key: the Clerk stated that the poster advising of the availability of this offer had been displayed as requested by the City Council.

6.04 Peterborough Local Plan - First Replacement: the Clerk tabled a letter from Cllr Franklin, advising of an informal consultation regarding potential housing sites. Having investigated the matter, the Clerk stated that the City Council had expressed doubts that Maxey would be the subject of any large-scale development, due to its modest service base, and confirmed that the Parish Council would be fully consulted over this matter. The Clerk was instructed to write to thank Cllr Franklin for bringing this matter to the attention of the Parish Council.

6.05 Anglia in Bloom: this City Council initiative offers funding for the materials needed for the floral enhancement of a locally-chosen Site. Following discussion, it was decided to delay any decision until individual Councillors had given it more thought.

7. Planning:

7.01 Quarry Planning Application (01/555): the Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report on this matter.

7.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (01/555): the Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report on this matter.

7.03 Poultry houses, King Street - change of use (01/555): the Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report on this matter.

7.04 29 West End Road - rear extension (01/555): the Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report on this matter.

7.05 10 Torpel Way - single-storey extension (01/555): the Clerk reported that permission had been granted with Conditions regarding the matching of materials.

7.06 Planning Consultancy (01/555): in a reply regarding the clarity of Plans submitted with Planning Applications, the City Council agreed that some Plans needed more study than other, due to the inclusive nature of the Plans, but that the City Council wished to avoid excessive proscription. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should request the City Council to be more proscribing regarding clarity of Plans, in order to save Public and Private time, and to reduce the incidence of misunderstandings.

7.07 Beside lake - extension to cabin/boatstore: Cllr Newbold declared an Interest in this item and took no part in the discussion on it. Following study and discussion of the Plans, the Clerk was instructed to seek advice from the City Council regarding the possible future replacement of the current modest wooden structure by a larger structure of a more permanent form of construction with no further Planning requirements.

8. Financial:

8.01 Current account (01/554): the (still) current Statement 164 dated 30 Dec 99 shows a Credit Balance of £59.93.

8.02 Reserve account (01/554): the current Statement 031 dated 28 Jan 00 shows a Credit Balance of £5366.59 (inclusive of Gross Interest of £23.96).

8.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 99/00 (01/554): the current Report dated 22 Feb 00 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £330.67; the Report is on circulation.

8.04 Budget Control 99/00 (01/554): the current Report dated 22 Feb 00 shows a Budget Surplus of £19.27; the Report is on circulation.

8.05 Village Hall extension:

8.05.01 No 2 Account (01/554): the (still) current Statement 15 dated 30 Dec 00 shows a Credit Balance of £2118.08.

8.05.02 Statement of Inc and Exp (01/554): the current Report dated 22 Feb 00 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £2045.36; the Report is on circulation, and a copy has been sent to the Treasurer of the Maxey Village Community Centre.

8.05.03 Credit: a cheque for £568.70 has been received from the Maxey Village Community Centre and has been credited to the No 2 Account by Credit 100.007.

8.05.04 Debit: cheque 000.008 for £568.70 had been drawn and signed outside of this Meeting in favour of Roof-rite Contracting against their Invoice 815.

8.05.05 VAT reclaim (11/548): the Clerk reported that a claim for repayment of £6293.58 VAT has been successful. Cheque 000.009 for £8400.00 in favour of the Maxey Village Community Centre was drawn and signed; this is to cover the reclaimed VAT and also to reduce the No 2 Account credit-balance to a nominal amount (£11.66).

8.08 Precept 2000/01 (01/554): the Clerk reported that he had duly advised the City Council of the £600 Parish Precept, which will be income additional to the City Council's assistance of £1662.

8.09 Budget 2000/01 (01/554): Version 2 for £2744.50 was discussed and adopted. This is inclusive of Salary for the Clerk of £650.

9. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

9.01 A complaint had been made that a hedge was reducing the effective width of the already-narrow pavement at the narrowest part of the High Street. The Clerk was instructed to investigate.

9.02 A complaint had been made that traffic doused the occupants of the seat on the High Street near Perkins Lane due to standing-water. The Clerk was instructed to request action from the City Council.

9.03 A complaint had been made that there is a large pot-hole in the pavement outside 28 Tucker's Nook. The Clerk was instructed to request action from the City Council.

10. Public Comment:

No member of the public was present.

11. Date, time and venue for the next Ordinary meeting:

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held as scheduled at 7.30 pm in the Back Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday, 28th March, 2000.

There being no further Business,
the Vice-chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 28th March 2000
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr D Hutchison.