

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 25th January 2000

Present: Cllr Hutchison (Chairman),  
Cllr Duffelen,  
Cllr Homewood,  
Cllr Johns,  
Cllr Lloyd,  
Cllr Purllant,  
The Clerk

and 1 Member of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.30 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

All Councillors were present.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 23rd November 1999:

At item 6.05.07, £2523.04 should read £252.04; duly amended, the Record Copy of the Minutes was signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

3.01 Archives (11/552): the Clerk reported that he had not yet been able to retrieve all known archives. He further reported that he had advised the Central Library of the quantity of material involved.

He further reported that a full-size mounted photographic reproduction of the 1820 map would cost about £300. Cllr Johns volunteered to seek alternative estimates from local photographers. The Clerk was instructed to determine costs of 100 smaller prints of the 1820 map, and also to seek the cost of acquiring a copy of the 1700's "Book of Maxey".

3.02 Leisure-field (11/552): the Chairman reported no advance in this matter.

3.03 Tarmac (11/552): Cllr Purllant reported that receipt of Minutes of the Local Liaison Committee (LLC) meetings was now up-to-date. He then reported on the most recent Meeting of the LLC, covering an invitation to witness the recording of dip-well readings, bund considerations, status of Green Lane/Woodgate Lane and relocation of power-lines. He stated that Tarmac is contributing to the Millennium-edition Newsletter.

3.04 Barn Close/School Lane Standing-water (11/552): the Meeting believes that this issue has been resolved.

3.05 Power-lines (11/552): the Clerk reported that there has been no advice from the City Council on this issue.

3.06 Newsletter - Millennium special edition (11/552): the Clerk reported that no appeal for Funding has been received.

3.07 Stamford Homes' development (11/552): the Clerk reported that there has been no advice from the City Council on this matter.

3.08 Barn Close lamppost (11/551): Cllr Lloyd advised the Meeting that this matter has now been resolved.

3.09 Vacancy for a Councillor (11/551): the Clerk advised the Meeting that the City Council has stated that immediate co-option is now legally acceptable. It was proposed by Cllr Purllant, and seconded by Cllr Homewood, that Mrs Newbold be co-opted as a Councillor to Maxey Parish. The Motion was carried unanimously. Mrs Newbold then joined the Meeting, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received a copy of the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

3.10 Bulky Waste Collection (11/551): the Clerk reported that the City Council has stated that it cannot afford to circulate leaflets as this Council requested, but that it will be issuing explanatory leaflets twice-a-year. It was agreed that this Council would delay its own leaflet circulation plans until the effectiveness of the City Council's plan had been seen. Cllr Johns reported that the necessary Form to request collection was available only by personal visit to a stockist; the Clerk was instructed to request the City Council to make the Form available by Post, by E-mail and by the Internet.

3.11 Church Notice Board (11/551): the Clerk reported that he had written to the contact to confirm this Council's agreement to act as Agent, and to details the limits of involvement. Cllr Newbold passed relevant documents to the Clerk.

3.12 Minutes on the Maxey Website (11/551): the Clerk reported that he had passed a copy (on floppy-disc) of the draft Minutes to the operator of the Maxey Website. Discussion ensued regarding the propriety of widely publicising such a Draft document; it was agreed that the Draft status should be more clearly stated than hereuntofore.

3.13 Village inspection (11/551): the Clerk reported that no advice has been received from Cllr Franklin following the cancellation.

3.14 Code of conduct - Planning (11/551): it was agreed that no response would be made regarding this matter.

3.15 Footway at West End Road (11/548): the Clerk reported that the City Council has stated that remedial work will be undertaken early this year.

3.17 Additional bus-shelter (07/535): the Clerk reported that the City Council has stated that it will not be pursuing this matter.

3.18 Police Authority Budget (10/545): it was agreed that a requested choice of options of an increase in Council Tax versus Establishment of Personnel would not be made, but the Clerk was instructed to write and express deep concern regarding reductions in local visible policing despite ever-increasing Budgets.

3.19 Grass-cutting (09/542): the Clerk reported that the opt-out for amenity-grass was still available, with a funding of £367 available from the City Council for the 2000/01 Season. It was agreed that local control of grass-cutting should be maintained - even at a premium - and the Clerk was instructed to advise the City Council accordingly.

#### 4. Correspondence:

4.01 Draft Register of Electors 2000: the Clerk reported that Posters advising availability of this document had been displayed as requested by the City Council, and that there had been no representation made to him.

4.02 Peterborough Association of Local Councils: the Clerk reported that he had attended the Meeting of the Executive Council on 06 Jan 2000, and had upbraided the Association for its apparent inaction over Audit Fees.

4.03 Weekly Planning List: the Clerk reported that the City Council has stated that this list will soon be available by E-mail.

4.04 Community Garden: it was agreed that there would be no involvement in this City Trust scheme.

4.05 Maxey Quarry dip-well readings: it was agreed that this City Council-published listing (compiled by Tarmac) should be circulated to all Councillors.

4.06 Christmas bus-guides: the Clerk reported that these had been posted as requested by the City Council.

4.07 Planning decisions: it was agreed that these documents covering the validity of the City Council's overturning of a

Planning Inspector's decision should be circulated to all Councillors.

4.08 The late C Peter Clarke: it was agreed that there would be no representation at the Memorial Service for the one-time Peterborough Town Clerk.

4.09 Peterborough Local Transport Plan: it was agreed that this document should be circulated to all Councillors, with a corporate response being formulated at a future Meeting.

4.10 Planning Forum: the Chairman stated that he hoped to attend this Meeting on Wednesday, 12 Apr 2000.

## 5. Planning:

5.01 Quarry Planning Application (11/550): the Clerk reported that there was nothing new to report on this matter.

5.02 Lolham Hall - new porch and conservatory (11/550): the Clerk reported that the amended Application (discussed with the Chairman and Cllr Homewood) had been granted with Conditions for materials and window-detail.

5.03 1 Arthur's Court - sun-lounge (11/550): the Clerk reported that the Application had been granted with Conditions for materials.

5.04 First Steps Nursery - removal of Condition (11/550): the Clerk reported that this Application had been granted without Conditions.

5.05 14 Castle End Road - windows (11/549): the Clerk reported that Comment had been passed to the City Council, but with no response.

5.06 4 The Retreat - indoor-pool (11/549): the Clerk reported that the amended Application (re-siting the pool further from the boundaries) had been granted with Conditions for windows, usage and machinery noise.

5.07 Poultry houses, King Street - change of use: the relevant documents had been circulated to all Councillors to meet the consultation deadline. The general view was that the Site was too visible, positioned too close to a busy junction and the Buildings too specialised to invite comment within a context of a simple Change of Use. The Clerk stated that these views, with a request that the Application should be refused in favour of a detailed Application, had been passed to the City Council, but with no response.

5.08 29 West End Road - rear extension: the relevant documents had been circulated to all Councillors to meet the

consultation deadline. The general view was that the Application should not be opposed (although there should be a Condition barring the use of clear-glass in certain windows), but that such extensions decreased the stock of more-affordable houses in the Village. The Clerk stated that these views had been passed to the City Council, and duly acknowledged.

5.09 10 Torpel Way - single-storey extension: following study of the relevant documents, it was agreed that this Application would not be opposed, neighbours being those most likely to be concerned. The Clerk was instructed to forward these comments to the City Council.

5.10 Planning Consultancy (11/550): the Clerk was instructed to request the City Council to assist the Consultation process by insisting that Plans clearly show what is being proposed.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (11/549): the current Statement 164 dated 30 Dec 99 shows a Credit Balance of £59.93.

6.02 Reserve account (11/549): the (still) current Statement 030 dated 29 Oct 99 shows a Credit Balance of £5342.63 (inclusive of Gross Interest of £19.45).

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 99/00 (11/549): the (still) current Report dated 23 Nov 99 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £455.67.

6.04 Budget Control 99/00 (11/549): the (still) current Report dated 23 Nov 99 shows a Budget Surplus of £19.23.

6.05 Village Hall extension:

6.05.01 No 2 Account (11/549): current Statement 15 dated 30 Dec 99 shows a Credit Balance of £2118.08.

6.05.02 Statement of Inc and Exp (11/549): the (still) current Report dated 23 Nov 99 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £61.06.

6.05.03 Debit (11/549): the Clerk reported that a Receipt had been obtained against cheque 000.007.

6.05.04 Audit: it was agreed that a letter of censure from the District Audit regarding the VAT reclaim be put on circulation to all Councillors.

#### 6.06 Grass-cutting:

6.06.01 Invoice 45 (September) (11/548): the Clerk reported that a Receipt had been obtained against cheque 000.231.

6.06.02 Invoice 64 (October) (11/548): the Clerk reported that a Receipt had been obtained against cheque 000.232.

6.07 Audit for 1998/1999 (11/548): the Clerk reported that the certificated documents had been received and had been posted as required by Statute. Comment (requiring no response) passed by the Auditor concerned the unnecessary inclusion of low-value Assets.

6.08 Precept 2000/01: the Clerk reported that the City Council assistance will be £1662. Following discussion, it was agreed that the £600 Parish Precept would be maintained.

6.09 Budget 2000/2001 (11/548): the Clerk reported that, following investigation, the budgeted Appeals were likely to be made. The Clerk state that the Version 1 Budget was for £1655 and not for £1755, as the claim of £640 for Salary had been erroneously presented as £740. It was agreed that a decision on the Clerk's Salary would be held over to the next Ordinary Meeting.

#### 7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Cllr Johns reported a pot-hole outside No 43 High Street; the Clerk was instructed to request City Council action.

7.02 Cllr Purllant reported on the most recent Meeting of the Patient Participation Group.

7.03 Cllr Purllant reported on the most recent Meeting of the Maxey & Deeping Gate Charity.

7.04 Cllr Purllant observed that the bus-shelter was again being defaced by graffiti; the Clerk was instructed to request City Council action.

#### 8. Public Comment:

No member of the public was present.

#### 9. 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, 22nd February, 2000.

There being no further Business,  
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council  
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 22nd February 2000  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr R Homewood.