

Maxey Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Hutchison (Chairman),
Cllr Duffelen,
Cllr R Homewood,
Cllr Johns,
Cllr Lloyd,
Cllr Purllant,
Perminder Balu - Tarmac,
Alan Baker - Tarmac,
the Clerk,

and one Member of the Public (part time).

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.30 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were given for Cllr Newbold.

Adjournment of Meeting:

The Meeting was formally adjourned at 7.32 pm.

Address by Tarmac:

Perminder Balu (Estates Surveyor) and Alan Baker (Quarry Manager) were in attendance; apologies were given for David Marsh (Regional Estates Manager). Mr Balu thanked the Council for acceding to the request to address it. Points covered by the Speakers were:

- . Tarmac's £170,000 contribution to the long-term development and maintenance of the after-use of the Site with the City Council and the Wildlife Trust;
- . Ministry of Defence's concern regarding bird-strikes (re-design of reed-beds to eliminate lakes);
- . Disposition of power-lines (in-Works overhead, but others not yet finalised);
- . Crossings over the Maxey Cut (winnings by conveyor but vehicles by a new bridge (designed to serve empty vehicles only) due to closure of existing Woodgate Lane bridge);
- . Downgrading of the Status of Woodgate Lane (at the prerogative of the Environment Agency and should be decided by Phase III);
- . Section 106 agreement (formal signing expected by end-May 2000);
- . Timetable (strip for archaeological work should start in a few weeks, using Etton Road initially for machine movement, with active winning expected to start by late-Sep/early-Oct 2000);

Reconvening of Meeting:

The Chairman thanked the Speakers for their Address and called the Meeting to Order at 8.02 pm.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 28th March 2000:

A Draft had been circulated prior to this Meeting; at the Closure, 'the Vice-chairman thanked' should have read 'the Chairman thanked'. Duly amended, the Record Copy of the Minutes was signed by the Chairman as being a true Record of the Proceedings.

3. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

3.01 Archives (569): the Clerk stated that he not progressed this item.

3.02 Tarmac (569): it was agreed that current concerns had been aired during the above Address.

3.03 Newsletter - Millennium special edition (569): Cllr Newbold was known to have contacted the Newsletter, and had reported that a £50 contribution from the Parish Council would be appreciated.

3.04 Church Notice Board (569): this item was not discussed due to the absence of Cllr Newbold.

3.05 Footway at West End Road (568): the Meeting noted that the Work was still outstanding.

3.06 Fenweb questionnaire (568): the Clerk stated that he had passed this document to the Maxey Webmaster.

3.07 Peterborough Local Plan - First Replacement (568): the Clerk stated that he believed that the consultation period had now elapsed.

3.08 Anglia in bloom (568): the Clerk stated that he had advised the City Council of this Council's interest, had requested confirmation of the availability of materials for Autumn planting, and had nominated Cllr Newbold for liaison.

3.09 Planning Forum (568): the Chairman expressed regret at not being able to attend.

3.10 Hedge on the High Street (568): Cllr Purllant reported that he had spoken to the responsible Parishioner, who had promised appropriate action.

3.11 Seat at High Street/Perkins Lane junction (568): Cllr Lloyd stated that an adjacent area of highway has been marked for attention.

3.12 Pavement at Tucker's Nook (568): the Meeting noted that the original area of concern had now been repaired, but it was agreed that the City Council's promise of a long-term review for the rest of the Footway was not acceptable, as it is felt that the degree of subsidence of the Footway is increasing. The Clerk was instructed to write to the City Council accordingly.

3.13 National Spring Clean (567): the Clerk stated that he had advised the City Council of this Council's decision not to participate.

3.14 High Street deterioration (565): the Clerk stated that he had written to the City Council to request attention to the many areas of deterioration. The Meeting noted that markings have appeared on the highway.

3.15 Village inspection (565): the Clerk stated that he had advised Cllr Franklin of this Council's concern over the future of the Inspection; a reply set the next Inspection for 10.30 on Monday, 26th June 2000, starting at the Village Hall. The Clerk was instructed to write to Cllr Franklin to agree this date, and to thank him for his action.

4. Correspondence:

4.01 Best Value Performance Plan: this City Council document is on circulation.

4.02 Benefits of Membership from the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils: the Clerk read out the salient points from this Document.

4.03 Notice of Meeting of the Peterborough Association of Local Councils.

4.04 Piped natural gas: the Clerk tabled a Letter of Intent from, and reported on a conversation with, the Director of Global Energy Associates Limited (representing ES Pipelines Ltd); the Companies' aim is to bring piped-gas to Maxey, and desired this Council's agreement to support this aim. After discussion, it was agreed that the success or otherwise of the Project depended on the wishes of individual Parishioners and Businesses, and it was not within the remit of this Council to sign any such Letter of Intent. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Director of Global Energy Associates Limited accordingly.

4.05 Review of Village Envelope Boundaries: the Clerk tabled maps sent by the City Council for comment. For the Village of Maxey, no change to the existing Envelope is proposed; the Meeting was agreed that this is a satisfactory situation. For the Settlement of Castle End, an enlargement in the Envelope to include farmland to the west of the southern-half of the current built-up area is proposed; the Meeting was agreed that such an extension was not acceptable, being not of an 'in-fill' nature, and could lead to the eventual elimination of the open area between Maxey and Castle End. The Clerk was instructed to write to the City Council accordingly.

4.06 Cycle-training teachers: the Clerk stated that a poster appealing for a response to this City Council initiative had been duly displayed.

5. Planning:

5.01 Quarry Planning Application (567): the Clerk was instructed to request a copy of the Section 106 Agreement, when it was signed.

5.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (567): the Clerk reported that nothing new had been heard from the City Council on this matter.

5.03 Poultry houses, King Street - change of use (567): the Clerk reported that nothing new had been heard from the City Council on this matter.

5.04 Beside lake - extension to cabin/boatstore (567): the Clerk reported that permission had been granted for this Application, with a Condition limiting use of the extension to the pursuit of fishing.

5.05 First Steps Nursery, West End Road (559): the Clerk stated that he had written to the City Council to thank it for the clarification received, and to agree with it regarding limitation of use of the two buildings.

5.06 2b High Street (566): the Clerk reported that nothing new had been heard from the City Council on this matter. The Meeting noted that several Parishioners had complained to Councillors about the increasing dilapidation of the building and of the increasing untidiness of the Site. It was agreed that this Council supports these complaints, and the Clerk was instructed to seek action.

5.07 Plot 2 Arthur's Court - alterations and extensions (566): the Clerk reported that this Council's Comment has been acknowledged by the City Council.

5.08 7 High Street - conservatory, hay-barn and stable-block:

Cllrs Duffelen and Homewood declared an Interest in this matter and took no part neither in discussion nor decisions.

The Clerk stated that the documents had been put on circulation for comment due to the consultation deadline. Regarding the conservatory, comment was that the Application should not be opposed, but style and materials in should be in keeping with the main dwelling, and the opinions of neighbours should be considered. Regarding the hay-barn and stable-block, comment was that the Application should not be opposed, but that it might be a good idea to have the stable-block situated further away from all dwellings, that perhaps a Condition requiring muck-heaps to be located as far away as possible from all dwellings should be imposed.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (566): the current Statement 165 dated 30 mar 00 shows a Credit Balance of £409.93.

6.02 Reserve account (566): the current Statement 031 dated 28 jan 00 shows a Credit Balance of £5366.59 (inclusive of Gross Interest of £23.96).

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 99/00 (566): the Report dated 25 Apr 00 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £265.47; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget Control 99/00 (566): the Report dated 25 Apr 00 shows a Budget Surplus of £784.98; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension:

6.05.01 No 2 Account (566): the current Statement 17 dated 30 mar 00 shows a Credit Balance of £11.66.

6.05.02 Statement of Inc and Exp 99-00 (566): the final Report dated 25 Apr 00 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £2045.36;

6.06 Grasscutting (565): the Clerk reported that a receipt had been received for Invoice number 5.

6.07 Officers to the Parish Council: it was agreed that the Office of Clerk should also carry with it the Offices of Responsible Financial Officer and Proper Officer.

6.08 Statement of Inc and Exp 00/01: the Report dated 25 Apr 00 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £149.00; the Report is on circulation.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Land ownership at Perkins Lane/Quarry Lane/High Street: Cllr Duffelen wanted to know the ownership of a strip of land that has appeared as part of the Development clearing-up Works between the Development area and the High Street; the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the status of this strip of land.

8. Public Comment:

At this time, no member of the public was present.

9. Date, time and venue for the next Meetings:

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in the Back Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2000. It was further agreed that the Annual Meeting should commence at 7.30 pm.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 23rd May 2000
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council
Cllr R Homewood.