

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 26th September, 2000

Present: Cllr R. Homewood (Chairman),  
Cllr Hutchison,  
Cllr Lloyd,  
Cllr Newbold,  
Cllr Purllant,  
the Clerk,

but no Members of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.30 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Duffelen and Johns.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 25th July 2000:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. It was agreed that, at item 5.04, the phrase 'for Neighbours' should be deleted. It was proposed by Cllr Hutchison, and seconded by Cllr Purllant, that the amended copy be accepted as a true record of the Proceedings; carried. Having been duly amended, the Record Copy of the Minutes was duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

3.01 Archives (594): following the Clerk's report, it was proposed by Cllr Hutchison, and seconded by Cllr Purllant, that a full-sized reproduction with CD-ROM of the original Northampton Record Office Document be obtained, framed glazed and mounted within a Budget of £300.00; carried. The Clerk was instructed to seek comment from the Maxey Community Association, and to proceed accordingly.

3.02 Tarmac (594): Cllr Purllant reported on the recent Local Liaison Committee meeting, covering power-lines, archaeological finds, dip-wells, Section 106, bird-life and the Woodgate Lane bridge. He stated that this Council's Representatives had requested a Site-visit soon, and that an avenue of beech-trees be established as part of the Final Restoration of the Site. It was agreed that this Council supported both requests, and the Clerk was instructed to contact Tarmac and the City Council accordingly.

3.03 Footway at West End Road (eastern-end) (594): the Meeting noted that the Work had been completed to a high standard.

3.04 Anglia in bloom (594): Cllr Newbold stated that nothing new has been heard from the City Council.

3.05 Hedge on the High Street (594): the Clerk tabled a letter from the City Council, which stated that the matter is still under discussion. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Householder on this issue.

3.06 Pavement at Tucker's Nook (594): the Clerk tabled a letter from the City Council, which confirmed that the Footway will be scheduled for a complete rebuild, and further, recommended this course of action rather than short-term patching. It was agreed that this advice would be adopted.

3.07 Bridge over the Maxey Cut at Woodgate Lane (593): the Clerk stated that he had advised the City Council that the bollards had been demolished, and had requested that replacements be more substantial. The reply thanked this Council for such advice, promised replacements and advised that survey-work towards the structure's replacement would soon start. The Meeting noted that new bollards were now in place.

3.08 West End Road/Blind Lane junction (593): the Meeting noted that the dropped-kerbs have been installed.

3.09 West End Road potholes (593): the Meeting noted that the potholes have been filled.

3.10 Footpath Number 7 (High Street to West End Road) (593): the Meeting noted that the condition of this Footpath is still poor, and the Clerk was instructed to ask the City Council to effect maintenance. The Clerk was also instructed to obtain details of the assisted-maintenance scheme for Footpaths.

3.11 Speeding (593): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which gave apologies for the delays and promised early installation of the metal-posters. The letter further stated that regular re-siting of the posters was considered essential to their continuing effectiveness, and that the responsibility of such re-siting rested with this Council.

3.12 High Street/King Street junction (593): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which stated that it neither installed nor insured parabolic mirrors. It was agreed that the Landowner should be asked to trim the relevant hedges more severely than hereuntofore, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

3.13 Village Sign (592): the Meeting noted that the Sign has not been renovated; the Clerk was instructed to investigate.

3.14 Address by the Association of Local Councils (592): the Clerk stated that he had requested a visit, but had had no response yet.

3.15 Trees at West End Road (592): the Clerk stated that he had replied to the Parishioner, thanking her for her interest and concern. He further stated that he had advised the City Council of the situation. Its telephoned response agreed to an inspection of the area with the Tree Warden (the Chairman), who agreed to liaise with the City Council.

3.16 Name-plate at School Close (589): the Clerk stated that he had requested that the Plate (noted at the most recent Village Inspection) be either renovated or replaced, but there had been as yet no response.

3.17 Lamp-post at School Close (589): the Clerk reported that he had requested - again - that the 'stump' of the displaced lamp-post be removed, and the City Council had - again - promised action.

3.18 Name-plate at Etton Road (589): the Clerk reported that he had requested that the Plate be replaced, but there had been as yet no response.

3.19 Safety-shield at Barn Close (589): the Clerk reported that he had requested - again - that the safety-shield be removed and the Works completed, and the City Council had - again - promised action.

3.20 Footway blockage (589): the Chairman said that he would visit the relevant Parents, advise them of the situation and the possible results, and request co-operation from themselves and their offspring.

3.21 Play-area (589): Cllr Newbold stated that the earth-ramp scheme has been abandoned.

#### 4. Correspondence:

4.01 Planning Services Meeting: the Clerk tabled the Notice and Agenda for Tuesday, 31 oct 00, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

4.02 Drinking water quality: the Clerk stated that he had obtained a copy of the Summary Report, which was passed to the Chairman for study.

4.03 Waste Local Plan: the Clerk stated that the Executive Summary/Posters had been displayed and circulated, and further stated that the Parish did not feature in the Plan.

4.04 Air Quality Review: the Report is on circulation.

4.05 Meeting with our MP: it was agreed that those topics to be suggested for discussion should be a) the Planning process and b) poor return for Council Tax paid. Three Councillors expressed an interest in attending, and the Clerk was instructed to advise the Convenor accordingly.

4.06 Seminar on Emergency Planning: the Clerk tabled the Notice and Agenda for Wednesday, 01 Nov 00 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.

4.07 Parish tree and hedgerow planting scheme 2000: it was agreed that the 'Anglia in bloom' scheme would occupy the spare amenity-land currently available.

4.08 Seat-belt campaign: the Clerk stated that he had displayed the Posters as requested; the accompanying fact-sheets were on circulation.

4.09 Seminar on Public Safety Management: details were passed to Cllr Newbold.

4.10 Peterborough housing needs assessment 2000: the Clerk stated that the Posters had been displayed as requested.

4.11 Rural Community Development road-show: the Clerk stated that the Posters had been displayed as requested.

4.12 East Anglian air-ambulance: the Clerk tabled a letter from the Regional Co-ordinator, who offered a Speaker; it was agreed that the offer would not be accepted.

4.13 Beacon millennium: the Clerk tabled an offer of low-cost insurance and inclusion in a register should this Council organise the lighting of a Beacon on New Year's Eve. It was agreed that this Council would not organise such an event.

4.14 Bulky waste collection service: the Clerk advised that the City Council had supplied more service-request forms.

4.15 Playing field risk assessment: the Clerk tabled a Scale of Charges for the Risk Assessment of playing-field and of play-equipment from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents; the Meeting noted that assessment of a field cost £250, and assessment of up to five items of equipment cost £45.

4.16 The spirit of best value: the Clerk tabled this guide prepared by the National Association of Local Councils.

4.17 Think Piece: the Clerk tabled this dissertation from the Audit Commission (AC), which details the current crisis within the AC and suggests - and requests - ways forward.

4.18 Electoral registration: the Clerk stated that the Posters had been displayed as requested.

4.19 North Westgate, Peterborough: the Clerk tabled the timetable for the Public Consultation of the Development Guideline.

## 5. Planning:

5.01 Quarry Planning Application (591): the Clerk stated that a scheme to meet Draft Condition 32 (final Restoration - Landscaping) had been circulated (due to time-scales) for Comment; all comments were positive, and the City Council had been so advised.

5.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (591): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from the City Council.

5.03 First Steps Nursery, West End Road (591): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from the City Council.

5.04 2b High Street (585): the Clerk stated that a copy of all Comment passed to the City Council on all Applications for this Site had been sent to Cllr Franklin as agreed, together with thanks for his interest in this matter. He further stated that the City Council advises that fresh Plans were being prepared for the Site.

5.05 1 Ladd's Lane - conservatory (591): the Clerk stated that, as agreed at the previous Meeting, a revised Plan had been referred to the Chairman for an Executive Decision. The Chairman stated that he had concluded that any concerns lay with neighbours, had confirmed that neighbours were aware of the Application, and had so advised the Clerk, who stated that he had so advised the City Council.

5.06 Planning Applications (589): it was Proposed by Cllr Hutchison, and Seconded by the Chairman, that for Applications of significant impact, the Parish Councillor living nearest to the Site of the Application shall visit people living nearby to a) ensure that a more-representative Comment is passed to the City Council and b), to ensure that people know what is happening and c), to encourage people to take a more active interest in village matters. Carried.

Further, it was proposed by Cllr Purllant, and Seconded by Cllr Lloyd, that the order of the Agenda be changed to encourage people to attend Meetings of this Council, viz, Apologies, Minutes of previous Meetings, Planning, Matters Arising, Correspondence, Finance, Other Matters, Public Comment and Next Meeting. Carried.

5.07 Planning Reports: the Clerk stated that he had ascertained that all Reports by all Planning Officials are in the Public Domain; Reports to the Planning Committee are readily available, but it is advisable to give notice of a need to see other Reports.

5.08 Lolham Hall - porch extension: the Clerk stated that details of this Application had been circulated due to the time-scale. Comments covered change-of-use, the matching of styles and materials, conservation methods and neighbours' opinions. He further stated that these comments had been forwarded to the City Council.

5.09 7 High Street - replacement porch (retrospective): the Clerk stated that details of this Application had been circulated due to the time-scale. Comments covered the visual improvement and the deprecation of the principle of retrospective Applications. He further stated that these comments had been forwarded to the City Council.

5.10 18 West End Road - tree-work: the Clerk stated that details of this Application had been passed to the Chairman due to the time-scale. The Chairman stated that he had visited the Site and appreciated the need for the Works, but hoped that work would not start until after the conker-season. The Clerk stated that these comments had been forwarded to the City Council.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (590): the current Statement 169 dated 28 Jul 00 shows a Credit Balance of £1923.57.

6.02 Reserve account (590): the current Statement 033 dated 28 Jul 00 shows a Credit Balance of £5071.21 (inclusive of Gross Interest of £27.67).

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 00/01 (590): the Report dated 26 sep 00 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £981.34; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 00/01 (590): the Report dated 26 sep 00 shows a Budget surplus of £80.58; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (590): the current Statement 18 dated 18 Aug 00 shows a Credit Balance of £11.66.

6.06 Complaints about the Audit (590): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this matter, but advised the Meeting of continuing complaints in the local government Press (on circulation), and in the Journals of professional Bodies.

6.07 NatWest Bank (590): the Clerk stated that his request for a Transfer and a Statement had generated a response that the requests could not be serviced, as he was not a Designated Signatory. He then tabled his response, which stated that a suitable protocol existed within NatWest's organisation, viz, a Third Party Mandate, and if NatWest would not accept such a Mandate, then Papers to close all Accounts should be sent. He further stated that NatWest had duly sent a Form of Third Party Mandate, which the Chairman took to study.

6.08 Grasscutting (590):

6.08.01 The Clerk stated that a receipt against cheque 000.245 had been received.

6.08.02 Cheque 000.250 for £79.00 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 18 (July cut) was drawn and signed.

6.08.03 Cheque 000.249 for £79.00 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 41 (July cut) was drawn and signed.

6.08.04 The Clerk stated that he had contacted the City Council for the Allowance due as acting as Agent for cutting the 'amenity-grass'. The response was that an Invoice for £367.25 should be served on the City Council, and the Clerk was instructed to so do.

6.09 Audit fee for 1998/99 Accounts (590): the Clerk stated that payment had been made.

6.10 Insurance for 2000/01 (590): the Clerk stated that payment had been made, and a receipt obtained.

6.11 Audit for 1999/2000 Accounts (589): the Clerk stated that the Audit had been completed with no problems. Comments were passed about Internal Audit, Reserve Account Balance, Standing Orders and the fact that details of the Village Hall Extension monies did not feature in any of the Financial Statements.

6.12 Clerk's Salary (578): cheque 000.248 for £158.75 in favour of the Clerk for Salary for the period 01 Jun 00 to 31 Aug 00 was drawn and signed.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Cllr Newbold observed that the Litter-bin in the Park is nearly always full. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the matter.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Member of the Public present.

9. Date, time and venue for the next Ordinary Meeting:

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting would be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 24th October, 2000.

There being no further Business,  
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council  
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 24th October 2000  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr R Homewood.