

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 27th June 2000

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

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

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.31 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Franklin, Johns, Lloyd and Purllant.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 23rd May 2000:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting; it was proposed by Cllr Newbold, and seconded by Cllr Duffelen, that this be accepted as a true record of the Proceedings as presented; carried. The Record Copy of the Minutes was duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

3.01 Archives (582): the Clerk stated that he had not yet revisited the Records Office at Northampton to progress this matter. Cllr Newbold asked if the proposed map-photograph might be available for inclusion in the "Millennium Newsletter" due in October. It was agreed that this was a reasonable objective.

3.02 Tarmac (582): nothing to add.

3.03 Church Notice Board (582): nothing to add.

3.04 Footway at West End Road (eastern-end) (582): the Clerk reported that the City Council has promised action within 28 days from the 23rd May. He further stated that the area was identified to the City Council Officers present on yesterday's 'Walkabout'.

3.05 Anglia in bloom (582): Cllr Newbold reported that the City Council has not responded to her most recent enquiries regarding the status of all requests for materials.

3.06 Hedge on the High Street (582): the Meeting noted that the full width of the footway was still not available; it was agreed that Cllr Purllant would be asked to contact the Householder again.

3.07 Seat at High Street/Perkins Lane junction (581): nothing to add.

3.08 Pavement at Tucker's Nook (581): the Clerk stated that, whilst the area that was the reason for the original complaint has been repaired, further areas of degradation had been identified to City Council Officers present on yesterday's 'Walkabout'.

3.09 Land ownership at Perkins Lane/Quarry Lane/High Street (581): the Clerk stated that the subject area did feature on the City Council's grass-cutting Plans. He further stated that a verbal Quotation from MG Landscapes for maintaining the area, and also the adjacent area at the junction of High Street and Quarry Lane, was £5 per cut. The Clerk was instructed to confirm the status of the second-mentioned area as being highway-land, and to instruct MG Landscapes accordingly.

3.10 Overhead power-line (581): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which stated that a line such as the subject needed neither Planning Permission nor any other official notification, and that the City Council is not prepared to take the issue further. It was agreed that the matter be closed.

3.11 Bridge over the Maxey Cut at Woodgate Lane (581): the Chairman reported that he had identified only one thwarted vehicular-user. It was agreed that this Council supports the non-vehicular version, but that the City Council should be advised of the one-vehicular-user need. The Clerk was instructed to advise the City Council accordingly.

3.12 West End Road/Blind Lane junction (578): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which stated that, subject to approval, a dropped-crossing will be installed within 4 to 5 weeks. The Clerk further stated that this matter had been identified to City Council Officers present on yesterday's 'Walkabout'.

3.13 West End Road pot-holes (578): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which stated that the new pot-holes would be repaired. The Meeting noted that new markings had appeared. The Clerk further stated that this matter had been identified to City Council Officers present on yesterday's 'Walkabout', and that he had suggested that even tiny pot-holes were given early attention, as, once initiated, they grew large very quickly necessitating repeat visits by Officers and Contractors.

3.14 Sale of compost-bins (578): the Clerk stated that he had not yet obtained a supply of the Pamphlets.

3.15 Footpath Number 7 (High Street to West End Road) (578): the Clerk stated that, in a verbal reply to his letter, the City Council had stated that the Footpath would be cleared within 2 to 3 weeks from late May. Cllr Lloyd reported that the Footpath is still impassable; the Clerk was instructed to contact the City Council again.

3.16 Speeding (576): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council, which gave apologies for the non-appearance of the signs, and stated that an investigation would take place.

3.17 High Street/King Street junction (577): the Clerk stated that there has been no response to his letter to the City Council requesting that the junction be given extra maintenance. He further stated that the matter was identified to Officers present at yesterday's 'Walkabout'; an Officer made the point that obstruction of vision was caused as much by hedging as by verge-herbage, with which opinion the Meeting agreed. The Clerk suggested that the installation of mirrors facing the High Street might improve the situation. The Meeting adopted this suggestion, and The Clerk was instructed to put a request for mirrors to the Highways and Road Safety sections of the City Council, and to mention concern regarding the possible increased use of the junction with the re-usage of the redundant Poultry Houses.

3.18 Footway at West End Road (western-end) (534): the Clerk tabled a reply from the City Council; the content of the letter suggested a misunderstanding within the City Council over the eastern- and western-end issues. He further stated that the matter was identified to Officers present at yesterday's 'Walkabout'; Officers believed that a new technique might be employed to prevent further deterioration, and promised to investigate.

3.19 Village envelope (572): the Clerk stated that he had advised the City Council of this Council's views - that the Maxey proposal (no change) was acceptable, but the Castle End proposal (a south-western extension) was not acceptable. He then tabled a further proposal from the City Council regarding the Maxey envelope, which proposed an extension to the south, parallel to the High Street (behind numbers 69-71), "to incorporate some development that has taken place recently." The Meeting noted that no development has taken place on the Subject land, although several Planning Applications had been made over the years, always rejected due to the Site being outside the Village Envelope. Following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to advise the City Council of the misunderstanding, and, further, to advise that this Council rejects the proposal, as it is feared that it would lead to large-scale development parallel to the High Street.

4. Correspondence:

4.01 Bainton level-crossing closure: the Clerk stated that the relevant Notice had been duly posted.

4.02 Policy Executive Panel: the Clerk tabled the Notice of the next consultancy Meeting on the 13th July.

4.03 Maxey Community Association: the Clerk tabled a letter which advised of changes to the Management Committee.

4.04 Road safety: the Clerk stated that he had displayed, as requested, the Posters relating to the 'Think Safety!' campaign.

4.05 Millennium Auction: it was agreed that this Appeal to the benefit of national Firemen's associations was not within this Council's remit.

4.06 Spains Hall Forest Nursery: it was agreed that this offer of saplings for sale would not be pursued.

4.07 Peterborough Association of Local Councils: the Clerk tabled the Notice of the Annual General Meeting for the morrow, and further advised that it was his intention to attend.

5. Planning:

The Meeting was adjourned at 8.14 pm; Members of the Public aired their views regarding 2b High Street, then left; the Meeting was brought to Order at 8.32 pm.

5.01 Quarry Planning Application (580): comments about Tarmac's response to Draft Condition 34 (slopes and bird-management) had been passed to the City Council. Concerns were lack of car-parking, lack of fencing and impracticability of bird-management.

5.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (580): nothing to add.

5.03 Poultry houses, King Street - change of use (580): the Clerk stated that Permission has been granted, with a condition limiting use to that of document storage.

5.04 First Steps Nursery, West End Road (580): nothing to add.

5.05 2b High Street (580): the Chairman tabled a letter from a Neighbour. After study of the latest Plans - including a 'street-scene' as requested - and after having reviewed the opinions of the Public and the letter from the Neighbour, it was agreed that the previous Comment that the Proposal was too large for the Site should stand. The Clerk was instructed to advise the City Council accordingly, with an additional Comment that this Council supported the Public and Neighbour with the view that the Site was suitable for either one large dwelling, or two modest bungalows.

5.06 7 High Street - conservatory, hay-barn and stable-block (580): nothing to add.

5.07 1 West End Road - two-storey extension and lobby (579):

The Vice-chairman declared an interest in this Application, but stated that he had no concerns regarding it.

The Clerk reported that the City Council had stated that it supported this Council's concern regarding the matching of materials, and further stated that it would liaise with the Applicant accordingly. He further stated that the Chairman had endorsed the City Council's approach. He further stated that Permission has been granted, with Conditions regarding the matching of materials.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (579): the current Statement 167 dated 30 may 00 shows a Credit Balance of £2418.06

6.02 Reserve account (579): the (still) current Statement 032 dated 28 Apr 00 shows a Credit Balance of £5043.54 (inclusive of Gross Interest of £26.95).

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 00/01 (579): the Report dated 27 Jun 00 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £1767.51; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 00/01 : the Report dated 27 Jun 00 shows a Budget surplus of £46.00; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (579): the (still) current Statement 17 dated 30 mar 00 shows a Credit Balance of £11.66.

6.06 Newsletter - Millennium special edition (579): the Clerk stated that the Appeal Cheque had been send, but that a requested Receipt had not yet been received. Cllr Newbold agreed to pursue this matter.

6.07 Subscription to the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (579): the Clerk stated that the cheque had been sent and a Receipt has been received.

6.08 Complaints about the Audit (578): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this issue.

6.09 NatWest Bank (578): the Clerk stated that there has been no response to his letter regarding a Letter of Authority v. the withdrawal of business.

6.10 Pool appeal (578): the Clerk stated that the cheque had been sent and a Receipt has been received.

6.11 Grasscutting (570):

6.11.01 cheque 000.244 for £148.00 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 74 (April and May cuts) was drawn and signed.

6.11.02 Land ownership at Perkins Lane/Quarry Lane/High Street (581): the Clerk reported that MG Landscapes had orally quoted £5.00 for the land behind the seat plus the triangle of land at the Quarry Lane/High Street junction. The Clerk was instructed to accept the quotation, provided that the Public Ownership of the triangle was proven.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Maxey Community Association (MCA): the Clerk stated that he had advised the MCA that Cllr Homewood, as Chairman, is now the Parish Council's representative on MCA's Management Committee.

7.02 Maxey Parish Council: the Clerk stated that he had advised the City Council of the structure of this Council following the Annual Meeting.

7.03 Dog-mess: the Clerk state that he had received a verbal complaint regarding uncleared deposits in the School Close area. It was agreed that the Newsletter was a suitable medium through which people can be reminded of the requirements of the Dogs Act. Cllr Newbold agreed to liaise with the Newsletter people.

7.04 Village Sign: the Clerk stated that he had received a verbal observation that the Sign merits a renovation. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the matter.

7.05 Skate-boarding: Cllr Newbold outlined the initiative of a Parishioner in arranging for the City Council to deliver a quantity of earth to the current Recreation Area for local lads to mould into a suitable Course. The Meeting endorsed this initiative.

7.06 Village photograph: Cllr Newbold queried the status of this Event; the Clerk stated that in July last, the understanding was that the MCA was organizing it.

7.07 Maxey Outdoor Activity Centre: the Chairman stated that he had received an Invitation to an Open Day, but was unable to attend. Cllr Newbold volunteered to represent the Parish Council.

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, 25th July, 2000.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 25th July, 2000
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr R Homewood.