

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2001

Present Cllr Lloyd (Vice-chairman),  
Cllr Duffelen,  
Cllr Johns,  
Cllr Newbold,  
Cllr Purllant,  
P.C.1213 Norman McCallum (part-time),  
the Clerk,

but no Members of the Public.

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

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from the Chairman and from Cllr Hutchison.

The Vice-chairman adjourned the Meeting at 7.34 pm.

An Address was given by PC McCallum - our new 'Local Constable'. Following a personal introduction, he distributed Documents giving contact numbers, Constabulary Charter and crime-prevention advice.

He then discussed criminal activity in the village, in the locale, in the area and in the City. He then outlined plans for the future, covering improved mobility, a part-time office, and a dedicated notice-board. He confirmed continuing co-operation with Peterborough Direct, Neighbourhood Watch and Countryside Watch. He stated that the policing of the rural areas now enjoyed the status of being a separate Department with its own Inspector, and so the frequency with which a rural officer is withdrawn to assist in urban policing will be markedly reduced. A brief question-and-answer session followed. After thanks by the Vice-chairman, and promise of the support of the Parish Council, PC McCallum left.

The Vice-chairman brought the Meeting to Order at 7.57 pm.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 28th November, 2000:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. Errors in dates at item 6.11 and at item 9 were corrected. It was proposed by Cllr Purllant, and seconded by Cllr Newbold, that the Draft Minutes as amended be accepted as a true record of the Proceedings; carried. The Record Copy of the Minutes was signed by the Vice-chairman.

3. Planning:

3.01 Quarry Planning Application (613): the Clerk stated that Peterborough City Council (PCC) had reported no significant progress on the Section 106 Agreement.

3.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (613): the Clerk stated that PCC had reported that determination of this Application remains outstanding due to work-load.

- 3.03 2b High Street (613): the Clerk stated that this Application has been granted, with twenty-two Conditions covering access, details of construction, wildlife and environmental considerations.
- 3.04 6 Castle End Road - tree-work (612): nothing new to report.
- 3.05 1 Torpel Way - tree-work (612): nothing new to report.
- 3.06 23 West End Road - garage and first-floor extension (612): nothing new to report.
- 3.07 14 Castle End Road - replacement windows and staircase (612): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, with conditions regarding detail construction.
- 3.08 87 High Street - conservatory at rear (612): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, with conditions.
- 3.09 Mill Road/A15 - Milton Estates proposal (612): the Clerk stated that Comments had been sent to Milton Estates, PCC and Cllr Franklin. The Clerk tabled the acknowledgment received from Milton.
- 3.10 31 High Street - 2-storey rear extension (612): the Clerk stated that Comments had been sent to PCC, and acknowledged.
- 3.11 Maxey Hall - replacement tractor-shed (612): the Clerk stated that Comments had been sent to PCC, and acknowledged.
- 3.12 Village Design Statement (610): the Clerk stated that the policy of non-participation had been sent to PCC.
- 3.13 Maxey Hall - side extension: the Clerk stated that, due to deadlines, the Vice-chairman had made an executive decision that no objection should be made to the Application, and PCC had been advised. The Meeting endorsed the Vice-chairman's decision.
- 3.14 Maxey Hall - landscaping to garden: the Clerk stated that, due to deadlines, the Vice-chairman had made an executive decision that no objection should be made to the Application, and PCC had been advised. The Meeting endorsed the Vice-chairman's decision. The Clerk further stated that permission has been granted.
- 3.15 46 High Street - installation of dormer at front: the Clerk stated that he had advised PCC that the Plans did not show the dwelling as it presently exists. He reported that PCC had investigated and had advised the Clerk. With this knowledge, and following study of the documents, the Meeting was agreed that the Application should not be opposed, but that Neighbours' opinions should be respected. The Clerk was instructed to take due action. Cllr Newbold stated that she would ensure that Neighbours were aware.
- 3.16 Maxey Quarry - variation of Condition 2 of P0816/95: the Clerk stated that this Application seeks to extend the 31 Dec 00 permission until 30 Jun 01 for the cement batching-plant. A permission to extend is contained in the Quarry Extension Application, which currently carries a non-determined status. The Meeting was agreed that the Application would not be opposed, and the Clerk was instructed to take action accordingly.
- 3.17 Morel Lake - installation of telecommunications mast: the Clerk stated that the grid-reference quoted in the Public Notice was incorrect, and had advised PCC of this. The Meeting was advised of the location of the proposed mast and cabin, viz, in the copse to the west of the Maxey Outdoor

Centre. The Meeting was agreed that, if this Site was officially confirmed, the Application should not be opposed, and the Clerk was instructed to take due action. The Clerk was also instructed to post details of the Proposal when they became available.

3.18 51 High Street - mobile buildings (retrospective): following study of the documents, the Meeting was agreed that the Application should not be opposed, but that opinions of Neighbours should be respected. The Clerk was instructed to take action accordingly.

#### 4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (611): the Clerk tabled a response to the Northamptonshire Records Office, which detailed the Conditions that will be imposed by Milton Estates should their Map be copied. The Meeting was agreed that the Conditions are too onerous, and the Clerk was instructed to pursue the copying of this Council's own Map.

4.02 Tarmac (611): the Meeting re-stated the preference for the Beech tree to be the only constituent of the 'Millennium Avenue', and further re-stated its objection to any mixture of species.

4.03 Hedge on the High Street (611): the Meeting noted that the hedge has been trimmed hard and fencing-panels have been installed. The Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that the footway is not wide enough to admit the installation of a guard-rail. The Meeting was agreed that further discussion should be deferred until the PCC Address (see next item).

4.04 Speeding (611): the Clerk stated that he had written to PCC for an Officer to advise the Meeting on the subjects of inappropriate driving and speeds, the narrow section of the High Street, and the High Street/King Street junction.

4.05 High Street/King Street junction (611): the Clerk tabled an Estimate from a Private Contractor, for £615.00 to remove and replace 60.m of hedge. The Meeting was agreed that any further discussion should await advice from PCC (see previous item).

4.06 Village Sign (611): nothing new to report.

4.07 Address by the Peterborough Association of Local Councils (PALC) (611): the Clerk stated that there has still been no response from PALC, despite a reminder. He further stated that he has delayed issuing another reminder pending confirmation of PCC's visit.

4.08 Trees at West End Road (611): the Chairman not being present, the current situation could not be ascertained.

4.09 Name-plate at Etton Road (611): the Clerk stated that PCC reports that delivery of a replacement name-plate is awaited.

4.10 Footway blockage (610): the Meeting noted that the Season of the year seems to have resolved this issue.

4.11 BMX mounds in Maxey Park (610): nothing new to report.

4.12 National Rural Services Survey 2000 (610): the Clerk stated that he had completed and forwarded the Survey.

- 4.13 Housing development report (610): the Meeting was agreed that no response will be made.
- 4.14 Parking on the High Street (608): the Meeting was agreed that this matter would not be pursued.
- 4.15 Northborough Playgroup (608): the Clerk stated that no appeal had yet been received. Following information from Cllr Newbold that nearly half of the Group's attendees were from Maxey, the Clerk was empowered to process a Grant of £50.00 towards day-to-day running costs, should an Appeal be received.
- 4.16 Standing-water at School Lane/Barn Close (608): the Clerk stated that PCC had been advised of the situation. The Meeting noted that rainwater does lay for an excessive time throughout the village.

5. Correspondence:

- 5.01 Apologies for absence from Cllr Franklin: the Clerk tabled the letter relating to the November Meeting.
- 5.02 Association of Local Councils' Training Courses: the Clerk stated his intention to attend a Course in early February.
- 5.03 Council Tax collection: the Clerk tabled a Press Release from PCC per Cllr Franklin following adverse Local Press comment.
- 5.04 Peterborough Association of Local Council's Meeting: the Clerk stated that the Papers were on circulation.
- 5.05 National Government's 'White Paper': the Clerk stated that the Document, and an Abstract, was on circulation.
- 5.06 Christmas bus guides: the Clerk stated that this PCC compilation had been displayed. The Clerk tabled a summary timetable for all bus journeys serving Maxey and Etton. The Meeting was agreed that copies should be posted, and the Clerk was instructed to so do.
- 5.07 The Wildlife Trusts' training courses: the Clerk stated that details were on circulation.
- 5.08 Christmas 2000 drink-drive campaign: the Clerk stated that posters had been displayed as requested by PCC, and that details of the 'I'll be Des' initiative were on circulation.
- 5.09 Local Councils Liaison Committee: the Clerk stated that the latest Minutes were on circulation.
- 5.10 Waste Management: the Clerk tabled a letter and leaflets from PCC which detail changes to the 'Bulky Waste Collection Service'. The major change is that each Household is now entitled to one free collection of up to five items once a year. Each Councillor took some Leaflets, and the Clerk was instructed to publicise the availability of the new Service.
- 5.11 Policy Executive Panel: the Clerk stated that the latest Minutes were on circulation.
- 5.12 Rural transport improvement programme: the Documents were passed to Cllr Duffelen for study and comment.
- 5.13 Woodgate Lane bridge over the Maxey Cut: the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC Law & Administration, which sought the Agreement of this Council for

PCC to apply for a Stopping-up Order for Woodgate Lane. The Clerk explained that the Order would change the status of only that section of Woodgate Lane that passes over the bridge, from Highway to Footpath/Bridleway. It was proposed by Cllr Purllant, and seconded by Cllr Duffelen, that such Agreement be given. Carried. The Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

- 5.14 Notes from Parish Council forum: the Clerk stated that the Documents were on circulation.
- 5.15 Modernising PCC: the Meeting was agreed, having studied the PCC-produced Papers copied to all Councillors earlier, that none of the three National Government-defined alternatives would promote an improvement in efficiency, transparency or accountability in the way PCC works. The Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.
- 5.16 Voluntary sector needs survey: the Clerk was instructed to compile this for Action with Communities in Rural England.
- 5.17 Report on Section 106 agreements: the Clerk stated that the Documents were on circulation.
- 5.18 Police consultation group: the Clerk stated that the Documents were on circulation.
- 5.19 Draft Register of Electors 01/02: the Clerk stated that the availability of this Register for Inspection had been posted. He further stated that the Register contained 518 Names/251 Addresses, compared to 499 Names/243 Addresses for last year.
- 5.20 Structure and Local Plans: the Clerk stated that the official Procedures governing these Plans were on circulation.
- 5.21 Christmas Card: the Clerk tabled the Document, from Paul Martin, Chief Executive, PCC.

## 6. Financial:

- 6.01 Current account (609): the current Statement 173 dated 29 Dec 00 shows a Credit Balance of £486.23.
- 6.02 Reserve account (609): the current Statement 034 dated 30 Oct 00 shows a Credit Balance of £5799.33.
- 6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 00/01 (609): the Report dated 23 Jan 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £1006.96; the Report is on circulation.
- 6.04 Budget control 00/01 (609): the (still current) Report dated 28 Nov 00 shows a Budget surplus of £322.08; the Report is on circulation.
- 6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (609): the (still current) Statement 18 dated 18 Aug 00 shows a Credit of £11.66.
- 6.06 Grasscutting (609):
  - 6.06.01 Receipt from MG Landscapes: a receipt against Invoice 81 (oct cut) has been received.
  - 6.06.02 Allowance as Agent: a cheque for £367.25 has been received from PCC and paid into the Current Account under Credit 100.158.

6.07 Audit for 1999/2000 Accounts (609): the Clerk outlined the proposed re-casting of the Accounts to include transactions incurred for the Village Hall Extension. The Meeting accepted the proposal. The Clerk also tabled the Audit Commission (AC) Invoice (no. 105.516) for £250.11 for the 99/00 Audit (98/99 Fee was £232.67). The Meeting was agreed that the Invoice should be met in the next Financial Year.

6.08 Budget 2000/2001 (608): version 2 for £3462.11 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. This version includes a sum for Training, a sum for Works at the High Street/King Street junction and two sets of Fees for Audit (to meet the AC's apparent change in invoicing). The Budget was agreed.

6.09 PALC: the Clerk tabled a Statement of Accounts, which shows that no monies are currently due to PALC.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Cllr Purllant stated that he attended a recent Meeting of the Maxey and Deeping Gate Charity, as this Council's representative on the Governing Body of the Charity.

7.02 Cllr Newbold requested (and obtained) confirmation that it is in order for her to have 'highlights' of the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings published in the 'Newsletter'.

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 in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 27th February, 2001.

There being no further Business,  
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council  
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 27th February 2001  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr R Homewood.