

Maxey Parish Council

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

Present Cllr Lloyd - Chairman;  
Cllr Duffelen,  
Cllr Homewood,  
Cllr Hutchison,  
Cllr Johns,  
Cllr Newbold,  
Cllr Purllant,  
the Clerk,

and 2 Members of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.33 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

All Councillors were present.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 25th September 2001:

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

3. Planning:

3.01 14 Castle End Road - windows (666): the Clerk stated that this Application has been granted.

3.02 Willow Farm - six dwellings (outline) (666): the Clerk stated that Peterborough City Council (PCC) had advised that the Applicant now plans only two dwellings (originally six) on the Site, and PCC had requested a verbal agreement to this change. The Chairman had declined to make such a decision, and stated that a Plan showing size and location of the dwellings should be furnished. This decision had been communicated to PCC, and was endorsed by the Meeting.

3.03 Woodgate Lane - stable (666): the Clerk stated that this Application has been granted, with Conditions regarding private-use-only, protection of hedging and size of access-gates. The Meeting noted that these Conditions had been included as part of the Comment made.

3.04 47 High Street - two-storey side-extension (666): the Clerk stated that nothing new has been heard.

3.05 Village envelope (665): the Clerk stated that Cllr Franklin had acknowledged receipt of this Council's Comments on this matter, had agreed with them, and had pledged his support.

3.06 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan Review (665): the Clerk stated that the Questionnaire regarding publicity for the next stage of the review had been returned to PCC.

3.07 2b High Street - 4-bedroom house: this new Application features a house similar in size to the previous (granted) Application, but the design is of the opposite-hand and is repositioned within the Site. The Meeting was agreed that the placement of the current construction should be checked, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly. The Clerk tabled a copy-letter from Cllr Franklin to PCC, in which Cllr Franklin stated that the dwelling was too large and too tall for the Site.

3.08 Meeting with PCC planning people (664): arising from the Village Inspection, Cllr Franklin (who had convened the Meeting) and several Parish Councillors had met senior people from the Planning Department, both in the Village Hall and on-site. Specific issues covered were 2b High Street, 47 High Street and Ladd's Lane. The planning people seemed to appreciate the concerns expressed by both this Council and Parishioners, but explained that mandatory adherence to national guidance often meant that local opinions and preferences could not be respected. However, the planning people did acknowledge that the impact of new construction had not been clearly visualised. The Planning people exhorted this Council to reconsider its decision not to initiate and guide a Village Design Statement (VDS).

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

4.01 Archives (665): the Clerk stated that no advice has been received from the framers.

4.02 Narrowing of the High Street (661): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that this Council's preference for the PCC proposal (reduce road-width, increase footway-width, give priority to eastbound traffic), but without the speed-cushions, is acceptable. The Meeting was agreed that PCC should be requested to initiate the necessary Works, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

4.03 Speeding on the High Street (661): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that local reduction of the width of the carriageway would be acceptable, but that such reduction would have to be contained within the current 30 mph-limit zone. The Clerk stated that he believed that the 30 mph-zone could be extended provided that speed-reducing measures were to be introduced. The Clerk was instructed to request further investigation by PCC.

4.04 High Street/King Street junction (661): the Clerk stated that he had written to PCC, and requested it to initiate the Works necessary to raise awareness of the junction (by more-visible road-markings and enhanced signage), and to achieve an adequate visibility-splay (by relocating the northern hedge).

4.05 Village Sign (664): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.

4.06 Trees at West End Road (664): the Meeting noted that the Work has been completed to a high standard. The Clerk tabled a letter from a Parishioner, who thanked this Council for taking due notice and action on her observations.

4.07 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (661): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that a 3-way 'stop' is unacceptable due to the sightlines, and a 3-way 'give-way' is considered too confusing. The Meeting was agreed that a single 'give-way' on Skerrit's Drove (ie, reverting priority to West End Road/Tucker's Nook traffic) seemed to be the only acceptable course available, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4.08 Bus timetables (664): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.

4.09 Barn Close/School Lane standing-water (664): the Clerk stated that he had written a complimentary letter to PCC.

4.10 Signs to Village Hall (664): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that letters seem to have gone astray, and he had been advised to resubmit the request, which has been done.

4.11 Police notice-board (664): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.

4.12 Litter-bin in The Park (664): no-one present knew the status of this item.

4.13 Police prosecutions (664): the Clerk stated that he had not received a reply to his letter. The Clerk was instructed to expedite this matter.

4.14 Key decisions enquiry (663): the Clerk stated that he had advised PCC that this Council wishes to see a paper-copy of the Key Decisions document.

4.15 Residential Design Guide (663): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

4.16 Tree and hedgerow planting scheme (663): the Tree Warden (Cllr Home-wood) stated that there was nothing in the scheme that could be enjoyed at Maxey.

4.17 Periodic Electoral Review (663): the Clerk stated that PCC's submission to Local Government Commission for England (LGCE) is that the *status quo* should be maintained, i.e., that the Parish of Maxey should remain within the Ward of Northborough. The Clerk further stated that he had sought the advice of the Chairman, who agreed with the PCC submission, and both PCC and the LGCE had been advised of this agreement. The Meeting endorsed this action. The submission document is on circulation.

4.18 Biodiversity Partnership (663): the Clerk stated that an expression of interest has been forwarded.

4.19 Police presence (661): the Clerk tabled a reply from Cambridgeshire Constabulary (CC), which expressed pleasure at this Council's complimentary observations regarding the two local PC's, and confirmed that such observations shall be appended to the Officers' personal files.

4.20 Resurfacing of School Lane (661): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that there are insufficient funds available for immediate Work, but that the need has been noted for future attention.

## 5. Correspondence:

5.01 Insurance newsletter: this Zurich Municipal document is on circulation.

5.02 Waste local plan: the PCC/Cambridgeshire County Council summary documents are on circulation for consultation, and copies have been put on display.

5.03 Housing report: this PCC document is on circulation.

5.04 Users' meeting: the Clerk apologised for overlooking this gathering of users of Maxey Village Hall; this Council was thus not represented at the meeting. He stated that the main concern of Users was the haphazard storage of tables and chairs.

5.05 Vital villages road-show: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no involvement in this Action with Communities in Rural England initiative.

5.06 Risk assessment seminar: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no involvement in this Zurich Municipal initiative.

5.07 Safety conference: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no involvement in this PCC initiative.

5.08 Forward plan of key decisions: the PCC document is on circulation.

5.09 Draft corporate plan: the National Association of Local Councils document is on circulation.

5.10 Police workshop: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no involvement in this initiative.

5.11 Police Authority new: the document is on circulation.

5.12 Parish transport grant: this Countryside Association document is on circulation.

5.13 Accounts preparation: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no involvement in this private-sector initiative.

5.14 Biodiversity training workshop: the document is on circulation.

5.15 Biodiversity guidance: the document is on circulation.

5.16 Bulletin: the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils document is on circulation.

5.17 Village Design Statement (VDS): the Clerk tabled a letter from Cllr Franklin, which included copies of the draft VDS for Helpston.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (662): the still current Statement 181 dated 30 Aug 01 shows a Credit Balance of £1613.55;

6.02 Reserve account (662): the still current Statement 037 dated 30 Jul 01 shows a Credit Balance of £5482.41;

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02 (662): the Report dated 23 Oct 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £552.39; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 01/02 (662): the Report dated 23 Oct 01 shows a Budget surplus of £66.92; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (662): the Clerk stated that all relevant Documents are still with the Treasurer of the Community Association for Audit. (Some VAT reclaim remains outstanding.)

6.06 Grasscutting (662):

6.06.01 Receipts have been received for the July- and August-cut payments;

6.06.02 cheque 000.272 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 50 for the September cut was drawn and signed.

6.07 Audit 00-01 (662): the Clerk stated that this Council's responses to the Matters Arising from the Audit have been forwarded.

6.08 Clerk's expenses (628): cheque 000.273 for £117.27 in favour of the Clerk in respect of expenses for the first-half of the 2001-02 financial-year was drawn and signed. The Report is on circulation.

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

7.01 Cllr Hutchison queried the lateness of one payment for grass-cutting. The Clerk explained that this was due to the chequebook being with the Auditor.

7.02 Cllr Johns stated that two lampposts on the High Street were damaged; the Clerk was instructed to forward this matter to PCC.

7.03 Cllr Purllant stated that there was a feeling among Parishioners that the 'Lottery Fund' board on the wall of the Village Hall had been there for quite long enough. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the due time-scale.

7.04 Cllr Homewood queried the ability of the local sewers and drains to cope with 'flash-floods', bearing in mind the increased loading placed on the system by recent building developments. The Clerk was instructed to seek such information.

7.05 The Chairman stated that several Parishioners have expressed concern about the incidence of stone-throwing within Maxey Park. The Meeting was agreed that The Newsletter was the most appropriate medium to draw attention to this dangerous practice, and Cllr Newbold undertook to action this.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Comment from members 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, 27th November, 2001.

There being no further Business,  
the Meeting Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

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