

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 24th April, 2001

Present Cllr Homewood (Chairman),
Cllr Duffelen,
Cllr Hutchison,
Cllr Lloyd,
Cllr Newbold - part-time,
Cllr Purllant,
Cllr Franklin - part-time,
Barry Kirk - City Council - part-time,
Peter Tebbs - City Council - part-time,
the Clerk,
and 1 Member of the Public
and 1 Member of the Press.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.31 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Johns. Cllr Newbold joined the Meeting at 7.56 pm.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 7.32 pm to permit open discussions with Cllr Franklin and Messrs Kirk and Tebbs.

Matters discussed with Cllr Franklin were as follows:

- a) Fix-it van: an information-pack will shortly be issued; one contact-person for a Parish recommended; non-urgent jobs only.
- b) Abandoned cars: City Council progress in establishing a car-pound and car-crusher; untaxed cars can also be reported.
- c) Helicopter-hanger: City Council has received Objections; Parish Council confirmed its stance of non-objection but neighbours' views should be considered by the City Council; matter shall not be referred to Committee; further helicopter population in the Village would probably be referred to the Civil Aviation Authority.
- d) Woodgate Lane: Etton Parish Council has requested a change to the status of the southerly-section (see below).

Matters discussed with Messrs Kirk and Tebbs were as follows:

- e) Twelve Parishes are seeking a share of £125 000 from the Rural Transport Improvement Programme (RTIP); Parish Councils have to manage any Project authorised.
- f) High Street/King Street junction: re-alignment of the hedge was considered to be a viable Project for the RTIP.

g) Working-party: the City Council recommended the establishment of such a Body within a Parish to identify and prioritise Projects; the Meeting agreed that this shall be done (see below).

h) Speeding: the availability of a transportable speed-indicating machine was discussed.

i) Financing: the City Council emphasised that only Projects needing funding from a Capital Budget - not Maintenance - will be considered.

j) Narrow-section of the High Street: it was agreed that Cllr Newbold will liaise with the City Council on this matter.

With thanks for their presence and contribution, Cllr Franklin and Messrs Kirk and Tebbs left, and the Chairman brought the Meeting to order at 8.14 pm.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 27th March, 2001:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Lloyd, and seconded by Cllr Purllant, 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 Quarry Planning Application (631): the Clerk stated that he had obtained a copy of the Section 106 Agreement; Cllr Purllant was deputed to study and report on it.

3.01 14 Castle End Road - windows (631): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from Peterborough City Council (PCC).

3.02 6 Castle End Road - tree-work (631): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from PCC.

3.03 Morel Lake - installation of telecommunications mast (631): the Clerk stated that a Notice of Prior Approval Not Required has been received.

3.04 9 School Lane - extension and car-port (631): the Clerk stated that permission has been granted, with conditions regarding materials.

3.05 9 High Street - porch, window, extension and garage (631): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from PCC.

3.06 Mill Dam - telecommunications-mast (630): the Clerk stated that an acknowledgment of Comments has been received from PCC.

3.07 41 West End Road - hangar for helicopter (630): the Clerk stated that an acknowledgment of Comments has been received from PCC. (See also c) above).

3.08 32 Tucker's Nook - porch to side-door: following study of the Application papers, the Meeting was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to consider the opinions of any objectors. The Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (630): the Clerk tabled a test-print; the Meeting was agreed that the studio should be asked to enhance the contrast, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4.02 Hedge on the High Street (630): see item j) above.

4.03 Speeding (630): see items g) and h) above.

4.04 High Street/King Street junction (630): see item f) above.

4.05 Village Sign (630): the Meeting noted that refurbishment of the Sign remains outstanding.

4.06 Trees at West End Road (630): the Chairman stated that the work was in hand.

4.07 Name-plate at Etton Road (630): it was noted that the plate has not yet been replaced.

4.08 Association of Local Councils' Training Courses (630): the Clerk reported on his attendance, covering Parish Council 'introduction', training of Clerks, 'quality' councils and annual reports.

4.09 Voluntary sector needs survey (630): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this matter.

4.10 Planning Manual updates (629): still on circulation.

4.11 Mobile Library project (629): the Clerk reported on his experiences with PC McCallum and the Mobile Library.

4.12 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (629): the Clerk tabled a letter and posters sent to the Nursery and the Garage. He further stated that the Proprietor of the Nursery had advised him that she had already involved the City Council's Safety Officer and PC McCallum in the problem.

4.13 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) (629): the Clerk reported that Cambridgeshire Constabulary still has no stock of signs.

4.14 Review of strategy for people and wildlife (629): the Meeting was agreed that a formal Comment shall not be made.

4.15 Countryside and rights of way act (629): the Clerk stated that he had posted advice of the Act and had provided all Parish Councillors with a copy of the summary leaflet.

4.16 National spring-clean (629): the Clerk stated that the decision for non-participation had been communicated to PCC.

4.17 Friends of war memorials (629): the Meeting was agreed that the Church should be contacted to ensure that it is aware of the existence of the Body involved, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4.18 Planning Services Meeting (628): the Chairman stated that it his intention to attend.

4.19 Training course for Councillors (628): the Chairman stated that it his intention to attend.

4.20 PCC "Fix-it" vehicle (628): see item a) above.

4.22 47 High Street (627): the Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to PCC requesting interpretation of 'renovation & improvement', but has had no reply as yet.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 Peterborough tourism strategy: on circulation for comment.

5.02 Fire Authority best-value plan 01-02: on circulation for comment.

5.03 Review of Peterborough's electoral arrangements: on circulation for comment.

5.04 Village Design Statement (VDS) training evening: the Meeting's decision not to participate in a VDS was confirmed.

5.05 Best Value plan: on circulation for comment.

5.06 Bus timetables: the Clerk reported that local services have changed, and that the incomplete details so far received have been posted. The Meeting agreed that timetables should be displayed in the bus-shelter, and the Clerk was instructed to seek a suitable means.

5.07 East Anglian air-ambulance: the Meeting was agreed that this appeal for funding should not be met, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

5.08 Village of the Year competition: the Meeting was agreed that this competition should not be entered, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

5.09 Woodgate Lane bridge over the Maxey Cut (624): the Clerk tabled a letter and a Plan from the PCC, which showed that PCC is now seeking to change the status from Highway to Bridleway not only of the Bridge itself, but also of the Lane south and then east of the Bridge. The Meeting was agreed that this revision is satisfactory, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly. (See also d) above).

5.10 Police consultation group: the Clerk stated that Notes are on circulation, and that Posters have been displayed.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (628): the current Statement 176 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit Balance of £401.29.

6.02 Reserve account (628): the current Statement 036 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit Balance of £5860.22, inclusive of £30.22 Interest to mar 01.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 00/01 (628): the Final Report dated 24 Apr 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £797.18; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 00/01 (628): the Final Report dated 24 Apr 01 shows a Budget surplus of £696.81; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02: the First Report dated 24 Apr 01 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £307.61; the Report is on circulation.

6.06 Budget control 01/02 (628): the First Report dated 24 Apr 01 shows a Budget deficit of £1.37; the Report is on circulation.

6.07 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (628): the current Statement 20 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit of £11.66.

6.08 Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) (628): cheque 000.260 for £111.37 in favour of CALC for discounted subscription for 2001-02 was drawn and signed.

6.10 VAT reclaim: the Clerk stated that £53.87 has been received by Transfer for VAT paid in the 00-01 Year.

6.11 Audit 99-00 (616): the Clerk stated that a reminder has been received for this item. Cheque 000.259 for £250.11 in favour of the Audit Commission against invoice 6.024.014 for fees for the 99-00 core-audit was drawn and signed.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Barn Close/School Lane standing-water (630): Cllr Lloyd stated that the situation is worsening; the meeting was agreed that PCC should be exhorted to expedite the promised Works, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

7.02 West End Road standing-water: Cllr Purllant stated that standing-water was present near the junction with School Lane; the Clerk was instructed to request action by PCC.

7.03 RTIP Working Party (see item g) above: the Meeting was agreed that this shall comprise Cllrs Duffelen, Hutchison and Newbold, led by Cllr Hutchison.

7.04 Signs to Village Hall: Cllr Purllant stated that he felt that the Hall should be signed from the High Street; the Meeting agreed, and the Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Comment from the Member of the Public present.

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

9.01 Annual Meeting: the Meeting was agreed that this shall be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2001.

9.02 Ordinary Meeting: the Meeting was agreed that this shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2001. Cllrs Hutchison and Newbold proffered Apologies. It was further agreed that the format of Ordinary meetings shall be maintained, ie, held at 7.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except August and December, viz, 26 Jun 01, 24 Jul 01, 25 Sep 01, 23 Oct 01, 27 Nov 01, 22 Jan 02, 26 Feb 02, 26 Mar 02 and 23 Apr 02.

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 22nd May 2001
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr J Lloyd.