

Maxey Parish Council

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

Present Cllr Duffelen,  
Cllr Homewood,  
Cllr Hutchison,  
Cllr Johns,  
Peter Tebb (Peterborough City Council),  
the Clerk,

and 2 Members of the Public.

The Chairman for the Meeting, Cllr Homewood,  
declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.34 pm.

Cllr Homewood welcomed Peter Tebb, Project Leader, Traffic and Safety, Peterborough City Council (PCC), who detailed his proposals under the Rural Transport Improvement Programme (RTIP) for improving pedestrian safety and for traffic-calming within the Parish.

a) High Street/King Street junction: the resurfacing of the High Street will not now be undertaken. The short-term plan for re-signing (larger 'give-way' and 'junction-ahead' signs on a yellow background) and re-marking the carriageway, could proceed, should this Council so desire. The Project Cost is about £800. The long-term plan for increasing the visibility-splay to the north (by planting a new hedge) could probably proceed, as it is thought that the limited length of hedge involved would not be contested by other Authorities.

b) Speeding in the High Street: the RTIP budget did not admit the consideration of effective speed-control/monitoring devices, due to the absence of a suitable power-supply. The installation of larger '30 mph' signs, with a yellow backing and with village-name and message, could proceed should this Council so desire.

c) Speeding in West End Road/Tucker's Nook: he proposed the installation of four speed-cushions on West End Road, between Tucker's Nook and Blind Lane. Project cost is £4200.

d) Narrowing of the High Street: he proposed the widening of the footway, with a subsequent narrowing and deletion of centre-marking of the Highway, with 'give-way' sign and markings to face westbound traffic. One speed-cushion would be installed on each side of the narrow-section. Project cost is £5200.

e) Timescale for implementation: with immediate authorisation, the schemes could be ordered with two weeks, with installation taking two weeks from mid-September.

f) Woodgate Lane Bridge: the Work is about two weeks ahead of schedule.

The Meeting advised Mr Tebb that there would be an early response to the RTIP matters, and thanked him for his efforts and attendance; he left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from both the Chairman and the Vice-chairman.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 22nd May, 2001:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Duffelen, and seconded by Cllr Hutchison, 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 (650): nothing new to report.

3.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (650): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from PCC.

3.03 41 West End Road - hangar for helicopter (650): the Clerk stated that Permission has been granted for the revised Application (re-sited, and with electric transporter).

3.04 Best Value (BV) for Planning Control and Enforcement (PC&E)(649): the Clerk tabled a Questionnaire from PCC PC&E regarding BV. The Meeting was agreed that the Clerk should complete the Questionnaire, and he was instructed accordingly.

3.05 79 High Street - rear extension (649): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from PCC.

3.06 Willow Farm - six dwellings (outline): the Clerk tabled the Peterborough Local Plan (First replacement), which indicates that the Proposal is inadmissible. Discussion included the desirability of such a development, density of building, capability of services to cope, size and detail-design of the dwellings and social considerations. The Meeting was agreed that Comment shall be limited to a request for clarification of the issue of inadmissibility, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

3.07 47 High Street - two-storey side extension: following study of the Application, the Meeting was agreed that the Proposal neither complemented nor complimented the existing dwelling, and the Meeting was further agreed that PCC shall be asked to reject the Application. The Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (649): the Clerk stated that framing was in progress.

4.02 Narrowing of the High Street (650): see d) above.

- 4.03 Speeding (650): see b) above.
- 4.04 High Street/King Street junction (651): see a) above.
- 4.05 Village Sign (649): no-one present knew the status of this.
- 4.06 Trees at West End Road (649): the Clerk stated that he has written to request PCC to perform the Work as agreed between the Parish Tree Warden and the City Tree Officer.
- 4.07 Voluntary sector needs survey (649): the Clerk stated that he has not progressed this matter.
- 4.08 Planning Manual updates (649): still on circulation.
- 4.09 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (650): see c) above.
- 4.10 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) (649): the Clerk stated that he had not made any further attempt to collect the Signs.
- 4.11 Bus timetables (648): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.
- 4.12 Barn Close/School Lane standing-water (648): the Clerk stated that he considered this matter would be best discussed during the Village Inspection. The Meeting endorsed this action.
- 4.13 West End Road standing-water (648): the Meeting noted that the offending area (and numerous potholes) have received attention.
- 4.14 Signs to Village Hall (648): the Clerk stated that he had written to PCC and requested for a Quotation to affix signs to appropriate lamp-standards opposite Castle End Road and West End Road.
- 4.15 Footpath No 7 (641): the Clerk stated that he had not yet ascertained a source of suitable 'No tipping' signs.
- 4.16 Standards Committee (647): the Meeting was agreed that no Nomination shall be made.
- 4.17 Police notice-board (647): the Clerk stated that the Maxey Community Association (MCA) had given verbal approval for the siting of the Board at the Village Hall, but he had written and requested a formal consent. He further stated that the Planning issue has not yet been resolved. PC McCallum has been apprised of the situation.
- 4.18 Fix-it Van (647): the Clerk stated that he has requested the attention of the service for a number of Minor Works - cleaning signs and nameplates, clearing rubble and fallen branches, and the like.
- 4.19 Village inspection (647): the Clerk stated that 30 Jul 01 had been suggested to Cllr Franklin as the preferred date. The Clerk tabled a reply that confirmed the gathering at the Village Hall at 10.30 am on Monday, 30 Jul 01.

4.20 Fire & rescue plan (647): the Meeting was agreed that no Comment shall be made.

4.21 Bereavement best-value (647): the Clerk stated that the Questionnaire had been returned.

4.22 Litter-bin in The Park (646): the Clerk stated that he had requested a replacement by the Fix-it Van service.

4.23 Footway at West End Road (western-end/northern-side) (646): the Clerk stated that he considered this matter would be best discussed during the Village Inspection. The Meeting endorsed this action.

## 5. Correspondence:

5.01 Policy Executive Panel: the latest Notice and Minutes are on circulation.

5.02 Community regeneration team: the Clerk tabled this notice from PCC regarding a 'workshop'.

5.03 Community action planning: the Clerk tabled this notice from PCC regarding a 'workshop'.

5.04 Drinking water summary report: the Document is on circulation.

5.05 Travellers' sites: the Document from Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council is on circulation.

5.06 Local Plan (First replacement): the Clerk tabled this letter from PCC, which gave advice regarding the status of the consultation-phase of the Plan.

5.07 Local Government Commission: the Clerk stated that Poster had been displayed as requested.

5.08 Parochial Fees Order: the Clerk advised the availability of this Document.

5.09 Planning Manual: further update Documents are on circulation.

5.10 Playground equipment: the Clerk tabled this circular from a manufacturer, who is offering a conditional price-reduction for immediate Orders.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (647): the current Statement 179 dated 29 Jun 01 shows a Credit Balance of £1987.52;

6.02 Reserve account (646): the (still) current Statement 036 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit Balance of £5860.22.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02 (646): the Report dated 24 Jul 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £1076.99; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 01/02 (646): the Report dated 24 Jul 01 shows a Budget deficit of £6.44; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (646):

6.05.01 the (still) current Statement 20 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit of £11.66.

6.05.02 a cheque from MCA for £1003.07 for the final payment to the Builders had been paid into the Number 2 account by credit-slip 100.008.

6.05.03 cheque 000.010 for £1003.07 in favour of Frederick F Smith (Builders) against Invoice GW.1513 for was drawn and signed.

6.05.04 the Clerk stated that, upon return of the receipted Invoice, he will initiate reclaim of VAT and, ultimately, closure of the Number 2 Account.

6.05.05 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02 (Village Hall Extension): the Report dated 24 Jul 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £0.00; the Report is on circulation.

6.06 Grasscutting (646):

6.06.01 a Receipt has been received for the May-cut payment;

6.06.02 cheque 000.267 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 90 for the June cut was drawn and signed.

6.07 Insurance: cheque 000.268 for £162.75 in favour of Zurich Municipal for renewal of the Policy was drawn and signed.

6.08 Annual Accounts: the Meeting was agreed that these should be signed by the Chairman.

6.09 Audit 00-01: the Clerk stated that the Notice of Audit has been received, and that the Statutory Notice has been compiled and posted.

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

7.01 Press enquiry: the Clerk stated that he had received a request from a local newspaper Editor for detail regarding the crime-wave in Maxey, as discussed at the June Ordinary Meeting. He was also requested to state this Council's Policy and/or intended course of action. The Editor stated that she had been advised of the situation by an e-mail from a Correspondent. The Clerk further stated that he had referred the matter to the Chairman, who had contacted the Editor and had a) put the 'crime-wave' into perspective regarding number and nature of offences, and b) suggested that the Editor rely on a Correspondent's personal account. The Meeting endorsed this action.

7.02 Cllr Hutchison stated that a Parishioner wishes to know how many prosecutions had been issued for offences committed in Maxey this year. The Meeting was agreed that this request should be supported, and the Clerk was instructed to request the information of PC McCallum.

Cllr Johns left the Meeting at this point at 9.43 pm.

7.03 Speeding in the High Street (see also b) above): following discussion, the Meeting was agreed that (say) five speed-cushions should be installed between the '30 mph' signs and the narrow-section (exclusive of those at the narrow-section).

7.04 Speeding in West End Road/Tucker's Nook (see also c) above): following discussion, the Meeting was agreed that the priority at this junction should be reversed, with a 'stop' sign at the Skerrit's Drove/West End Road junction, and, possibly, a speed-cushion installed on Tucker's Nook at its northerly end.

7.05 The Meeting was agreed that a binding decision should not be taken on any of the proposals detailed at this Meeting - more complete representation of Councillors and Parishioners is needed. The Meeting was further agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting shall be held on Tuesday next to settle the issues of a), definitive proposals and b), the involvement of Parishioners, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

8. Public Comment:

8.01 Regarding the 'Willow Farm' proposal, Parishioners reminded the Meeting that the farm-entrance currently proposed as entry to the development was replaced by a more southerly entrance some twenty-three years ago, as the original entrance was considered too dangerous to use.

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 September, 2001.

There being no further Business,  
the Meeting Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 10.08 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council  
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 25th September 2001  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr J Lloyd.