

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 25th September, 2001

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

and 4 Members of the Public,
and 2 Representatives of Taylor Developments.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.31 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Duffelen and Hutchison.

2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 31st July 2001:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Homewood, and seconded by Cllr Newbold, 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. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 24th July 2001:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to this Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Homewood, and seconded by Cllr Newbold, 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.

4. Planning:

4.01 14 Castle End Road - windows (656): the Clerk stated that no new information has been received from PCC.

4.02 79 High Street - rear extension (656): the Application has been granted, with Conditions regarding matching materials and a ban on the insertion of more windows within the extension.

4.03 Willow Farm - six dwellings (outline) (656): the Clerk stated that an acknowledgement of this Council's Comment has been received. See also item 4.07.01 below.

4.04 Woodgate Lane - stable: the Clerk tabled a letter from the City Council, which stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions regarding domestic-use only and size of access-gates. The letter also stated that electric-fencing will be used to secure the horses and to protect the hedging.

4.05 79 High Street - rear extension (revised Application): differing in minor detail only from the original, an executive decision had been made by the Chairman, who had decided that the Application should not be opposed. After studying the Plans, the Meeting endorsed this decision. The Clerk stated that the revised Application has been granted, with Conditions regarding materials and windows similar to those imposed on the original Application.

4.06 47 High Street - two-storey side-extension (656): the Representatives of Taylor Developments tabled a revised Plan for the extension. The Meeting studied the revised Plans, but was agreed that it would make no formal Comment until advice of the revision has been received from the City Council.

4.07 Village envelope: the Clerk stated that the City Council had requested this Council's Comment on the three objections to the Peterborough Local Plan (first replacement) concerning Maxey. Details had been circulated to all Councillors, and an amalgam of comments has been forwarded to the City Council (and copied to Cllr Franklin, at his request) as outlined below.

4.07.01 Willow Farm at Castle End Road: as no reasoning for the proposed extension was given, this Council cannot see any justification for the Proposal. Further, this Council feels that the Proposal is somewhat unethical, given that the Site is the subject of an ongoing Outline Planning Application.

4.07.02 Castle Farm at Mill Road: as no reasoning for the proposed extension was given, this Council cannot see any justification for the Proposal. Further, this Council feels that such an Objection/Proposal should be accompanied by detail.

4.07.03 Market Deeping Bridge area: this Council is unanimous that this Objection/Proposal must be resisted, as reasoned in a letter of 29th November 2000 to the City Council.

4.08 Planning Services Meeting: the Clerk tabled Notice of the 22nd November 2001 Meeting.

4.09 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan Review: the Clerk tabled a Questionnaire, which requested co-operation of the Parish in seeking Parishioners' views on the Plan. The Meeting agreed that such co-operation shall be extended, and the Clerk was given guidance regarding completion of the Questionnaire.

5. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

5.01 Archives (656): the Clerk stated that he had received no advice that framing has been completed.

5.02 Narrowing of the High Street (656): see 8.03 below.

5.03 Speeding (655): see 8.02 and 8.04 below.

5.04 High Street/King Street junction (656): see 8.01 below.

- 5.05 Village Sign (655): the Meeting noted that there has been no progress in this matter.
- 5.06 Trees at West End Road (655): the Clerk tabled a letter from the City Council, which stated that the Work will be done in September.
- 5.07 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (655): see 8.02 below.
- 5.08 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) (655): the Clerk stated that the Signs had been collected and delivered to the Co-ordinator.
- 5.09 Bus timetables (655): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.
- 5.10 Barn Close/School Lane standing-water (655): the Meeting noted that the Work has been done, to a high and effective standard. It was agreed that the City Council should be complimented, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.
- 5.11 Signs to Village Hall (655): the Clerk stated that he had again contacted the City Council for a Quotation.
- 5.12 Footpath No 7 (655): the Clerk stated that, on the occasion of the Village Inspection, there was no evidence of dumping. The Meeting was agreed that the matter shall be put in abeyance.
- 5.13 Police notice-board (655): the Clerk stated that no formal response has been received from the Maxey Community Association.
- 5.14 Fix-it Van (655): the Meeting noted that this service appears to be effective, and that requests should continue to be made.
- 5.15 Village inspection (655): the Clerk stated that there had been an excellent attendance from City Council Supervisors. Attendees learnt of imminent resurfacing of the footways of Tucker's Nook and West End Road. Cllr Franklin undertook to organise a visit from the Planning people to hear the Parish Council's views on Ladd's Lane, and 2b and 47 High Street.
- 5.16 Litter-bin in The Park (654): the Meeting was not aware of this status of this matter.
- 5.17 Footway at West End Road (western-end/northern-side) (654): the Clerk stated that, on the occasion of the Village Inspection, the Highways Supervisor believed that the resurfacing of this small section could be incorporated with the Works on the southern-side.
- 5.18 Police prosecutions (653): the Clerk stated that he had written to PC McCallum, requesting numbers of prosecutions issued within the Village.

6. Correspondence:

- 6.01 Police consultancy: the poster has been displayed, and the agenda for the next meeting is on circulation.

6.02 Village inspection: a letter from Cllr Franklin advises that the next Inspection will be convened at 1030.h at the Village Hall on Monday, 3rd December 2001.

6.03 Fix-it Van: the latest timetable was tabled.

6.04 Key decisions enquiry: the Meeting was agreed that it wished to be circulated with this City Council document.

6.05 John Robinson: a letter advising of the retirement of the Public Rights-of-way Officer was tabled.

6.06 Peterborough Association of Local Councils: the current Minutes, Notice and Agenda are on circulation.

6.07 Residential Design Guide: a further copy is on circulation for Comment on this City Council document.

6.08 Decision-making structure: this City Council document is on circulation.

6.09 Managing traffic in the countryside: details of this Landor Conferences seminar were tabled; it was agreed that the cost (£195 per delegate) was prohibitive.

6.10 Tree and hedgerow planting scheme: details of this City Council initiative were passed to the Tree Warden, Cllr Homewood.

6.11 Periodic Electoral Review: this City Council letter advises revised dates for the Consultation Process.

6.12 Closure of level-crossing: the Notice for 10/11 Nov has been displayed.

6.13 Annual Report of Cambridgeshire Health Authority: the document is on circulation.

6.14 Key decisions: this latest list is on circulation.

6.15 Golden Jubilee: details of commercial commemorative ceramics were tabled.

6.16 Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils: Notice of the AGM was tabled.

6.17 Biodiversity Partnership: the Clerk was given guidance for the completion of this Questionnaire regarding a free Seminar on the introduction of wildlife to a Parish.

6.18 Fridge/fridge freezer scheme: a letter from the City Council about an Eastern Energy-sponsored scheme whereby certain groups of people can replace these appliances at a very low cost was tabled.

7. Financial:

7.01 Current account (654): the current Statement 181 dated 30 Aug 01 shows a Credit Balance of £1613.55;

7.02 Reserve account (654): the current Statement 037 dated 30 Jul 01 shows a Credit Balance of £5482.41, inclusive of £22.19 interest and £400 transfer to the Current Account.

7.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02 (653): the Report dated 25 sep 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £751.27; the Report is on circulation.

7.04 Budget control 01/02 (653): the Report dated 25 sep 01 shows a Budget surplus of £67.88; the Report is on circulation.

7.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (653): the Clerk stated that all relevant Documents are now with the Treasurer of the Community Association for Audit. Some VAT reclaim remains outstanding.

7.06 Grasscutting (653):

7.06.01 a Receipt has been received for the June-cut payment;

7.06.02 cheque 000.269 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 7 for the July cut was drawn and signed.

7.06.03 cheque 000.270 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 46 for the August cut was drawn and signed.

7.07 Insurance (653): the Clerk stated that a receipt for payment of the Premium had been requested and received.

7.08 Annual Accounts (653): the Clerk stated that these had been duly signed by the Chairman and himself.

7.09 Audit 00-01 (653): the Clerk stated that there had been no significant problems with the Audit. The Auditor had made two observations, which need a written response from this Council, viz, a high level of Reserves, and the outstanding reclaim of VAT on the Village Hall Extension Account. Regarding the former, it was agreed that the Reserve is to fund the Leisure Field; regarding the latter, the Clerk's inaction whilst awaiting the closure of all invoicing before submitting a reclaim was endorsed.

7.10 Clerk's salary (641): cheque 000.271 for £162.50 in favour of the Clerk for Salary for the period 01 Jun 01 - 31 Aug 01 was drawn and signed.

7.11 Neighbourhood Watch (641): the Clerk stated that a Receipt had been obtained for the £48 for the four Signs.

8. Matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting of the 31st July 2001:

8.01 High Street/King Street junction (652): the Meeting was agreed that the signs/road-marking/northern-hedge Plan shall be pursued.

8.02 West End Road/Tucker's Nook junction (652): the Meeting was agreed that the three-way Stop-sign Plan should be pursued, with the junction itself being defined with differently coloured tarmac.

8.03 Narrowing of the High Street (652): the Meeting was agreed that widening of the Footway, narrowing of the Carriageway and priority to eastbound traffic Plan shall be pursued, but neither speed-humps nor cushions shall be employed.

8.04 Village boundaries (652): the Meeting was agreed to pursue a new Proposal to permanently reduce the width of the carriageway, with priority to be given to traffic leaving the Village. It was further agreed that the method of creating the obstruction should be attractive, as well as functional, and should be installed outside of the existing 30 mph speed-limit signs.

The Clerk was instructed to advise the City Council of the four above points accordingly.

8.05 Communication (652): a well-attended Public Meeting had been duly held on Tuesday, the 4th September 2001. Distribution of a 'flyer' to each Household had been effected through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The Meeting endorsed the proposals in general - leaving the details to the discretion of the Parish Council - but was opposed to the introduction of any form of speed-hump.

9. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

9.01 Police presence: the Meeting noted the increased police presence, vigilance, enthusiasm and initiative of both the Maxey and Northborough PC's. It was agreed that the Constables' Superior Officer should be made aware of these sentiments, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

9.02 Resurfacing of School Lane: the Meeting noted that recent Works had highlighted the poor condition of School Lane, and the Clerk was instructed to request the City Council to lay plans for re-surfacing.

10. Public Comment:

No comment was made.

11. 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, 23rd October 2001.

There being no further Business,
the Meeting Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 23rd October 2001 as being a true
Record of the Proceedings and the original was duly
signed by the Chairman of the Meeting: Cllr J Lloyd