

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall
in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 26th June, 2001

Present Cllr Lloyd (Chairman),
Cllr Duffelen,
Cllr Homewood,
Cllr Hutchison,
Cllr Newbold,
Cllr Purllant,
PC Norman McCullum,
A trainee constable,
the Clerk,
and 4 Members of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.31 pm.

Open Forum:

a) Village young people: a Parishioner exhorted this Council to make available, as a matter of some urgency, an open area (to include a hard-standing and perhaps a rudimentary shelter) within the Village that young people (10 - 17 years) could 'call their own'. The Chairman observed that this Council has no land of its own. He further stated that negotiations are in hand to secure a 'visible' Plot that would meet requirements, and he would do what he could to either accelerate the current negotiations, or to secure an alternative Plot.

b) Malicious behaviour: PC McCullum (present upon the initiative of Cllr Duffelen) tabled a summary of calls to the Police from Parishioners, being 29 calls for service and 12 recorded crimes within the past 6 months. He supported the Parishioner's call for a simple facility for young people, and advised that similar problems in a nearby village were being addressed in a similar manner. He stated that he maintains a watching brief in the project, will report on its progress and efficacy, and further stated that police funds are available to support such projects.

A Parishioner then requested that proposed traffic-calming and safety-measures be explained in full. The Chairman stated that these concerns are Agenda items, and as such will be fully discussed in full in the course of the Meeting, but suggested that the items be taken now for convenience. The Meeting endorsed this action.

c) High Street/King Street junction: the short-term plan for resurfacing, re-signing and re-marking, and the long-term plan for increasing the visibility-splay were explained.

d) Speeding in the High Street: plans for solar-powered speed-indicating signs at the Village boundaries were detailed.

e) Speeding in West End Road/Tucker's Nook: the involvement of the Police, PCC Safety Officers and the Proprietors of the Businesses in the area was detailed.

f) Narrowing of the High Street: the plan for widening the footway, with a subsequent narrowing of the Highway was discussed. The introduction of priority-signing for the decreased-width carriageway was discussed, with Parishioners expressing some misgivings.

Members of the Public and the Constables left the Meeting at 8.30 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Johns.

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 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 Quarry Planning Application (645): the Clerk tabled the current after-use Plans from Tarmac, as requested at the Local Liaison Committee (LLC). The Plans were placed on circulation. Regarding the Millennium Avenue, the Clerk had confirmed that the boundary between the parishes of Maxey and Etton crosses the east/west part of Woodgate Lane about halfway along. Etton Parish Council remains adamant in its disagreement with the principle. It was agreed at the LLC that there will be an infill of mixed species on the Maxey part of the east/west section of Woodgate Lane, and an Avenue of Beech on the north/south section of Woodgate Lane from its western right-angled bend up to the Maxey Cut.

3.02 14 Castle End Road - windows (645): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that this Application remains undecided.

3.03 6 Castle End Road - tree-work (645): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that this Application has been granted.

3.04 9 High Street - porch, window, extension and garage (645): the Clerk stated that this Application has been granted, with Conditions relating to details of design and materials used.

3.05 Mill Dam - telecommunications-mast (645): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that the Application relates to an allowable development.

3.06 41 West End Road - hangar for helicopter (644): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that the revised Application (re-sited, and with electric transporter) has been granted.

3.07 32 Tucker's Nook - porch to side-door (644): the Clerk stated that the formal Comment has been acknowledged. He further reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that this Application has been granted.

3.08 Best Value for Planning Control and Enforcement (642): the Clerk stated that he had forwarded this Council's Comment to Peterborough City Council (PCC), but had not received an acknowledgement.

3.09 79 High Street - rear extension: following study of the documents, the Meeting was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be requested to respect the opinions of any Objectors. The Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (644): the Clerk reported that it had proved impracticable to mount both maps in one frame, due to wall-space in the Hall and limitations of the framing machinery. The Meeting endorsed this action. He further stated that framing was in progress.

4.02 Narrowing of the High Street (644): see f) above.

4.03 Speeding (644): see d) above.

4.04 High Street/King Street junction (644): see c) above.

4.05 Village Sign (644): no-one present knew the status of this.

4.06 Trees at West End Road (644): the Clerk stated that he has not progressed this matter.

4.07 Voluntary sector needs survey (644): the Clerk stated that he has not progressed this matter.

4.08 Planning Manual updates (644): still on circulation.

4.09 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (644): see e) above.

4.10 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) (644): the Clerk stated that he had made two pre-arranged but abortive visits to Thorpe Wood Police Station to collect the Signs.

4.11 Friends of war memorials (643): the Clerk stated that this Council's views (to place neither donation nor subscription) had been forwarded to the Organisation.

4.12 Bus timetables (643): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that the publication of new timetables is imminent, and that PCC seek distributors at the rate of £40 to deliver to all households in Maxey and Etton. Regarding timetable holders, the Meeting followed advice from the RTIP Working Party that this matter should perhaps be met from this Council's own resources. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain costs.

4.13 Woodgate Lane bridge over the Maxey Cut (642): the Clerk tabled a Notice from PCC, which stated that Woodgate Lane, southerly and easterly from the Maxey Cut, is no longer a Highway, but a Bridleway. He also tabled a letter from PCC, which included a Programme for reconstruction of the Bridge, with a scheduled start on 09 jul 01.

4.14 Barn Close/School Lane standing-water (642): the Meeting noted that the frayed edges of School Lane have been repaired, but that the large pot-hole and drainage of Barn Close remain untouched. The Clerk was instructed to pursue the matter with PCC.

4.15 West End Road standing-water (642): the Meeting noted that the offending area (and numerous pot-holes) have been marked for attention.

4.16 Signs to Village Hall (642): the Meeting followed advice from the RTIP Working Party that this matter should perhaps be met from this Council's own resources. The Meeting was agreed that the preferred route shall be via Castle End Road and West End Road, necessitating two Signs. The Clerk was instructed to determine exact costs.

4.17 Residential Design Guide draft (642): the Meeting was agreed that no Comment shall be made.

4.18 Footpath No 7 (641): the Clerk stated that he had requested PCC to execute Work to make the Footpath passable. The Meeting noted that the herbage has been cut, but the stumps of saplings made passage hazardous. Cllr Purllant's offer to reduce the height of the stumps was accepted with gratitude. The Meeting also noted that the open spaces adjacent to the Footpath are used as a tip. The Meeting was agreed that (small) signs deprecating such action shall be posted, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 Adopt a path scheme: a draft Footpath problem-reporting scheme from PCC was discussed. The Meeting was agreed that no Comment shall be made at this stage.

5.02 Stakeholder pensions: the Documents are on circulation.

5.03 Additional rural bus funding: the PCC circular is not relevant to Maxey.

5.04 Elections: the Clerk stated that Posters had been displayed as requested.

5.05 Electoral review: this Local Government Commission circular states that the consultation expiry-date has been extended due to the General Election.

5.06 Partners' workshop: this PCC circular gives details of Community Action Workshop.

5.07 Standards committee: the Document requiring the Nomination of a Parish Councillor to be available to sit on the Standards Committee is on circulation.

5.08 Police notice-board: a letter from PC MacCullum states that a notice-board was now available, for installation at this Council's choice of location. The Meeting was agreed that it should be placed on a wall of the Village Hall, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

5.09 Planning Manual: update Documents are on circulation.

5.10 Peterborough woodlands: the Clerk reported that details of Forestry Commission Meetings had been passed to the Tree Warden, Cllr Homewood, who stated that that he had been unable to attend.

5.11 Community safety: these Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils questionnaires are on circulation for individual completion.

5.12 Peterborough Association of Local Councils: Notice of the Annual General Meeting was tabled; Minutes of the previous Meeting are on circulation.

5.13 Fix-it van: the introductory package was tabled. The Meeting was agreed that a composite Poster of the details should be made and displayed, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly. It was further agreed that the Clerk shall be free to invoke the service from time-to-time as he sees fit.

5.14 Village inspection: from Cllr Franklin's list of available dates, 30 Jul 01 was chosen, and the Clerk was instructed to advise Cllr Franklin accordingly.

5.15 Closure of Lolham level-crossing: the Clerk stated that the PCC Notice had been displayed as requested.

5.16 Fire & rescue plan: the Document is on circulation.

5.17 Health care: the Clerk stated that Poster advising of revisions to the local health-care structure under the aegis of Cambridgeshire Health Authority had been displayed as requested.

5.18 Bereavement best-value: this PCC-questionnaire was completed at the Meeting.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (641): the current Statement 178 dated 30 May 01 shows a Credit Balance of £2605.95;

6.02 Reserve account (641): 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 (641): the Report dated 26 Jun 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £1321.35; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 01/02 (641): the Report dated 26 Jun 01 shows a Budget deficit of £13.69; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (633): the (still) current Statement 20 dated 18 Apr 01 shows a Credit of £11.66.

6.06 Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) (641): a Receipt has been received for the Subscription paid.

6.07 Grasscutting (641):

6.07.01 a Receipt has been received for the April payment;

6.07.02 cheque 000.266 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 66 for the May cut was drawn and signed.

6.08 Harvest Studios (641): the Clerk stated that all contracted material (proofs, negatives, photos and CD-ROM) and a Receipt has been received.

6.09 AMVC appeal (641): a Receipt has been received.

6.10 Budget 01-02 (641): the previously circulated version 3 for £3597.11 was accepted.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Speeding: the Clerk reported a verbal complaint from a Parishioner regarding excessive traffic speeds along West End Road.

7.02 Litter-bin: the Meeting was agreed that a replacement should be obtained for the fire-damaged bin in the Park, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

7.03 Footway at West End Road: the Meeting was agreed that the footway on the northern-side of the western-end of West End Road demanded attention, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Member 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, 24th July, 2001.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.44 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 24th July 2001
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr R Homewood.

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