

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 27th November, 2001

Present Cllr Lloyd - Chairman;
Cllr Homewood,
Cllr Hutchison,
Cllr Johns,
Cllr Newbold,
Cllr Purllant,
Ms Sarah Barnwell, Project Officer, PCC, Two
representatives from Taylor Developments,
the Clerk,

and 2 Members of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.35 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Duffelen, Johns and Newbold.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 23rd October 2001:

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

The Meeting was agreed that Agenda items relevant to 47 High Street Planning Application (3.02), and to traffic-calming (4.02, 4.03, 4.04 and 4.06) should be taken first.

3. Planning:

3.01 Willow Farm - six dwellings (outline) (672): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

3.02 47 High Street - two-storey side-extension (672): Taylor Developments (TD) tabled a sketch of the latest proposals, modified from the original proposal by demands of Peterborough City Council (PCC) to provide a better turning-circle, and to expose more of the existing cottage. The Meeting was agreed that the sketch suggested a proposal more acceptable than the original, but advised TD that such remarks could not be construed as the formal Comment of Maxey Parish Council, which could be given only after consideration of the consultancy documents from PCC.

With thanks to the Meeting for the hearing, TD left the room.

3.03 Village envelope (672): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

3.04 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan Review (671): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

3.05 2b High Street - 4-bedroom house (671): the Clerk stated that PCC had orally confirmed that the house of Plot 1 has indeed been built in the planned location. The Meeting was agreed that, as the current Application represented only minor changes to the earlier (granted) Application, this present Application cannot be opposed. Nevertheless, the Meeting was agreed that it felt that the present status of the Site - with just the one large house on it - confirmed this Council's earlier objections to two large houses on the Site. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC of the foregoing views, with a rider requesting PCC to respect opinions of neighbours.

3.06 Maxey Hall - second-storey extension:

Cllr Hutchison left the room whilst this item was under discussion.

Following study of the Application - to build a second-storey upon a previously granted single-storey extension - the Meeting was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC of the foregoing view, with a rider requesting PCC to respect opinions of neighbours.

3.07 3 Arthur's Court - tree-work: following study of the Application - to prune a walnut-tree and to remove an apple-tree - the Meeting was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC of the foregoing view, with a rider requesting PCC to respect opinions of neighbours.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (671): the Clerk stated that the two framed and maps have been collected from the framers, and the wording of the 'plaques' has been approved by MPC. The Chairman undertook to liaise with the Maxey Community Association regarding the installation of the maps.

4.02 Narrowing of the High Street (671): the Plan having been agreed between PCC and MPC, any future action now rests with PCC.

4.03 Speeding on the High Street (671): following study of the proposals tabled by Ms Barnwell for the 'build-outs' at the ends of the built-up part of the High Street, the Meeting was agreed that the PCC proposal shall be adopted, with the 'build-outs' to be grass-topped rather than 'concrete-topped'. The Clerk was instructed to formally record this agreement with PCC.

4.04 High Street/King Street junction (671): the Plan having been agreed between PCC and MPC, any future action now rests with PCC.

4.05 Village Sign (671): the Clerk reported on a conversation with the Contractor, who stated that pressure of other work has delayed starting on the Sign.

4.06 Vehicle-speeds in the Garage/Nursery area (670): the Meeting confirmed that it wished the priority changed to give precedence to West End Road/Tucker's Nook traffic. The Meeting agreed that PCC's proposals for 'build-outs' at the western-end of West End Road are acceptable, but felt that the 'build-outs' should be of temporary nature at first, to gauge effectiveness in calming and to highlight any access problems. The Clerk was instructed to formally advise PCC of these comments.

4.07 Bus timetables (670): the Clerk stated that a copy of the current timetable produced by PCC has been posted on both Notice Boards. He further stated that the PCC timetable was incomplete in that it does not list Shaw's service to and from Market Deeping, and he planned to produce a complete timetable. Regarding a timetable-case, he stated that a catalogue was awaited, but the cost was not likely to exceed £50.

4.08 Signs to Village Hall (670): the Clerk reported on conversations with PCC, to the effect that costs ranged from a single-sided sign of 50.mm character-size at £45 + VAT to a double-sided 75.mm sign at £130. Following study of 'dummy' signs tabled by the Clerk, the Meeting was agreed that 50.mm is the preferred size, with a double-sided sign on the High Street and a 'single-sided' sign on Castle End Road. The Clerk was instructed to seek a firm Quotation from PCC.

4.09 Police notice-board (670): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued the Planning implication of this matter.

4.10 Litter-bin in The Park (670): the Meeting noted that the burnt-out bin has not been replaced, and the Clerk was instructed to request PCC to replace it.

4.11 Police prosecutions (670): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this matter.

4.12 Periodic Electoral Review (670): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

4.13 Biodiversity Partnership (663): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

4.14 Waste local plan (669): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

4.15 Village Hall users' meeting (669): the Clerk stated that he had written to the Maxey Community Association (MCA) to stress that the non-attendance of MPC at the Users' Meeting was his personal error and not a slight on the part of MPC. He further stated that he had completed and returned a Questionnaire regarding intended dates of usage and facilities' requirement.

4.16 Village Design Statement (668): the Meeting was agreed that a decision on a Village Design Statement for Maxey shall be delayed until all Councillors have had an opportunity to study both the Helpston and Barnack Statements.

4.17 Damaged lampposts on the High Street (668): the Clerk stated that he had been unable to find any fault, but undertook to conduct another investigation.

4.18 Lottery Fund Board (668): the Clerk stated that he had written to the MCA regarding the removal of the Board from the wall of the Village Hall. The Meeting noted that the Board has now been removed (it formed part of the Guy Fawkes' celebrations).

4.19 Capacity of local services (667): the Clerk tabled a letter of response from PCC regarding the capability of sewers, water-supply, etc, of coping with the ever-increasing population of Maxey. PCC stated that suppliers of Services were consulted over Regional and/or Local Plans, and were expected to meet any demand with performance being monitored by several authorities. PCC further stated that, as a result of National and Regional policies, it does not foresee a need for large-scale growth within the rural areas of Peterborough.

4.20 Stone-throwing (667): this matter was not discussed, as Cllr Newbold was not present.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 National training strategy: this National Association of Local Councils/The Countryside Agency document regarding training leading to enhanced (optional) responsibilities is on circulation for Comment.

5.02 Parish Council training: details of this Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils carried too short a deadline to action.

5.03 Register of Electors: this PCC circular stated that new Regulations require Parish Councils to formally request either a paper or an electronic copy of the (previously unsolicited paper) copy; the Clerk stated that he had requested a paper-copy.

5.04 Peterborough Association of Local Councils: the Minutes of the latest Meeting is on circulation.

5.05 Liaison meeting: the Notice and Reports relevant to this City Council/Parish Councils Meeting have been received.

5.06 Golden Jubilee: a commercial leaflet featuring commemorative mugs is on circulation.

5.07 Fire Authority annual report: the document is on circulation for study and Comment.

5.08 Street-furniture: a commercial leaflet is on circulation.

5.09 Vital villages: leaflets describing the availability of grants are on circulation.

5.10 Quality parish and town councils: this Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) consultation document, with comment-sheets and costings prepared by the Clerk, is on circulation.

5.11 Conference and exhibition: details of this National Association of Local Councils' event are on circulation.

5.12 Library survey: this PCC questionnaire regarding an increase in the hours of opening of Central and District Libraries was deemed to be not relevant to this Council, and to have been received too late for a meaningful Parish response. The Meeting was agreed that such an extension of service should not lead to a reduction in the Mobile Library service enjoyed by the village, and the Clerk was instructed to forward these views to PCC.

5.13 Weight restrictions: this PCC letter to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) defines PCC's views on the restrictions imposed on Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) using Stamford. PCC's stance included action to prevent LGV's from using minor-roads within PCC's area, a view commended by the Meeting.

5.14 Code of conduct: this new Model Code - issued by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions - is now in force; the Model Code is on circulation.

5.15 Standards Board for England: leaflets describing the function of the Board are on circulation.

5.16 Barnack Design Statement: two copies of the published Design Statement for Barnack (for which a charge is being made - see item 6.10 below), are on circulation. The Clerk stated that availability had been facilitated by Cllr Franklin.

5.17 Fix-it van: the latest timetable from PCC has been received.

5.18 Parish Councils Forum: the Agenda has been received from PCC.

5.19 Clay ponds in Peterborough: this study from The Wildlife Trust is on circulation.

5.20 Veteran trees in Peterborough: this study from The Wildlife Trust is on circulation.

5.21 Ancient and species-rich hedgerows in Peterborough: this study from The Wildlife Trust is on circulation.

5.22 Local transport: an update of this Market Deeping Town Council (MDTC) initiative was tabled. The Meeting was agreed that it wished to be kept informed of progress made, and the Clerk was instructed to advise MKDT accordingly.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (668): the current Statement 182 dated 30 oct 01 shows a Credit Balance of £1287.83;

6.02 Reserve account (668): the current Statement 038 dated 30 oct 01 shows a Credit Balance of £5499.85, inclusive of £17.44 interest.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 01/02 (668): the Report dated 27 nov 01 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £263.51; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 01/02 (668): the Report dated 27 nov 01 shows a Budget deficit of £18.21; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Village Hall extension: No 2 Account (668): 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 a Receipt has been received for the September-cut payment;

6.06.02 cheque 000.275 for £81.61 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice 66 for the October cut was drawn and signed.

6.07 Clerk's salary (662): cheque 000.274 for £162.50 in favour of the Clerk for Salary for the period 01 sep 01 - 30 nov 01 was drawn and signed.

6.08 Village design statement: cheque 000.276 for £19.90 in favour of Barnack Community Association against an Invoice dated 22 nov 01 for two copies of the Barnack Design Statement was drawn and signed.

6.09 Map framing: cheque 000.277 for £64.50 in favour of The Lincolnshire Gallery against an Invoice dated 24 nov 01 for the framing and glazing of the two 'inclosure-maps' was drawn and signed.

6.10 Budget 2001/2 (646): the Clerk tabled version 4 for £2839.11 (version 3 was for £3597.11). He explained that King Street hedging and copying of the 1720 map had been deleted, and the VDS, Village Hall signs and timetable-case have been added.

6.11 Budget 2002/3: the Clerk stated that version 1 for £4819.00, with a set of explanatory Notes, was on circulation.

6.12 Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 - SI.2001/3244: the Clerk stated that he had not yet time to absorb the implications of this Document.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial: Cllr Purllant stated that he had received a complaint regarding the state of lettering on the Memorial, and had alerted the Clerk. The Clerk stated that he had inspected the Memorial, which he considered to be in good structural condition, but with some fading lettering. He tabled Minutes from 18th May 1949 to 23rd March 1973, which imply that this Council bears responsibility for the Memorial. The Meeting was agreed that the Clerk should seek documentary evidence of such responsibility before any other action was considered. The Meeting was further agreed that the originator of the complaint should be kept informed of progress in the matter, and the Clerk was duly instructed.

7.02 Patients' Participation Group: Cllr Purllant reported on a recent Meeting of the Group. He further advised that his resignation as this Council's representative was imminent.

7.03 Bench in Maxey Park: the Chairman stated that the Bench in The Park is missing. The Meeting was agreed that a replacement should be sought, and the Clerk was instructed to contact PCC accordingly.

7.04 Cllr Purllant tendered his apologies for absence from the January Meeting.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Comment made by the two Members 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, 22nd January, 2002.

There being no further Business,
the Meeting Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.33 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 22nd January 2002
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr J Lloyd.