

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2002

Present: Cllr Purllant - Chairman;
Cllr Hickling,
Cllr Poole,
the Clerk,

and 1 Member of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.33 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

All Councillors were present.

2. Co-options:

It was proposed by Cllr Poole, and seconded by Cllr Hickling, that John Perkins be co-opted onto Maxey Parish Council (MPC). Cllr Perkins then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk. Cllr Perkins passed a completed Register of Interests to the Clerk.

3. Minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting:

A Draft had been copied to all Councillors and had been displayed prior to this Meeting. The Meeting was agreed that the Minutes shall be adopted as presented and the Record Copy was signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning:

4.01 Local Plan (725): arising from a request from Peterborough City Council (PCC), the Clerk stated that he had confirmed with the Chairman that MPC's objection to the Plan's approach to local commuter- traffic problems shall be sustained, and he had advised PCC accordingly. The Clerk further stated that the Public Enquiry will start on 07 jan 03.

4.02 12 Tucker's Nook - extensions to front and rear (725): the Clerk stated that the Application has been rejected as being of an overbearing impact and of creating loss of privacy to adjoining dwellings.

4.03 7 Tucker's Nook - extension to side and rear:

4.03.01 Original Application (725): the Clerk stated that the Application has been rejected, as the proposed extension does not appear to be part of the existing structure.

4.03.02 Further Application: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk confirmed that formal Comment has been passed to (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

4.04 65 High Street - extensions (revised scheme) (725): the Clerk reported on a conversation with PCC, to the effect that the revised scheme had been sent to MPC and had, presumably, been lost in the post.

4.05 Tree-works (725): the Clerk reported on a conversation with PCC, to the effect that it remains PCC policy to consult with MPC on tree-works, and apologised for the omission.

4.06 Maxey Quarry - importation of aggregates (722): the Clerk stated that, as instructed, he had written to PCC to ask it to reject the Application on the grounds of seeking to change from a 'winning-facility' to a 'manufacturing-facility', of specious arithmetic, of the existence of alternative facilities within the Unitary area and of - again - requesting a waiver of imposed

Conditions. The Clerk further stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions to ensure that the importation shall be ancillary to the operation of the Quarry.

4.07 Maxey Hall - orangery, extension and windows: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment was passed to PCC, and was acknowledged. He further stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions relating to materials and details of design.

4.08 41 High Street - extensions and alterations: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment was passed to (PCC) and was acknowledged. He further stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions relating to materials and details of design.

4.09 Market Deeping by-pass - 15.m monopole: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents (including correspondence between Cllr Franklin and PCC) had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that, although the *rationale* of the Application was appreciated and hence shall not be opposed, MPC did subscribe to current concerns on health-implications of such masts and requested that PCC shall respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

4.10 3 High Street - extensions and conversions: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to PCC.

4.11 7 Castle End Road - conversion of barn: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall ensure that the 'visibility-splay' criteria shall be met, and that PCC shall respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that such Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged. The Clerk tabled a copy-letter to PCC from a Parishioner living near to the proposed development, who stated that whilst he felt the proposal would improve the 'street-scene', he felt concerns about visibility and capacity of services and facilities.

4.12 6 The Retreat - extension over garage: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

4.13 1 School Lane - replacement windows (retrospective): the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment. The Clerk stated that the consensus was that the Application shall not be opposed, but that PCC shall be asked to respect opinions of other respondents. The Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

4.14 22 West End Road - lift crown of Poplar: following study of the documents, the Meeting was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed, but PCC shall be requested to take account of views of Objectors. The Clerk was instructed to forward this Comment to PCC.

5. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

5.01 Narrowing of the High Street (725): the Clerk tabled correspondence with PCC, the import of which was that PCC apologised for the lack of lighting, that it

also had received reports of 'near-misses' and that cross-hatching on the carriageway will be applied. The Meeting was agreed that the cross-hatching was a good idea, but felt strongly that the direction of priorities should be reversed. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

5.02 Speeding on the High Street (724): the Clerk tabled correspondence with PCC, the import of which was PCC apologised for the lack of lighting and advised that, based on experiences in other villages, an Order would shortly be raised to extend the speed-limit to include the 'build-outs'. The Meeting was agreed that it should admonish PCC for this apparent oversight in not extending the 30-zone first, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

5.03 High Street/King Street junction (724): the Meeting noted that no action has been taken regarding signs and markings, and the Clerk was instructed to seek action from PCC.

5.04 Village Sign (724): the Meeting noted that Work has not been started.

5.05 Vehicle-speeds in the garage/nursery area:

5.05.01 West End Road/Tucker's Nook junction (724): the Meeting felt that the change in priorities has improved the situation.

5.05.02 West End Road (724): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that the lack of a decision from MPC in this current Financial Year means that any 'traffic-calming' for this area will need a fresh application. The Meeting appreciated this, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

5.06 Periodic Electoral Review (724): the Clerk stated that he had completed and returned the Questionnaire, complimenting the efficiency of the Review.

5.07 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (724): the Meeting noted that the Work has been completed, and the Clerk was instructed to advise the original correspondent accordingly. (See also item 7.11).

5.08 Millennium Avenue (724): Cllr Hickling stated that the recent meeting of Tarmac's Local Liaison Committee (LLC) had decided to adhere to the original Planting Plan, and to not include MPC's request for an Avenue.

5.09 Election of Parish Councillors (724): The Meeting was agreed that, with one new Councillor already co-opted, and with the expectation of two more, this matter should now be closed despite the one Vacancy.

5.10 New model standing-orders (723): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.

5.11 Regionalisation (723): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

5.12 Bus-shelter (723): no one present could speak on this matter.

5.13 Seat by the Church (723): the Meeting noted that the seat has been replaced.

5.14 Maintenance of 'The Jitty' (723): the Meeting noted that the clearance-work has been done. (See also items 5.24 and 7.08.06).

5.15 'The Rural Beat' (723): The Meeting agreed to defer this matter.

5.16 Peterborough bus timetable (723): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

5.17 Survey of electoral services (722): the Clerk stated that the Survey had been completed and returned, with a copy placed on circulation.

5.18 Local Liaison Committee (LLC) (722): Cllr Hickling reported upon the proceedings of the recent Meeting (see also 5.08 above). The Clerk stated that delays and misunderstandings have arisen because Notices and Minutes of the LLC have been sent to him alone. The Meeting was agreed that direct mailing to Representatives would be better, and the Clerk was instructed to request Tarmac

accordingly. The Clerk advised that the next Meeting of the LLC would be on 12 mar 03.

- 5.19 Housing development (722): the Clerk tabled correspondence with PCC, the import of which was that the Housing Report was in error in listing 'Willowbrook Farm' as a site for six dwellings. PCC confirmed the site has Permission for three dwellings.
- 5.20 Dead-tree at Castle End Road (720): the Clerk tabled correspondence with PCC, the import of which was that PCC shall not replace the tree until notice is received from MPC. See also item 5.24.10.
- 5.21 Holes in footway - High Street (720): the Meeting noted that the remedial Work has been done.
- 5.22 Pothole in carriageway - West End Road (720): the Clerk stated that this matter had been raised at the Village Inspection (VI) and that PCC had promised early action, which the Meeting noted had been taken.
- 5.23 Footway - north-east High Street (720): see item 5.24.03.
- 5.24 Village inspection (722): the Clerk tabled a letter from Cllr Franklin, in which he thanked those Parish Councillors who attended the VI. The Clerk stated that he had replied stating MPC's appreciation of Cllr Franklin's efforts. The Clerk then reported on the VI, which covered the following matters:
- 5.24.01 White-lines - PCC stated that it is having Contractor problems.
- 5.24.02 Footpaths - PCC stated that a request for assistance towards maintenance costs would be considered.
- 5.24.03 Footways - PCC stated that it intends to 'cold-treat' the complete north-side footway of the High Street. Regarding the cracks in the north-east section, PCC stated that it will - again - recall the Contractors.
- 5.24.05 Blind Lane site - Cllr Franklin stated that he would try to ensure either clearance or development was started.
- 5.24.06 Play-area - Parish Councillors noted the new item of equipment.
- 5.24.07 Bus-shelter - PCC stated that it is having difficulty in finding a Contractor to mend the many such shelters that are now needing attention.
- 5.24.08 School Lane - MPC reminded PCC of its agreement to place kerbing of the east-side into next year's Budget - supported by Cllr Franklin.
- 5.24.09 47 High Street - all present considered that the extension would be a satisfactory addition to the 'street-scene'.
- 5.24.10 West End Road dead-tree - PCC appreciated MPC's requested delay to assess visibility.
- 5.24.11 Name-plate - east-end of West End Road - PCC agreed to order refurbishment.
- 5.24.12 Name-plate - south-end of Castle End Road - PCC agreed to order refurbishment.

6. Correspondence:

- 6.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting:
- 6.01.01 Seminar on 'Flooding - the responsibilities': no Councillor was able to attend.
- 6.01.02 Alms Houses, Helpston: the Clerk tabled a letter from the James Bradford Trust, which advised of vacancies. The Meeting agreed to consider this matter.

6.01.04 Register of electors - 2002-2003: the Clerk tabled a multi-lingual poster from PCC, which exhorted Residents to register. The Clerk further stated that, as the English text did not equal the Foreign texts, he suggested to PCC that it was guilty of discrimination. Soon after, a small English-only poster arrived from PCC, which was duly put on display.

6.01.05 Tree and hedgerow planting scheme 2002: the Meeting was agreed that there shall be no participation in the scheme and further agreed that Robin Homewood shall retain the position of Tree-warden. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

6.01.06 Freedom of Information Act 2000: the Clerk stated that he had requested a Model Publication Scheme, to assist MPC in the formulation of such a Scheme, which must be with the Information Commissioner (IC) by the end of this calendar-year.

6.01.07 Local Association's 'Bulletin': in response to a request from the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC), the Meeting was agreed that one circulated copy shall be adequate, and the Clerk was instructed to advise CALC accordingly.

6.01.08 Guide to local facilities: in response to a request from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), the Meeting was agreed that the compilation of such a guide is a waste of resources, and the Clerk was instructed to advise ACRE accordingly.

6.01.09 Local democracy week: the Clerk stated that he had posted contact-details for the Ward Councillor as requested by PCC.

6.01.10 In-house training: The Meeting agreed to consider this matter, and the relevant papers were placed on circulation.

6.01.11 Change of licensee: the Clerk stated that he had posted the Statutory Notice, and had conferred with the Chairman on this matter. The Clerk further stated that he had advised the Solicitors following no representations after two weeks,

6.01.12 Parish review: the Clerk stated that a Review by PCC of Polling Places, Polling Districts and Parish Boundaries is imminent.

6.01.13 Rural Transport Audit: the Clerk tabled a newsletter from the Peterborough Rural Transport Initiative (PRTI), which listed some trends identified so far, being that public transport from village-to-P'boro' and from village-to-village that is either inconvenient or non-existent.

6.01.14 Affiliation-fees: the Clerk tabled a circular from CALC, which stated that fees for the 2003-04 year will rise from the current £136.20 to about £160. The Clerk exhorted Councillors to study closely papers from CALC in order to determine whether or not to renew affiliation.

6.02 Other items not necessitating a response have been received, have been circulated around all Councillors and may be raised at the Meeting under item 8.

7. Financial:

7.01 Current account (722): the current Statement 191 dated 30 jul 02 shows a Credit Balance of £1015.16.

7.02 Reserve account (721): the current Statement 043 dated 30 jul 02 shows a Credit Balance of £7017.76, inclusive of £4.91 Interest for the period apr 02 - jun 02.

7.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 (721): the Report dated 20 oct 02 shows an Excess of Exp over Inc of £601.99; the Report is on circulation.

7.04 Budget control (721): the Report dated 20 oct 02 shows a Budget surplus of £796.50; the Report is on circulation;

7.05 Audit 2001/02 (721): the Clerk stated that the Internal Audit had been completed satisfactorily and the Annual Return had been delivered to the External Auditor before the due date (which had been changed from 01 sep 02 to 02 sep 02).

7.06 Budget 2002/3 (721): the Clerk stated that Version 4 of the Budget at £7214.17 (Version 3 was £7074.17) including the costs associated with Footpath No 7 and a revised Salary is on circulation for consideration.

7.07 Subscription to CALC (721): receipt number 10445 has been received.

7.08 Grasscutting:

7.08.01 May 02 cut (721): receipt number 71 has been received.

7.08.02 Jun 02 cut (721): receipt number 98 has been received.

7.08.03 Jul 02 cut: cheque 000.290 for £83.24 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice Number 17 for the jul 02 cut had been drawn and signed prior to the Meeting, had been sent and a receipt received.

7.08.04 Aug 02 cut: cheque 000.292 for £83.24 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice Number 42 for the aug 02 cut had been drawn and signed prior to the Meeting, had been sent and a receipt received.

7.08.05 Sep 02 cut: cheque 000.293 for £83.24 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice Number 65 for the sep 02 cut was drawn and signed.

7.08.06 The Jitty (723): cheque 000.294 for £60.00 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice Number 59 for clearance of Footpath No 7 was drawn and signed.

7.09 Insurance (720): payment for renewal of the Policy for 2002-03 has been acknowledged.

7.10 Clerk's expenses (694): the Clerk tabled a Statement of Expenses of the 14 oct 02 for the first-half of the current year ('rounded' costs were £41 copying, £10 stationery, £10 postage, £9 telephone, £4 transport and £1 Neighbourhood Watch. Cheque 000.2295 for £74.08 in favour of the Clerk against Statement was drawn and signed.

7.11 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (724): cheque 000.296 for £1609.75 in favour of E Bowman & Sons Ltd against Invoice Number 0000925 for refurbishment of the Memorial was drawn and signed.

7.12 Elections 2002: cheque 000.297 for £26.00 in favour of PCC against Invoice Number 313.236 205.704 for the uncontested Election was drawn and signed.

7.13 HM Inspector of Taxes (715): the Clerk stated that the Inspector has agreed that the *status quo* can be maintained.

8. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

8.01 Dog-mess: Cllr Hickling stated that he had observed a noticeable increase in the amount of dog-mess left on Maxey footways. After discussion, the Meeting was agreed that an item in the 'Newsletter' outlining the legal position was an acceptable approach, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

8.02 Resettlement of travellers: the Chairman expressed concern about the principles and practices of PCC's proposals regarding the Paston Site. The Meeting was agreed that the Clerk should write to Cllr Franklin and question the logic involved.

8.03 Patients' Participation Group (PPG): the Chairman reported on the recent Meeting, emphasising the need for volunteer drivers for the Deepings Social Car Scheme.

8.04 MPC details: the Chairman noted that MPC entry in the 'Newsletter' was not correct, and the Clerk was instructed to send the correct information to the 'Newsletter' Editor.

8.05 Copier: the Chairman observed that the costs of copying suggested that it might be financially worthwhile for MPC to buy a photocopier. The Meeting endorsed this, and the Clerk was instructed to investigate.

9. Public Comment:

There was no Member of the Public present.

10. Date, time and venue for the next 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, 26th November, 2002.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.47 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 26th November, 2002
as being a true Record of the proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting,
Cllr T Purllant.