

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2002

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

but no Members of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.32 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

All Councillors were present.

2. 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.

3. Planning:

3.01 Local Plan (719): nothing new to report.

3.02 12 Tucker's Nook - extensions to front and rear (719): the Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

3.03 7 Tucker's Nook - extension to side and rear: the Clerk confirmed that, due to the time-scale of the consultation process, 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 neighbours. He further stated that this Comment has been forwarded to PCC and has been acknowledged.

3.04 65 High Street - extensions (revised scheme): the Clerk tabled a Notice granting Permission for this Application, about which MPC has not been consulted. The Clerk was instructed to enquire of PCC why the consultation-process has not been observed.

3.05 Tree-works: the Meeting noted that MPC has not yet been consulted regarding a registered Application to fell trees in the Village, and the Clerk was instructed to pursue this matter with PCC.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Narrowing of the High Street (719): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which apologised for the delay in execution of the Work and quoted a new projected start of early August.

4.02 Speeding on the High Street (719): as item 4.02 above.

4.03 High Street/King Street junction (719): as item 4.02 above.

The Clerk stated that he has not pursued the issue of the hedge.

4.04 Village Sign (719): the Clerk stated that the Craftsman is currently on holiday.

4.05 Vehicle-speeds in the garage/nursery area:

4.05.01 West End Road/Tucker's Nook junction: as Item 4.01 above.

4.05.02 West End Road: the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which requested a formal statement from MPC regarding the provision of 'build-outs' and/or speed-humps/cushions. The Meeting was agreed that the matter shall not be pursued until the acceptance and efficacy of other measures was known.

4.06 Periodic Electoral Review (718): the Clerk tabled the Report of the Final Recommendations of the Boundary Committee, in which Maxey remains in the Ward of Northborough.

4.07 Ethical structure (718): the Clerk confirmed that the 'Declaration of Acceptance' and the 'General Register' documents for all Councillors have been forwarded to PCC.

4.08 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (719): the Clerk confirmed that the Order for complete rehabilitation has been placed with Messrs Bowman, and copied to the Rector for information. The Meeting was agreed that no attempt shall be made to identify any possible missing names.

4.09 Millennium Avenue (718): nothing new to report.

4.10 Equipment for The Park (718): the Meeting noted that a new item of equipment has been installed with neither advice nor consultation from PCC. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall no longer be pursued.

4.11 Scrubland at Blind Lane (718): the Meeting noted that work has been done which seems to have made the site less attractive to malefactors. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall no longer be pursued.

4.12 Election of Parish Councillors (718): the Clerk confirmed that the 'leaflet-drop' had not been pursued as an entry in the 'Newsletter' has had the same effect. He further stated that two Parishioners were considering the matter. The Meeting was agreed that a 'leaflet-drop' shall be undertaken, in which the potential loss of local democracy shall be emphasised.

4.13 Health & Safety Executive (HSE) - fairground events (717): the Clerk stated that MPC's Comment has been forwarded, but there has been no acknowledgment.

4.14 New model standing-orders (717): the Clerk stated that a copy is on order.

4.15 Regionalisation (717): the document has been placed on circulation for comment.

4.16 Race-relations (717): it was proposed by Cllr Poole, seconded by Cllr Hickling and carried, that "MPC acknowledges the general duty placed upon it by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. The Council will continue within its functions and policies to have due regard to the need to

eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote racial equality between people of different racial groups".

4.17 Survey of gas-network (717): the Clerk stated that the Survey had been completed and forwarded.

4.18 Bus-shelter (717): the Clerk stated that PCC has acknowledged the situation, and is currently seeking a Contractor.

4.19 Seat by the Church (717): the Clerk stated that no acknowledgment has yet been received, and that there has been no response to telephoned messages. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

4.20 Maintenance of 'The Jitty' (717): the Clerk tabled a Quotation from MG Landscapes, being £80.00 to restore the Footpath to a usable 1.m width, and being £30.00 on alternate months during the growing-season to maintain usability. The Meeting was agreed that the Work shall be done on these Terms for this financial year.

4.21 Local transport news (716): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

4.22 Allegations of misconduct (716): the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made.

4.23 Golden Jubilee (712): the Clerk tabled the Accounts for the Day, with a note of appreciation for MPC's support. The Meeting expressed pleasure at the acknowledgment.

4.24 'The Rural Beat' (712): the Clerk tabled a letter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary (CC), which explained in detail the rationale and funding of the newsletter. The document has been placed on circulation for comment.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting:

5.01.01 PCC - Peterborough bus timetable: the Clerk stated that the relevant Tables have been copied and posted. The document is now on circulation for Comment.

5.01.02 PCC - Planning Services' Forum: the Clerk reported on the Proceedings of the event, which covered Regional and local planning strategies, affordable housing, development in the rural areas and in South Lincolnshire and the local Planning Control process.

5.01.03 Cllr Franklin - village inspection: the Clerk confirmed that this will be held at 10.30 am on 29 jul 02. All Councillors intend to attend.

5.01.04 Tarmac - importation of aggregates into Maxey Quarry: an informal copy of a Planning Application furnished by Messrs Tarmac had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Cllr Poole disclosed an Interest in this matter and took no part in reaching a decision. Upon receipt of the formal Consultation copy of the Application, the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC that MPC requests that the Application be rejected as the guidance on the existence of Maxey Quarry has always been that it is an Extraction and Treatment Plant, not a Factory.

5.01.05 PCC - survey of electoral services: all present were agreed that PCC Staff had been helpful and supportive during the recent Election, and the Clerk was instructed to complete the Survey to reflect this.

5.01.06 Local Liaison Committee (LLC) : the Clerk tabled a letter from Messrs Tarmac, which stated that the next LLC will be held at the Quarry at 6.30 pm on wed 04 sep 02. The meeting was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-chairman shall be MPC's Representatives on the LLC.

5.01.07 Housing development: the Clerk tabled this Report from PCC, and advised the Meeting that he had asked PCC to check the entry against Willowbrook Farm, which shows six dwellings projected whereas the Permission is for three dwellings.

5.02 The following items received were available at the Meeting and will be subsequently circulated around all Councillors, except where an shows that the item has been retained by the Clerk for reference:

- 5.02.01 Planning applications - weekly City Council list.
- 5.02.02 Corporate performance plan for the Fire Authority;
- 5.02.03 Newsletter from Glinton College;
- 5.02.04 Publicity from a volunteer youth-assistance group - displayed;
- 5.02.05 Job vacancies at CALC and Ramsey Town Council;
- 5.02.06 Farewell party - invitation from CALC's Manager;
- 5.02.07 Clerks & councils direct - latest newsletter;
- 5.02.08 Okidoky - commercial poster displayed as requested;
- 5.02.09 Sport activity system - commercial leaflet;
- 5.02.10 Drinking-water - quality report from AWG;
- 5.02.11 Race-relations - official guidance;
- 5.02.12 Standards Committee - agenda and minutes;
- 5.02.13 Counselling offer;
- 5.02.14 Forward Plan from PCC;
- 5.02.15 Publicity material from Thorpe Hall - posted as requested;
- 5.02.16 Timetable for 'Fix-it' service - 24 jul, 22 aug & 19 sep 02.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (716): the current Statement 190 dated 28 jun 02 shows a Credit Balance of £1447.10.

6.02 Reserve account (716): the current Statement 042 dated 20 jun 02 shows a Credit Balance of £5512.85, exclusive of £1500.00 transferred from the Current Account by letter of 18 jun 02.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 (716): the Report dated 23 jul 02 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £1575.15; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control (716): the Report dated 23 jul 02 shows a Budget surplus of £26.25; the Report is on circulation.

6.05 Audit 2001/02 (716):

6.05.01: the Clerk stated that he had completed and displayed the Statutory Notice of Audit received from the External Auditor. The Audit is scheduled to start on 01 sep 02.

6.05.02 Internal Auditor: the clerk stated that he has located an Internal Auditor.

6.05.03 Annual Return:

6.05.03.01 The Statement of Account (compiled by the Clerk) was discussed and accepted by the Meeting.

6.05.03.02 The Statement of Assurance was discussed and its completion was agreed by the Meeting.

6.06 Budget 2002/3 (716): the Meeting was agreed that the Budget shall be revised to include costs of 'The Jitty'.

6.07 Subscription to Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) (716): the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent but no Receipt has yet been received.

6.08 Grasscutting:

6.08.01 April 02 cut (709): the Clerk stated that Receipt Number 56 has been received.

6.08.02 May 02 cut (715): the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent but no Receipt has yet been received.

6.08.02 Jun 02 cut (715): cheque 000.288 for £83.24 in favour of MG Landscapes against Invoice Number 98 was drawn and signed.

6.10 Mandates (715): the Clerk stated that all Councillors are now Authorised Signatories for MPC.

6.11 Village Hall extension - number 2 account (701): the Clerk stated that the Number 2 Account is now closed.

6.12 Annual accounts 2001/2 (715): the Meeting was agreed that the Account of Receipts and Payments, the Account of Income and Expenditure, the Supporting Statement and the Register of Assets - all of which have been circulated - shall be accepted as being a true Record of the Affairs of MPC.

6.13 Insurance: cheque 000.289 for £183.75 in favour of the Zurich Insurance Company against Ledger Account 122.009 of 04 jul 02 for the Premium for 2002/3 was drawn and signed.

6.14 Arthur Mellows Village College (717 & 715): the Clerk stated that the cheque had been sent, and that Receipt Number 14, together with a letter of appreciation, has been received.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Dead-tree at Castle End Road: the Clerk stated that he had written to PCC and asked it to inspect and report, but there has been no response as yet. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

7.02 Holes in footway - High Street: Cllr Hickling noted that a hole that he reported to the Clerk has been eliminated, but the Chairman advised that other holes are appearing. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

7.03 Pothole in carriageway - West End Road: Cllr Hickling stated that a pot-hole has appeared in West End Road opposite Abbey House.

The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

7.04 Footway - High Street: the Chairman stated that certain lengths of pavement are deteriorating rapidly. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Member of the Public present.

9. 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, 10th September, 2002.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

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