

Maxey Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
immediately following the Annual Meeting
on Tuesday, 28th May, 2002

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

and one Member of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Meeting open at 8.01 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from PC Norm McCallum.

2. Minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting:

A Draft had been circulated and posted prior to the Meeting. The Meeting was agreed that these Minutes - as presented - be accepted as a record of the proceedings. The Record Copy of the Minutes was then signed by the Chairman.

3. Planning:

3.01 Village envelope (706): the Clerk stated that the views of Maxey Parish Council (MPC) regarding the Second Stage Deposit Local Plan had been forwarded to Peterborough City Council (PCC).

3.02 3 Arthur's Court - tree-work (706): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted.

3.03 41 High Street - two-storey rear extension (706): the Clerk stated that the Application has been rejected, as the proposed extension would be 'out of keeping with the vernacular character and appearance of this Grade II listed building'.

3.04 71 High Street - vehicular access (706): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions relating to the protection of trees and visibility for traffic.

3.05 Castle Farm, Mill Road (705): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, with Conditions relating to detail design to protect the character of the building.

3.06 65 High Street - two-storey rear-extension, single-storey side-extension and detached garage (705): the Clerk stated that the Application has been rejected, as the proposed extension would 'adversely affect the visual amenity of the street scene and character and appearance of the Maxey Conservation Area'.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Archives (705): the Clerk stated that he awaited contact from the Maxey Community Association (MCA) regarding installation of the maps.

4.02 Narrowing of the High Street (705): a written Report from ex-Clrr Hutchison was tabled, which stated that the proposal agreed in April 2002 between the MPC Working Party (WP) and the PCC Officers of the Rural Transport Improvement Programme (RTIP) shall be maintained.

4.03 Speeding on the High Street (705): as item 4.02 above.

4.04 High Street/King Street junction (705): as item 4.02 above. The Clerk stated that he had not pursued the issue of the hedging.

4.05 Village Sign (705): the Meeting noted that there has been no action towards the rehabilitation of the Sign.

4.06 Vehicle-speeds in the garage/nursery area (705):

4.06.01 West End Road/Tucker's Nook junction: as Item 4.02 above.

4.06.02 West End Road: as item 4.02 above.

4.07 Bus timetables (704): the Clerk stated that 'Stagecoach' has replaced the damaged timetable-case. He further stated that he had requested PCC to provide more complete information.

4.08 Signs to Village Hall (704): the Meeting noted that the signs have been installed as requested. The Clerk stated that an Invoice for the work is awaited.

4.09 Police notice-board (704): the Clerk stated that the installation of the board rested with the police.

4.10 Periodic Electoral Review (704): the Clerk stated that there is nothing further to report.

4.11 Code of conduct (704): the Clerk stated that the Standards Board for England had acknowledged the advice regarding adoption of the Code, and had sent a video and booklets to assist in the completion of the declaration of interests.

4.12 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (704): the Clerk stated that there have been unsatisfactory responses from the latest contacts. The Chairman advised the Meeting of a suitable craftsman in Northborough, and the Clerk was instructed to contact him.

4.13 Bench in Maxey Park (704): the Clerk stated that he had requested PCC to install a replacement bench, and the Meeting noted that a bench has indeed been installed.

- 4.14 Millennium Avenue (704): the Clerk stated that he had requested PCC to cancel the special meeting, and to delay reconvening it until there is a full complement of Councillors for Maxey.
- 4.15 Footway by the telephone-kiosk (703): the Meeting noted that the area of degradation has received attention.
- 4.16 Equipment for The Park (703): the Clerk tabled a replay from PCC, which confirmed the PCC's interest in improving facilities with 'match-funding', and suggested further contact be made when MPC has decided how to proceed. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be deferred until MPC has more Councillors.
- 4.17 Scrubland at Blind Lane (703): the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC, which stated that the matter is being investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section.
- 4.18 Trees on Castle End Road (703): the Clerk stated that there was nothing further to report.
- 4.19 Election of Parish Councillors (703): the Meeting instructed the Clerk to prepare suitable notices for notice-boards and for Maxey's website.
- 4.20 Village of the year (702): the Meeting was agreed that this competition shall not be entered.
- 4.21 Police local consultancy group (702): the Meeting was agreed that contact shall be maintained.
- 4.22 The rural beat (702): the Clerk stated that he had written to Cambridgeshire Constabulary to request that the costs involved in its production would have been better spent on putting 'bobbies on the beat'.
- 4.23 Parish plans - a networking evening (702): the Meeting was agreed that this invitation shall not be accepted.
- 4.24 Standards committee - vacancy for a representative (702): the Meeting agreed to deliberate on this matter.
- 4.25 Rural Transport - notice of an audit roadshow (702): the Meeting was agreed that information forwarded shall be put on display, but that there shall be no further involvement.
- 4.26 Maintenance of 'The Jitty' (700): the Clerk stated that he had written to invite the current grasscutting Contractor to quote for an initial clearance and subsequent maintenance.
- 4.27 HM Golden Jubilee (700): the Clerk tabled a letter of appreciation from the MCA, thanking MPC for the £250 to 'pump-prime' the celebrations. The Meeting was agreed that this sum can now be regarded as a grant, with a further £750 available as a guarantee against loss, and the Clerk was instructed to advise MCA accordingly.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting:

5.01.01 PCC - notices relating to elections: the Clerk stated that all notices received had been duly displayed.

5.01.02 PCC - consultation meeting with Cabinet Member: the Meeting was agreed that no agenda item shall be submitted for this meeting.

5.01.03 East Anglian Air Ambulance - appeal for funds: the Meeting was agreed that this appeal shall not be met.

5.01.04 Arthur Mellows Village College - pool appeal: the Meeting was agreed that £50 shall be given.

5.01.05 PCC - notice of meeting with Planning Services: the Meeting was agreed that no agenda item shall be submitted for this meeting.

5.01.06 Maxey Community Association - letter of appreciation: see item 4.27 above.

5.01.07 Hegarty & Co - transfer of licence: the Clerk stated that there has been response following display of the notice. The Meeting was agreed that the transfer shall not be opposed, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

5.01.08 HM Inspector of taxes - employee pay-deductions: the Clerk stated that MPC has been designated as a 'new employer', but he had not yet determined the implication of this change.

5.01.09 Health & Safety Executive (HSE) - notification of fairground events: the Clerk stated that the Local Association has not yet been able to make contact with the HSE.

5.01.10 CALC - new model standing-orders: item deferred.

5.01.11 PALC - code of conduct training: the Clerk stated that the session is being held this evening.

5.01.12 PCC - new 'taxibus' service: the Clerk tabled a letter requesting MPC's assistance, and further stated that the request had been repeated by telephone. The Meeting was agreed that information forwarded shall be put on display, but that there shall be no further involvement.

5.01.13 Neighbourhood Watch - update on local sites for Travellers: the Meeting was agreed that a careful watching-brief must be maintained.

5.01.14 PCC - lottery roadshow: the Meeting was agreed that this initiative shall not be supported.

5.01.15 PCC - road safety campaigns: the Clerk stated that posters have been put on display as requested.

5.01.16 Collyweston Stone Slaters Trust - leaflet: noted by the Meeting.

5.01.17 ACRE - play and youth leisure conference: the Meeting was agreed that this initiative shall not be supported.

5.01.18 ACRE - details of membership: item deferred.

5.01.19 PCC - proposed new mobile-library routes: no Councillor present had received representations on this matter; the Clerk was instructed to so advise PCC, with a rider to respect the wishes of current readers.

5.01.20 NALC - suggestion regarding regionalisation: item deferred.

5.01.21 NALC - suggestion regarding race-relations: item deferred.

5.01.23 Anglia Woodnet - survey of gas-network: item deferred.

5.01.24 Shaw's - offer of explanatory leaflet regarding ethics: the Clerk stated that he had obtained a copy and had copied it to all Councillors.

5.01.25 MCA - the Clerk tabled a letter from the MCA, expressing its appreciation of MPC's efforts in obtaining the refund of all VAT incurred in the recent extension to the Village Hall.

5.02 The following items received will be available at the Meeting and will be subsequently circulated around all Councillors:

5.02.01 National conference - National Association of Local Councils:

5.02.02 CIC news - insurance newsletter from Zurich Municipal:

5.02.03 Accounts workshop - training from the Cambs Assn of Local Councils:

5.02.04 The Bulletin - newsletter from the Cambs Assn of Local Councils:

5.02.05 Village signs - commercial leaflet:

5.02.06 Planning applications - PCC's weekly lists:

5.02.07 Parish Council liaison meeting - minutes of a recent meeting:

5.02.08 Fly-tipping - posters and handbills:

5.02.09 Books for local councils - commercial catalogue:

5.02.10 Visitor guide - commercial enquiry:

5.02.11 Playground surfacing - commercial leaflet:

5.02.12 Clerks and councils direct - latest issue of the magazine:

5.02.13 PCC forward plan 01 Jun 02 - 30 sep 02:

5.02.14 CALC - notice and minutes of meetings:

5.02.15 Play equipment - commercial leaflet:

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (701): the current Statement 188 dated 30 Apr 02 shows a Credit Balance of £589.78.

6.02 Reserve account (701): the current Statement 041 dated 22 Apr 02 shows a Credit Balance of £5512.85. The interest for Jan - mar 02 is confirmed as £4.75.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 : the Report dated 28 may 02 shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure of £2357.32; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Audit 2001/02 (700): the Clerk stated that details of the new system has been copied to all Councillors, and exhorted them to find an 'internal auditor'.

6.05 Budget 2002/3 (700): item deferred.

6.06 Precept 2002/3 (688): the Clerk stated that the PCC allowance of £1869, and the MPC precept of £600, has been received and paid into the current account by credit document 000.162.

6.07 Subscription to Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (700): item deferred.

6.08 Grasscutting: the Clerk stated that he had settled invoice #56 for £83.24 for the April cut.

6.09 VAT: the Clerk stated that VAT of £138.32 paid in 2001/2 has been reclaimed and received by direct-transfer.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Bus-shelter: the Chairman noted that some roof-tiles were loose/missing. The Clerk was instructed to ask PCC to attend to this matter.

7.02 Seat by the Church: the Chairman stated that he had received comments that the seat was becoming unsafe, and that the 'fix-it' man had judged the seat to be beyond repair. The Clerk was instructed to ask PCC to attend to this matter.

7.03 Retiring Councillors: the Meeting was agreed that all the Parish Councillors now retiring deserved a letter of appreciation for the time and effort expended on behalf of the community, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

8. Public Comment:

The Parishioner present requested that recent initiatives regarding the young-people in the village, and of the condition and usage of the Blind Lane plot, be maintained. The Chairman acknowledged the importance of this.

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, 18th June, 2002.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 18th June 2002
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr TC Purllant.