

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 25th February, 2003

Present: Cllr Purllant (Chairman),  
Cllr Bagworth,  
Cllr Hickling,  
Cllr Johnson,  
Cllr Perkins,  
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:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Franklin.

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 (744): the Clerk tabled a Statement of Objection, which stated that PCC's revised policies on transport will still not meet the frustrations experienced by local Residents.

3.02 Market Deeping by-pass - 15.m monopole (744): the Clerk reported on a conversation with Peterborough City Council (PCC), to the effect that the Application has been granted.

3.03 3 High Street - extensions and conversions (744): the Clerk reported on a conversation with Peterborough City Council (PCC), to the effect that the Application has been granted.

3.04 25 West End Road - tree-work to sycamore and cherry (744): Cllr Hickling declared an Interest as Applicant in this matter, and confirmed the Clerk's reported conversation with PCC to the effect that the Application has been granted.

3.05 'Blue Bell', High Street - replace windows with French-doors (744): the Clerk reported on a conversation with Peterborough City Council (PCC), to the effect that the Application has been refused.

3.06 Head of Planning (744): the Clerk stated that a letter of welcome has been sent to the new incumbent.

3.07 'The Friary' - 14 Castle End Road - replacement windows (744): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, but with Conditions relating to details of design and choice of materials.

3.08 12 Tucker's Nook - single-storey extension (revised) (744): the Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

3.09 19 West End Road - tree work: the Meeting expressed concern that the Work proposed could be interpreted as ground clearance for possible development, particularly as some fine specimens are involved. The Clerk was instructed to advise PCC of these concerns and to seek further information.

3.10 2 Woodgate Lane - first-floor and ground-floor extensions: 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.

#### 4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Narrowing of the High Street (744): the Meeting noted that, despite the re-marking of all other white-lines in the Parish, the extra cross-hatching has still not yet been applied. The Chairman stated that he has been in contact with PCC and a written Report is awaited. The Clerk was instructed to request Cllr Franklin to intervene in this matter.

4.02 Speeding on the High Street (744): the Meeting noted that the signs and bollards remain unlit. The Chairman stated that he has been in contact with PCC with this issue also and a written Report is awaited. The Clerk was instructed to request Cllr Franklin to intervene in this matter also.

4.03 High Street/King Street junction (744): the Meeting noted that the white-lines have been remarked, but no-one present could confirm that the new 'small-yellow-backed' signs have been installed.

4.04 Village Sign (744): the Meeting noted that Work has not been started.

4.05 New model standing-orders (743): the Clerk stated that a copy is on circulation.

4.06 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) (743): the Clerk stated that the Information Commissioner has confirmed that Maxey Parish Council's (MPC) Publication Scheme has been accepted.

4.07 Grasscutting (743): the Clerk reported on a conversation with PCC, to the effect that the grasscutting contract shall be valid for the growing-seasons of 2003 and 2004. The Meeting accepted this Condition, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

4.08 Blind Lane Site (743): the Clerk stated that definitive Plans are still awaited from PCC.

4.09 Voluntary community transport (742): the Clerk stated that he had not pursued this matter.

4.10 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (742): the Clerk stated that the Society has been advised that MPC does not feel able to assist it with funding.

4.11 Parish Review (742): the Clerk stated that the 18 residents affected have been polled, of which 16 are positive for a transfer to Maxey parish, 1 is against a transfer but shall not formally object, and 1 is a disinterested tenant. 4 'positive' residents believe that a new boundary should extend the Parish of Maxey up to the by-pass. The Meeting was agreed that PCC shall be requested to initiate a formal change of the boundary such that Maxey shall extend up to the by-pass, and that the part of Maxey Parish that lies between the by-pass and the

old A15 shall be ceded to the Parish of Deeping Gate, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC accordingly.

4.12 Polling District Review (742): the Clerk stated that MPC's wish to maintain the *status quo* has been advised to PCC.

4.13 Marriage Care appeal (742): the Clerk stated that the Organisation has been advised that MPC does not feel able to assist it with funding, but that the information given has been displayed.

4.14 Village inspection (742): the Clerk stated that Cllr Franklin has confirmed that the 'walkabout' shall start from the Village Hall at 11.30 am on Monday, 12th May 2003.

4.15 Northborough County Primary School (741): the Clerk stated that a letter congratulating the school on recent achievements has been sent.

4.16 Maxey Newsletter: the Clerk and Chairman confirmed that a 'piece' dealing with the traffic-calming scheme is under preparation.

4.17 Insurance (740): Cllr Poole presented a written summary of the cover given by the current Policy. Cllr Poole was thanked for his efforts, and the meeting was agreed that more detailed consideration of needs - including, possibly, cover for the Village Hall - shall be made at renewal time (July).

4.18 Vacancy for a Clerk (740): the Chairman proposed that he set up a Working Party to fill the post; carried.

## 5. Correspondence:

5.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting:

5.01.01 Area Highway Supervisor: the Clerk tabled a letter from Craig Campbell, thanking MPC for its patience and co-operation whilst he was PCC Highways Supervisor.

5.01.02 Taxibus service: the Clerk advised that this service was discontinued as from yesterday due to low patronage.

5.01.03 Appeal - East Anglian Air Ambulance: the Meeting was agreed that £100 shall be given (see 6.13 below).

5.01.04 Questionnaire - national training strategy for Clerks: the papers were put on circulation for consideration.

5.01.05 Maxey Community Association (MCA): a copy of the Annual Accounts was put on circulation for consideration.

5.02 Other items not necessitating a response have been received, have been circulated around all Councillors and may be raised at the Meeting under item 7.

5.03 The Clerk stated that papers relating the 'Taxibus' service and the Annual Accounts have been placed on display.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (741): the current Statement 196 dated 13 dec 03 shows a Credit Balance of £389.20;

6.02 Reserve account (741): the current Statement 045 dated 28 oct 03 shows a Credit Balance of £5273.88, inclusive of £6.12 Interest for the period jun - sep 02.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 (741): the Report dated 25 feb 03 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £1156.49; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control (741): the Report dated 25 feb 03 shows a Budget surplus of £997.75; the Report is on circulation;

6.05 Audit 2001/02 (735):

6.05.01 External Audit: the Clerk stated that the Annual Return has been certified and a copy has been put on display as required. Cheque 000.305 for £58.75 in favour of Moore Stephens against Invoice Number 400 9256 for Audit of 2002/3 Accounts was drawn and signed.

6.05.02 Internal Audit: Cllr Poole reported that the current-rate for an Internal Auditor is £15 per hour. The Meeting was agreed that such a rate shall be used by the Clerk in negotiations.

6.06 Budget 2002/3 (741): version 6 at £7598.16 (includes copier, revised Clerk's salary, Scouts' appeal and Newsletter support) is on circulation.

6.07 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (741): the requested Receipt M.2939 has been received.

6.08 Clerk's salary (734): cheque 000.304 for £162.50 in favour of the Clerk for salary for the period 01 dec 02 - 28 feb 03 was drawn and signed.

6.09 Maxey Newsletter: cheque 000.303 for £200.00 in favour of Maxey Newsletter for support of the next issue had been drawn and signed outside of the Meeting.

6.10 Budget 2003/4: version 1 at £4478.14 is on circulation for comment.

6.11 Subscription to Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) (727): the Meeting was agreed that the subscription (a 10% rise to £136.20) shall be renewed in the forthcoming new Financial Year.

6.12 Helpston Scouts Appeal (742): cheque 000.302 for £50.00 in favour of the Seventh Peterborough (Helpston village) Scout Group had been drawn and signed outside of the Meeting.

6.13 East Anglian Air Ambulance (see 5.01.03 above): cheque 000.306 for £100.00 in favour of the East Anglian Air Ambulance for general funding was drawn and signed.

## 7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Potholes: the Clerk stated that he had written to PCC and asked for the many potholes in the village to be mended; the Meeting endorsed this action.

7.02 Appeals: Cllr Poole proposed that appeals only from organisations based within the Parish, District, County or Region shall merit consideration; carried .

7.03 Patients' Participation Panel: the Chairman reported on a recent Meeting. He stated that the Car Scheme had responded to some 1450 calls in the previous twelve months, and that there is concern of the effect that the review of Pharmacies might have at Glinton.

7.04 Mandates: Cllr Johnson proposed that all Councillors shall be signatories to cheques; carried. The Clerk was instructed to liase with the Bank accordingly.

7.05 Planning applications: in reply to a Parishioner's query from Cllr Johnson, the Clerk confirmed that all documents to hand are available for inspection at any convenient time.

7.06 Website: Cllr Bagworth stated that the facility is being modified to permit third-party postings.

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 shall be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 25th March 2003.

There being no further Business,  
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council  
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 25th March, 2003  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr T Purllant.