

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

Present: Cllr Purllant (Chairman),  
Cllr Hickling,  
Cllr Johnson,  
Cllr Perkins,  
Cllr Poole,  
the Clerk,

and one Member of the Public.

The Chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.31 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bagworth and 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 (750): the Clerk stated that the outcome of this item now depends on the Inspector's decision.

3.02 12 Tucker's Nook - single-storey extension (revised) (749): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

3.03 19 West End Road - tree work (749): the Clerk stated that he had forwarded this Council's concerns of the loss of specimen trees, and of fears of development to Peterborough City Council (PCC), whose tree-expert orally confirmed that the Applicant's proposal was valid. The Meeting noted the great amount of local interest in activities on this Property.

3.04 2 Woodgate Lane - first-floor and ground-floor extensions (749): the Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to PCC and has been acknowledged.

3.05 41 West End Road - extension to form study: 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.

3.06 4 The Retreat - two-storey side and single-storey rear extension: the Clerk stated that the first notification of this Application had been the receipt of a Refusal of Permission (printed on a 'granted' form). He further stated that he had advised PCC of the lack of consultation, but PCC stated that the consultation documents had been duly despatched.

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

a) Following an invitation to speak, the Member of the Public affirmed Residents' concerns about the narrowing of the High Street, and was insistent that further changes are necessary to effect a reduction in the incidence of 'near-misses' at this spot.

4.01 Narrowing of the High Street (749): the Clerk stated that he had written to Cllr Franklin asking for effective intervention but neither reply nor acknowledgement has been received. The Clerk tabled a letter from the Rural Transport Improvement Programme (RTIP), which stated that completion of outstanding work is imminent. The Meeting noted that the additional cross-hatching has been effected, but that the 'give-way' sign remains unlit. The Clerk was instructed to advise the RTIP people of the unlit sign, and to request that definitive suggestions be available at Cllr Franklin's 'walkabout' in May.

4.02 Speeding on the High Street (749): the Meeting noted that the bollards and signs are now lit.

The Member of the Public left the Meeting at this point at 8.05 pm.

4.03 High Street/King Street junction (749): the Meeting noted that the replacement small yellow-backed signs were not yet in place. The Clerk tabled a letter from the RTIP, which stated that procurement of signs has been initiated.

4.04 Village Sign (749): the Meeting noted that Work has not been started.

4.05 New Model Standing Orders (749): having been circulated to all Councillors, the Meeting was agreed that the New Model Standing Orders shall be adopted as presented.

4.06 Grasscutting (749): the Clerk stated that PCC has furnished maps of areas to be maintained which he is altering to reflect current practise.

4.07 Blind Lane Site (749): the Clerk stated that definitive Plans are still awaited from PCC.

4.08 Voluntary community transport (749): the Clerk stated that the Questionnaire has been completed and forwarded.

4.09 Parish Review (748): the Clerk tabled Notice of a Meeting between PCC and representatives of the Parish Councils of Maxey and of Deeping Gate. The Chairman and one other from Cllrs Hickling, Perkins and Poole shall attend.

4.10 Polling District Review (748): the Clerk stated that there is nothing new to report.

4.11 Vacancy for a Clerk (748): the Chairman, on behalf of the Working Party, confirmed that an advertisement has been compiled and that it will appear in the next issue of the 'Maxey Newsletter'.

4.12 National training strategy for Clerks (748): the Meeting was agreed that this matter must await more details of the 'Quality Council' concept, and the appointment of a new Clerk.

4.12 Pot-holes (746): the Meeting noted that no mending has yet been effected.

5. Correspondence:

5.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting as follows:

5.01.01 Peterborough Civic Society: no-one present could accept an Invitation to the Chairman's Evening.

5.01.02 Police consultation: the Meeting was agreed that Notices shall be displayed, and Minutes circulated, as at present.

5.01.03 The Wildlife Trusts: no-one present could accept an Invitation to the Urban Showcase.

5.01.04 PCC consultancy: no-one present could attend the Meeting.

5.01.05 Tarmac Local Liaison Committee (LLC): the Clerk stated that Minutes of the recent Meeting are on circulation. The Chairman orally reported on the Proceedings of the Meeting, noting in particular the paucity of information on monitoring of the level of the water-table.

5.01.06 Annual Meeting and Annual General Meeting: the Clerk tabled advice from Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) regarding the proper arrangements for these Meetings. The Meeting was agreed that this advice shall be adopted.

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 to a charity craft-fair, bus-times and Police consultation have been placed on display.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (747): the (still) current Statement 196 dated 13 dec 02 shows a Credit Balance of £389.20. The Clerk stated that requests for up-to-date Statements had not been serviced, and further stated that his book-keeping suggests a sum of £85.30 in the account, inclusive of £600.00 transfers from the Reserve Account.

6.02 Reserve account (747): the (still) current Statement 045 dated 30 oct 02 shows a Credit Balance of £5273.88. The Clerk stated that requests for up-to-date Statements had not been serviced, and further stated that his book-keeping suggests a sum of £4673.88 in the account, inclusive of £600.00 transfers to the Current Account but exclusive of Interest for the period oct - dec 02.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 (747): the Report dated 25 mar 03 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £1334.65; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control (747): the Report dated 25 mar 03 shows a Budget surplus of £3334.30; the Report is on circulation;

6.05 Audit 2001/2 (747):

6.05.01 External Audit: the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent but that no Receipt has yet been received.

6.05.02 Internal Audit (747): the Clerk stated that the Internal Auditor had agreed to the rate suggested, and cheque 000.309 for £35.00 in favour of D Garford for acting as Internal Auditor was drawn and signed.

6.06 Budget 2002/3 (747): version 7 at £7698.16 (includes air-ambulance support) is on circulation.

6.07 Budget 2003/4 (747): version 2 at £4463.14 (including the Air Ambulance appeal and revised Audit costs) is on circulation for comment.

6.08 Helpston Scouts Appeal (746): the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent but that no Receipt has yet been received.

6.09 East Anglian Air Ambulance (746): the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent and that a Receipt (#2526) been received, together with a letter of appreciation, which was tabled.

6.10 Mandates (746): papers for Specimen Signatures and New Party Identification Details were distributed in order that all Councillors can be Authorised Signatories for MPC Cheques.

6.11 Clerk's expenses (726): cheque 000.310 for £48.66 in favour of the Clerk for expenses for the second-half of the current Financial Year was drawn and signed. A Report of expenses is on circulation.

6.12 Newsletter support (747): the Clerk stated that the cheque has been sent but that no Receipt has yet been received.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Street name-plate - Castle End Road: the Clerk stated that he had been advised by a Resident that someone had detached the name-plate from its support at the north-end of Castle End Road. He further stated that, following confirmation, he had requested PCC to re-affix the name-plate, but there has been no response as yet. The Meeting endorsed this action.

7.02 Street name-plate - Mill Road: the Clerk stated that he had noted that the name-plate and its support had been uprooted at the junction of Mill Road and Castle End Road. He further stated that he had requested PCC to re-plant the name-plate, but there has been no response as yet. The Meeting endorsed this action.

7.03 Litter-bin at the bus-shelter: the Clerk stated that he had been requested by the Chairman to have this facility replaced, following its

destruction by fire. He further stated that he had requested PCC to do this. The Meeting endorsed this action. He then tabled PCC's response that a replacement would be made available subject to budget constraints.

7.04 Village Hall direction sign on Castle End Road: the Clerk stated that he had been requested by the Chairman to have this facility relocated, following the new positioning of a replacement lamp-post that puts the sign in a tree. He further stated that he had requested PCC to do this, but there has been no response as yet. The Meeting endorsed this action.

7.05 Telephone-kiosk: Cllr Johnson stated that she had received representations regarding replacement of the kiosk with the traditional red unit. The Chairman stated that MPC and Residents had objected strongly to the replacement of the original red-kiosk, but to no avail. The Meeting was agreed that the matter shall not be pursued.

7.06 Village Hall insurance: Cllr Poole reported that the exact relationship between MPC, Maxey Community Association (MCA) and the Village Hall Committee (VHC) must be examined before this matter can be pursued further. The Clerk was instructed to forward pass MPC's copy of the Trust Deed to Cllr Poole.

7.07 Junction of High Street and Blind Lane: both Cllr Poole and the Clerk had received representations regarding the dumping of garden-refuse on the grass-verge. The Clerk was instructed to try to determine the culprit(s) and request that the dumping cease.

7.08 Clerk's salary (747): Cllr Perkins stated that he felt that the present Clerk is entitled to the new salary until he leaves the Post. The Meeting agreed, but the Clerk stated that, whilst he appreciated the gesture, he felt that it is not ethical to accept a revised Salary whilst rejecting other Conditions.

8. Public Comment:

See item a) (before 4.01) above.

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, 29th April 2003.

There being no further Business,  
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,  
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.