

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 28th January, 2003

Present: Cllr Hickling (Vice-chairman),  
Cllr Johnson,  
Cllr Perkins,  
Cllr Poole,  
John Bambrook (part-time),  
PC Norman McCallum (part-time),  
the Clerk,

but no Members of the Public.

The Vice-chairman declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 7.33 pm.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from the Chairman and from Cllrs Bagworth and Franklin.

The Vice-chairman adjourned the Meeting at 7.34 pm.

a) The Vice-chairman then welcomed and introduced John Bambrook representing the Electoral Services section of Peterborough City Council (PCC) who had come to address the Meeting on the forthcoming Reviews of Parishes and of Polling Districts.

b) PCC stated that the aim of a Parish Review was to ensure that the Boundaries of a Parish best served the interests of Residents, and outlined the ethical and legal route by which the Review would be conducted.

c) PCC stated that the aim of a Polling District review was to ensure that a Polling Place best served the interests of Residents, and outlined the legal route by which the Review would be conducted.

With thanks from the Meeting for his presence and his address, John Bambrook left the Meeting at 7.58 pm.

d) The Vice-chairman then welcomed the Community Beat Officer PC Norman McCallum, who amplified a written Report (passed to all Councillors) of requests for service from residents of Maxey over the past year, and gave a verbal overview of current rural policing.

With thanks from the Meeting for his presence, his address, his report and congratulations of personal achievements, PC McCallum left the Meeting at 8.23 pm.

The Vice-chairman reconvened the Meeting at 8.24 pm.

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 Vice-chairman.

### 3. Planning:

3.01 Local Plan (739): the Clerk tabled Peterborough City Council's (PCC) response to Maxey Parish Council's (MPC) Written Statement. The Meeting felt that PCC had missed the point - that PCC's Policies benefit South Lincolnshire commuters to the disadvantage of local Residents - and the Clerk was instructed to make a further Written Statement to this effect.

3.02 Market Deeping by-pass - 15.m monopole (738): nothing new to report.

3.03 3 High Street - extensions and conversions (738): nothing new to report.

3.04 25 West End Road - tree-work to sycamore and cherry (738): the Vice-chairman declared an Interest as Applicant in this matter. The Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to PCC and has been acknowledged.

3.05 'Blue Bell', High Street - replace windows with French-doors (738): the Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

3.06 Head of Planning: the Clerk tabled a letter from PCC introducing the new Head of Planning, which stated that he was willing to attend Meetings to discuss planning issues specific to the Parish. The Meeting was agreed that stance was appreciated, and the Clerk was instructed to forward this view to him.

3.07 'The Friary' - 14 Castle End Road - replacement windows: an *ad hoc* Working Party (WP) had studied the documents and was agreed that the Application shall not be opposed, but PCC shall be requested to take account of views of Objectors. The Meeting endorsed this view, and the Clerk was instructed to forward this Comment to PCC.

3.08 12 Tucker's Nook - single-storey extension (revised): 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 (738): the Meeting noted that the additional 'cross-hatching' still had not been effected, but was agreed that no further comment shall be made to PCC at the moment.

4.02 Speeding on the High Street (738): the Meeting noted that the lighting still had not been installed, but was agreed that no further comment shall be made to PCC at the moment.

4.03 High Street/King Street junction (737): no-one present knew whether or not the replacement 'yellow-backed' signs had been installed. The Meeting noted that the carriageway still had not been re-marked, but was agreed that no further comment shall be made to PCC at the moment.

4.04 Village Sign (737): the Meeting noted that Work has not been started.

4.05 Vehicle-speeds in the garage/nursery area:

4.05.01 West End Road/Tucker's Nook junction (737): the Vice-chairman stated that he had requested the Proprietor of the Garage to ask the Couriers to moderate their speeds within Maxey. The Clerk stated that he had not approached the Couriers, as their speeds now appear to be acceptable.

4.05.02 West End Road (737): the Clerk drew the Meeting's attention to the 'Ripplemat', which is a plastic-mat designed to un-stabilise the suspension of a speeding car.

4.06 New model standing-orders (737): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this matter.

4.07 White-lines (737): nothing new to report.

4.08 Footpaths (737): the Clerk stated that PCC have refused to reimburse MPC for the clearing of 'The Jitty', but stated that maintenance will now take place four times per year.

4.09 Name-plate - east-end of West End Road (737): the Meeting noted that the plate has been mended.

4.10 Name-plate - south-end of Castle End Road (737): the Meeting noted that the plate has been re-installed.

4.11 Alms Houses, Helpston (737): the Clerk stated that he had written to the Trustees as instructed.

4.12 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) (736): the Clerk stated that the 'Declaration Form' has been completed and returned to the Information Commissioner, together with an extract from the Minutes (Paragraph 5.16 on Folio 736).

4.13 Dog-mess (736): the Meeting noted that a piece drafted by the Clerk has been published in the current issue of the 'Maxey Newsletter'.

4.14 MPC details (736): the Meeting noted that up-to-date details of Councillors and Meetings have been published in the current issue of the 'Maxey Newsletter'.

4.15 Copier (736): the Clerk stated that the Copier has been purchased, the Warranty-card has been completed and forwarded, the Register of Assets has been updated and the Insurers advised of the new Asset.

4.16 Grasscutting (736): the Clerk tabled a Quotation from MG Landscapes for £714.25 for 7 cuts to 'amenity-grass' and 4 cuts to 'The Jitty', stated that this constitutes a 1.65.% rise. The Clerk reported on a conversation with PCC, to the effect that Maxey's 'amenity-grass' can be incorporated into the current PCC Contract. The Meeting was agreed that this approach should be pursued, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

4.17 Electoral Roll (ER) (735): Councillors who have opted to receive a copy of the Register stated that the scheme appears to be working well.

4.18 Public order (734): see item d) above.

4.19 Blind Lane Site (734): the Clerk stated that Cllr Franklin has responded by alerting a PCC Officer to the situation. The Officer has requested information, which is being obtained through Planning Control.

## 5. Correspondence:

5.01 The following items were discussed at the Meeting:

5.01.01 Peterborough Rural Transport Initiative (PRTI): the Meeting was agreed that a recent questionnaire should be ignored.

5.01.02 Voluntary community transport: information regarding the Deepings Voluntary Car Service was given to the Clerk to enable him to reply to a PCC questionnaire.

5.01.03 Waste Local Plan: the Clerk stated that he had studied the Inspector's Report and could find no points of issue relating to the local area.

5.01.04 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children: the Meeting was agreed that an Appeal for funds shall not be met, and the Clerk was instructed to advise the Society accordingly.

5.01.05 Planning Services Meeting: the Meeting was agreed that there should be no involvement.

5.01.06 Renewable Energy and the Planning System: arising from a decision at the Meeting of the WP, Cllr Johnston stated that she has duly completed and returned this Questionnaire.

5.01.07 Parish Review: see also b) above. The Meeting was agreed that Residents of Castle End Road who currently live within the Parish of Deeping Gate (PDG) would be contacted - initially by letter, then in person by the Clerk - to see if they sought a transfer to the Parish of Maxey. The Meeting was further agreed that both PCC and PDG shall be kept informed of this matter, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

5.01.08 Polling District Review: see also item c) above. The Meeting was agreed that Maxey Village Hall was well suited as a Polling Place, and the Clerk was instructed to advise PCC that the *status quo* should be maintained.

5.01.09 Helpston Scout appeal: the Meeting was agreed that £50 shall be given to this Appeal.

5.01.10 Marriage Care appeal: the Meeting was agreed that an Appeal for funds shall not be met, and the Clerk was instructed to advise the organisation accordingly.

5.01.11 Village inspection: the Clerk tabled a request for a preference for the date of the next 'walkabout'; either 12 or 19 May 03 was deemed acceptable, and the Clerk was instructed to so advise Cllr Franklin.

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 new mobile-library routes, bus-times, Scouts' appeal for helpers, Marriage Care, drink-driving and closure of level-crossings has been placed on display.

## 6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (735): the current Statement 196 dated 13 Dec 02 shows a Credit Balance of £389.20;

6.02 Reserve account (735): the current Statement 044 dated 04 Oct 02 shows a Credit Balance of £7023.88, inclusive of £6.12 Interest for the period Jul 02 - Sep 02.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/02 (735): the Report dated 28 jan 03 shows an Excess of Exp over Inc of £685.24; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control (735): the Report dated 28 jan 03 shows a Budget surplus of £796.50; the Report is on circulation;

6.05 Audit 2001/02 (735):

6.05.01 External Audit: nothing new to report.

6.05.02 Internal Auditor: Cllr Poole undertook to determine levels of payments made for such a service.

6.06 Budget 2002/3 (735): version 5 at £4819.00 (includes cost of copier and revised Clerk's salary) is on circulation.

6.07 Maxey and Deeping Gate War Memorial (734): the requested Receipt still has not yet been received.

6.08 Precept 2003/4 (734): the WP had decided that the £600 Precept shall be maintained for 2003/4, but shall be reviewed for 2004/5.

6.09 Copier (736): cheque 000.300 for £248.99 in favour of the Clerk against Till Reference 01-6271 for purchase of the FC.224.S copier was drawn and signed.

6.10 Grasscutting:

6.10.01 Oct 02 cut (734): receipt 88 has been received.

6.10.02 PCC allowance: a cheque for £402.06 has been paid into the current account under credit slip 100.163.

6.11 Copier income: £3.30 for the third-quarter.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

7.01 Northborough County Primary School: on behalf of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman proposed that the school be sent a letter of congratulations on its recent achievements. The Meeting concurred, and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

7.02 'Maxey Newsletter':

7.02.01 Contributions: on behalf of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman stated that the Editor of the 'Maxey Newsletter' would welcome a regular contribution from MPC. The Meeting was agreed that the Clerk, guided by Councillors, shall provide a draft of 'copy' to the Chairman. The Meeting was further agreed that the forthcoming 'copy' shall deal solely with 'traffic-calming'.

7.02.02 Support: on behalf of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman proposed that MPC support the next issue to the sum of £200. The Meeting concurred.

7.04 Footway on the High Street at Torpel Way: the Vice-chairman stated that he felt that the footway would benefit from the elimination of the grass-verge. The Meeting concurred, and it was agreed that the matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

7.05 Footway School Lane - Castle End Road: the Vice-chairman stated that he felt that the footway on the High Street from School Lane

eastwards could benefit from maintenance. The Meeting concurred, and it was agreed that the matter shall be raised at the Village Inspection.

7.04 Insurance: the Meeting was agreed that it should be aware of the provisions of its insurance, and the Clerk was instructed to pass all relevant papers to Cllr Poole.

7.05 Untidy verge at High Street/Blind Lane: the Clerk stated that he had received a verbal request to see if MPC could have the area tidied. The Meeting agreed that the Clerk shall include this area in negotiations regarding the maintenance of 'amenity-grass'.

7.06 The post of Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer: on behalf of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman stated that the present post-holder has given written Notice to quit with effect from 01 Jun 03. The Vice-chairman further stated that the post-holder would be leaving with many thanks and appreciation of efforts expended on behalf of MPC.

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

There being no further Business,  
the Vice-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 25th February, 2003  
as being a true Record of the Proceedings  
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting  
Cllr T Purllant.