

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
held in the Back Room of the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 29th April, 2003

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

but no 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.

- a) PC McCallum, present at the behest of the Chairman, stated that he was aware of the nuisances and dangers raised by behaviour of local and other youths (activities on the Blind Lane site, vandalism of private and public property, distress to livestock, toting of illegal hand-weapons and illegal use of mechanically-propelled vehicles on public-highways), and had personally warned the offenders of the consequences to themselves and their parents of their actions.
- b) Questioned about the efficacy of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, PC McCallum stated that he believed that the scheme was being up-dated and re-launched by the Community Contact Officer (CCO) and recommended that Maxey Parish Council (MPC) contact the CCO directly. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the status of the scheme.

With thanks from all present, PC McCallum left the Meeting at 7.43 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 Chairman.

3. Planning:

3.01 Local Plan (755): the Clerk stated that the outcome of this matter still depends on the Inspector's decision.

3.02 12 Tucker's Nook - single-storey extension (revised) (755): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted, but with Conditions relating to permanency of obscure-glass and choice of materials.

3.03 19 West End Road - tree work (755): the Clerk stated that the Application has been granted. The Meeting noted that the Work has been started.

3.04 2 Woodgate Lane - first-floor and ground-floor extensions (755): the Clerk stated that the Application has been referred to Committee. He tabled the Report of the Planning Officer, which recommended that Permission be granted, and the Meeting noted that MPC's Formal Comment had been accurately represented in the Report.

3.05 41 West End Road - extension to form study (755): the Clerk stated that formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

3.06 4 The Retreat -side and rear extension (755): the Clerk tabled the corrected Decision Letter.

3.07 Lolham Hall, King Street - conversion of barns into residences: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, 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 other respondents. He further stated that this formal Comment has been passed to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and has been acknowledged.

3.08 1 Perkins Lane - conservatory at rear: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, 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 other respondents. The Clerk further stated that this formal Comment has been passed to PCC and has been acknowledged.

3.09 34 West End Road - two-storey rear-extension: the Clerk confirmed that, due to restraints imposed by consultation deadlines, documents had been circulated to all Councillors for comment but the papers have not yet been returned to him.

4. Matters arising from the previous Ordinary Meeting:

4.01 Narrowing of the High Street (754): the Clerk tabled a letter to PCC, which noted that the sign was still unlit and requested further measures to be planned to improve the safety of this Feature, such measures to be made available for discussion at the Village Inspection. The Clerk then tabled PCC's reply, which apologised for the unlit sign (Contractor never received the Order), and promised a traffic-speed survey before further measures would be considered. The Meeting felt that the additional cross-hatching has improved the safety of the narrowing.

4.02 High Street/King Street junction (754): the Meeting noted that the small, yellow-backed signs are now in place and are highly visible. The Meeting also noted that the planned 'T-junction' sign on the High Street is still not present, and the Clerk was instructed to request PCC to add this feature.

4.03 Grasscutting (754): the Meeting noted that the new Contractor is performing well, and the areas currently maintained are as much service as is needed.

4.04 Blind Lane Site (754): the Clerk stated that, despite repeated letters, PCC still have not sent a copy of the original Application. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the 'Walkabout'.

4.05 Parish Review (754): the Chairman and Cllr Hickling gave an oral Report on the Meeting with PCC and Deeping Gate Parish Council; the Meeting thanked both Members for their time and effort. The Clerk tabled PCC's Draft Report, which supports MPC's proposal for the Maxey boundary to be extended to the by-pass, and for that part of Maxey east of the by-pass to be transferred to Deeping Gate. The Report shall be put on circulation so that a Formal Comment can be made.

4.06 Polling District Review (754): the Clerk tabled PCC's Draft Report, which supports MPC's proposal for Maxey Village Hall to remain the Polling Place for the Polling District of Maxey. The Report shall be put on circulation so that a Formal Comment can be made.

4.07 Vacancy for a Clerk (754): the Chairman stated that two people have expressed an interest in the Post, and the Clerk stated that one person has made enquiries of him regarding the Post. The Meeting was agreed that the Working Party (WP) shall pursue this matter accordingly.

4.08 Pot-holes (753): the Meeting noted that, whilst the larger holes have been well-repaired, small holes were left unended and are continuing to grow. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the 'Walkabout'.

4.09 Street name-plate - Castle End Road (752): the Clerk tabled a reply from PCC, which stated that whilst the plate has been re-affixed to its backing-plate by an unknown person, the posts and plate are rotten and shall be replaced.

4.10 Street name-plate - Mill Road (752): the Clerk tabled a reply from PCC, which stated that the metal supports are not repairable and shall be replaced.

4.11 Village hall direction sign on Castle End Road (751): the Clerk stated that there has been no response from PCC. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised at the 'Walkabout'.

4.12 Village Hall insurance (751): having studied the Trust Deed, Cllr Poole stated that he believed that it is in order for MPC to accept responsibility for Insurance of the Village Hall. The Meeting was agreed that this matter shall be raised with the Maxey Community Association.

4.13 Junction of High Street and Blind Lane (751): the Clerk stated that he has not pursued this matter.

4.14 Renewable Energy and the Planning System (742): the Clerk tabled a list of Meetings, but times and venues precluded anyone present from attending.

5. Correspondence:

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

5.01.01 Multi-modal study - A47: the Meeting was agreed that no formal Comment shall be made on this Report.

5.01.02 Housing strategy stakeholders' conference: the Notice was put on circulation for Comment and/or intention to attend. The Meeting was

agreed that no formal Comment shall be made, and noted that no-one present could attend.

5.01.03 Parish plans: the document is on circulation for Comment and/or participation in the production of this local land-use future preference.

5.01.04 Village of the year competition: the Meeting was keen to participate, but no-one present felt able to complete the entry-requirements within the time-scale for this year.

5.01.05 Adopt-a-bank scheme: Cllr Johnson undertook to make some enquiries into the practicability of participating in this PCC scheme to raise money for the Parish.

5.01.06 Appeal - Sunflower Seed Pre-school: Cllr Hickling declared an Interest in this Organisation as a Parent and took no part in the discussion. The Meeting was agreed that a donation of £50 shall be made (see 6.10 below).

5.01.07 Appeal - EACH children's hospice: the explanatory document is on circulation for Comment and/or possible contribution.

5.01.08 Survey of village facilities by Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC): the Questionnaire duly completed by the Clerk is on circulation.

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 Funding-fair, a Craft-fair and a Town-criers' competition have been put on display as requested.

6. Financial:

6.01 Current account (753): the current Statement 197 dated 10 apr 03 shows a Credit Balance of £85.30.

6.02 Reserve account (753): the current Statement 046 dated 10 apr 0. shows a Credit Balance of £4696.80 inclusive of £5.32 Interest for the period oct - dec 02, and of £17.60 Interest for the period jan - mar 03.

6.03 Statement of Inc and Exp 02/03 (752): the final Report dated 29 apr 03 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £1334.65; the Report is on circulation.

6.04 Budget control 02/03 (752): the final Report dated 25 mar 03 shows a Budget surplus of £3334.30.

6.05 Statement of Inc and Exp 03/04: the first Report dated 29 apr 03 shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of £150.10; the Report is on circulation.

6.06 Budget control 03/04: the first Report dated 29 apr 03 shows neither Budget surplus nor deficit; the Report is on circulation;

6.07 Audit 2002/3 (752): the Clerk stated that preparation of the end-of-year documents is well advanced and the blank Annual Return has been received from the External Auditor.

6.08 Mandates (752): the Clerk stated that some New Party Identification Details have not yet been returned.

6.09 Subscription to Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (727): cheque 000.311 for £150.10 in favour of CALC against an Invoice dated 29 jan 03 for Affiliation Fee for 2003/4 was drawn and signed.

6.10 Appeal - Sunflower Seed Pre-school: cheque 000.312 for £50.00 in favour of Sunflower Seed Pre-school against an Appeal dated 03 apr 03 was drawn and signed.

6.11 Budget 03/04 (752): version 2 at £4463.14 stands.

7. Other matters at the Chairman's discretion:

No matters were raised.

8. Public Comment:

There was no Member of the Public present.

9. Date, time and venue for the next Meetings:

9.01 Annual Meeting: the Meeting was agreed that this shall be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 27 may 03, in the Back Room of Maxey Village Hall.

9.02 Annual General Meeting: the Meeting was agreed that this shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting.

There being no further Business,
the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance,
and declared the Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Parish Council
at its Ordinary Meeting of the 20th May 2003
as being a true Record of the Proceedings
and the original was duly signed by the Chairman of the Meeting
Cllr J Hickling.

