

**Minutes of the Moggerhanger Annual Open Parish Meeting held on  
Wednesday 21st March 2012 in the Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Eight members of the public, the Clerk and Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner.

**1) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2011 were read and agreed.**

**2) Chairmans report:**

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting.

The completion of the re surfacing of the A 603 through the village had reduced the noise generated by traffic on the road , speeding is still an issue. The Parish Council is continually addressing this matter with the relevant authorities. Resurfacing of the pavement in St Johns Road has met with approval from the residents.

Members of the council have attended various meetings at Central Beds Council keeping up to date then bringing relevant information to the council meetings. The Parish Council continues to support the Village Hall and the church when requested, generally the condition in the Parish is good.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Clerk , the Vice Chairman Chris Bashford and his fellow councillors for their support and the work they have done for the Parish.

**3) Financial Report:**

The Clerk advised the council that once again the Internal and External Audits went smoothly and were approved. Unfortunately Mr Sumner the Internal Auditor was unable to continue but Mr Doyle who is the auditor for Felmersham and Radwell PC is willing to take on the responsibility for Moggerhanger.

Last April Her Majesties Revenue and Customs decided that all Parish Councils should register for the collection of Tax and National Insurance, with this requirement the council agreed to retain an accountant to oversee the councils responsibilities and to undertake the submitting of the annual returns.

Mr Granger continues to cut the grass around the village inside the speed limit, a grant of £536.91 was received from Central Beds towards the cost. A salt bin was purchased which is now installed on the corner of Park Road and St Johns Road. Tree maintenance work was carried out in the field costing £480.00 and a mower was purchased for use in the Play area.

Generally the year was quiet , various meetings were attended by councillors and the Clerk.

**4) Playing field report:**

Mr Dean reported that the field was in reasonable condition, some cracks had formed but had been filled and re seeded. Work has been carried out to eliminate various weeds around the field. Thanks were expressed to Mr Anderson for allowing the continued use

of his tractor for grass cutting.

The Pavilion has been stripped of the Ivy which was growing on the roof. General repairs have been carried out, some minor ones will be done in the summer. New Dog fouling signs will be put up. The Playarea needs some attention and upgrading.

Mr Dean thanked Parishioners for advising of any problems which arise.

### **5) Central Beds Council report:**

This is attached to the minutes.

### **6) Village Hall report:**

Mr Bashford Chairman of the committee gave a full and comprehensive report which is attached to the minutes.

### **Open Forum followed:**

Lady Erroll a trustee of Moggerhanger Park and House gave a full report on how grants had been obtained to restore the house and buildings., English Heritage being the main provider.

The whole project had been fascinating, many people have given their time and funding, and work was being carried out on the house to provide for Bed and Breakfast completion was due by July. A 200 Year Celebration will be held in September , a playground is to be set up and a move to the old Hospital Ward , with a Community building on the boundary.

Lady Erroll expressed her pleasure to have the Jubilee Celebration Beacon in the grounds. The tea rooms are closed , the Website is being rebuilt to raise the image , finance is being sought.

Park Farm is owned by Central Beds , the Trust is keeping an eye on the project that it will be compatible with the Park. Landscaping and an improved access is being looked at. The Bluebell Walk will be open on 13th April for 3 weeks. Residents and dog walkers are welcome.

### **Questions from Parishioners:**

Information on the Music Service

Schooling 100 million on maintenance of buildings. A breakdown will be supplied.

Request for sign to St Johns Hospice.

The meeting closed.