

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH MAY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Councillors Hall, Carter, Dean, Painter, Bashford, Smith, Anderson, Mease, (Chairman) Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner, the Clerk and one member of The public.

1) Apologies were received from Mrs Barrance.

### **2) Declaration of Interest:**

Mr Anderson declared an interest in relation to the planning application for White Gables Farm. Mr Dean re School seeking a Grant.

The Clerk explained that the council is required to adopt a Code of Conduct. Central Beds have drawn up a Code for adoption in July. BATPC recommended that the Parish Council adopt the same Code. Copies will be circulated for the next meeting in July.

### **3) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2012.**

The minutes having been circulated were proposed by Mr Anderson seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

The Chairman introduced Sgt Kidd to the meeting. The Crime statistics for the village were presented, these were 40% better than last year.

Sgt Kidd gave details of the Community Speed Watch project whereby volunteers can be trained to use the speed gun to carry out checks on vehicles passing through the village.

Registration numbers have to be written down, and passed onto the Police to contact those driving above the speed limit. Training is provided for volunteers. Sgt. Also advised that the Police offer an opportunity for car owners to have secured screws put on the number plate of their cars This is a free service.

4 speed checks organised by Traffic Management will be carried out each year. Special constables have visited the village already to carry out the checks .

Calls to the Police will be answered by a PCSO if the problem is not serious, otherwise an officer will attend.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Kidd for attending.

The Chairman then welcomed Patrick Doyle to the meeting . Mr Doyle is the Internal Auditor for the council. He advised the members of his duties as their auditor and the advice he is required to give to the council in relation to the law and policies the council should hold.

The Chairman thanked Mr Doyle for attending.

### **4) Election of Chairman.**

Mr Bashford nominated Mr Mease as Chairman this was seconded by Mr Smith, there being no other nominations Mr Mease was elected as Chairman.

### **5) Election of Vice Chairman:**

Mr Anderson nominated Mr Dean this was seconded by Mr Bashford, there being no other nominations . Mr Dean was elected as Vice Chairman.

### **6) Councillors responsibilities:**

Highways.....Mr Dean, Village Hall..... Mr Bashford Playing field... Messrs Dean Anderson and Painter. Village School... Mrs Carter.

### **7) Central Beds Councillor report:**

Mrs Turner stated she had contacted the enforcement team re the Microlight Centre problem, but they said they had no record of the problem, they would need information. Members of the council stated that the site had been non compliant for a number of years and this had been reported to Mid Beds District Council as well as Central Beds.

Rose Cottage was being investigated as it had been empty for a number of years. CBC was carrying out a drive to get empty properties into use.

A number of changes to the Executive had taken place with new faces. The Lets Talk Together had not been very useful a review is underway. The Local Area Transport Plan is out for consultation, and Metal Theft is being looked at by Central Government. A Broadband Survey has been carried out. The Lettings Policy is now being discussed by the council and officers.

The next meeting of the Local Parish Forum will be centered on the Black Cat/A1 and Speed Watch. The following meeting will discuss the Gypsy and Traveller policy and the Localism Act.

### **8) Parishioners questions.**

There was a need to advertise that the Football pitch was vacant next season. Information will be sought.

### **9) Highway and Planning reports:**

The Central Beds Prioritised Works Programme for 212/13 had been published, and the Highways Agency Pinch-Point Programme.

A new Bus Stop is being erected in Blunham Road.

The outcome of the proposed Prohibition of Waiting on the A1 /A603 link road at Girtford is awaited.

Mr Dean is meeting the Highways Liaison engineer to carry out an around the village walk re potholes.

Planning applications:

White Gables Farm.... conversion of 4 bedroom dwelling to 4 one bedroom flats.

Moggerhanger Lower School....replacing one pre-fabricated unit of one classroom ,

storage and toilets with a pre-fabricated unit of two classrooms, storage and toilet facilities.

A paper on Gypsy and Traveller needs had been received.

#### **10) Jubilee celebrations:**

Mr Bashford gave details of what had been organised for the Saturday, and passed round a map of the field.

The Beacon has been delivered to Moggerhanger Park for the Monday.

The mugs for the village children have been delivered, the Village Hall Committee have purchased mugs for residents to purchase.

#### **11) Reports on meetings attended by Councillors and Clerk.**

Minutes of the Liaison Forum had been received .

The Parish Council was not represented at Town and Parish Council Conference, but the Clerk reported that a councillor from another Parish Council had been disappointed by the way the meeting had been conducted.

#### **12) Finance:**

Payments:

CommuniCorp	Mugs	£377.50	Groundcare	Mower repairs	£240.17
LSK	Toilets	£250.00	D J Granger	Grass cutting	£293.48
D A Payne	Council EPS	£298.79	D A Payne	Exp/sal	£827.34
Broker Network	Insurance	£1018.40	HMRC	paye	£189.49

•Payment of invoices was proposed by Mr Mease seconded by Mr Dean and agreed.

A copy of the Annual Accounts was circulated, no questions were asked , Mr Smith proposed the accounts be approved seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

The Annual External Audit was discussed and completed as required.

The Clerk explained that the insurance premium was lower this year due to the company having good support from Parish Councils. A further reduction could be had if the council agreed to sign up for three years. The members considered it would be wise to agree a three year deal. This was proposed by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

#### **13) Correspondence:**

Beds Police Partnership seeking the council to become a partner with the Trust at the cost of a donation of £250.00

Letter from Moggerhanger Lower School seeking a Grant for classroom equipment such as a White Board. This will be followed up for information re the school seeking other grants.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 18th July 2012.