

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Councillors Hall, Barrance, Dean, Smith, Carter, Bashford, Mease (Chairman), one member of the public and the Clerk.

1) Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Painter and Anderson, and Central Beds Councillor Turner.

2) Declaration of Interest:

Councillors Dean and Carter re the Village School grant request.

The Clerk explained the need to complete a new form of declaration of interest for each councillor, and the Code of Conduct to be adopted.

Mrs Carter proposed that the council adopt the Code of Conduct adopted by Central Beds Council, this was seconded by Mrs Hall and agreed.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2012:

The minutes having previously been circulated were proposed by Mr Bashford seconded by Mrs Hall and agreed.

4) Parishioners questions:

Highway matters.

5) Planning reports:

The Clerk read out details of Central Beds Planning Documents which were out for consultation. These included the Draft Development Strategy and the Statement of Community Involvement.

The Strategy included provisional number of new homes over a planned period and where the developments should be placed. New development for employment and urban extensions. The support by infrastructure improvements and services for the community and new roads.

A consultation paper was received on the Main and Additional Modifications to the Mineral and Waste Core Strategy for the whole County including Luton.

Lack of enforcement at the Microlight Centre by Central Beds Planners. Request from officer for information re buildings etc. on site. The Chairman had offered to seek this information, but was advised by the Clerk not to go on site to seek that information. He would speak to the officer concerned.

6) Highway report:

The bus shelter will be replaced, and the owner of the wall to the rear of the shelter advised it will be rebuilt by the end of August.

Speedwatch project: 14 volunteers will undergo training on 26th July carried out by the police. Street watch is being considered when volunteers will walk around the village reporting any problems.

The highways engineer and Mr Dean have carried out a walk around the village. A number of items will be passed to Central Beds including the need for the drains to be cleared, pathways need clearing of overgrowing weeds, and the lack of visibility at the triangle due to heavy growth of shrubs on the verge.

The Gateway on the A 603 has been damaged, the Activated sign still requires connecting to the power.

A number of signs have been put up along the roadside without permission. Concern is still a high priority in relation to the speeding of buses and HGVs.

An update on the A1/A421 Black Cat Roundabout advised that The Local Authorities had supported Beds Borough Council in putting in a bid with the Highways Agency for monies from Central Government funding for the roundabout to be enlarged and traffic lights installed on the south and north bound carriageways. A report should be available in September on the success or otherwise of the bid.

Notification of Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2012/13 by the Internal Drainage Board.

7) Central Beds Councillors report:

Mrs Turner will circulate a full report on the Ivel Liaison Meeting when a presentation was given by a Highway Agency officer re the A1/A421. A Speed Watch report from Old Warden was given and a request by Mrs Turner for Parish Councils to write in support of a Lottery bid for the restoration of the original Swiss Garden at Old Warden.

8) Playing field report:

Mr Dean would seek quotes as three showers needed replacement. New shower curtains were also required. General repairs had been carried out but the fencing in the play area requires attention.

Mr Dean expressed the council thanks to Mr Anderson for cutting the grass on the field. The spraying of weeds now needs to be carried out Mr Granger will carry out this work with the cost being £150.00

Blunham Football Club wish to continue playing at Moggerhanger next season. Playing fees were discussed with Mr Dean proposing that the charge should be reduced to £35.00 per game from £40.00 this was seconded by Mrs Barrance, after a vote was carried by one vote.

For further use of the field by a second club Mr Dean would contact the Football Association.

A request was made from the church for the storage of their mower and strimmer in the Pavilion. Mr Dean said that there was no room for storage and concern was expressed

about the security which could be a problem.

Request for sensor light to replace current light. Contractor will be contacted.

9) Jubilee Celebrations:

The day had been well attended by villagers who had enjoyed and appreciated the day being organised. A number of people had stayed overnight in the marque and the caravan for security of the field.

There was entertainment during the afternoon and the evening for everyone. Some items had a small charge, the committee had agreed if there were any profit from the celebration a seat in the Play area would be purchased.

A request for the costs of the hire of the marque of £250.00 and the purchase of stakes for safety of £97.50 was made to the council. Mr Bashford would bring the details to the next meeting.

The Beacon lighting at Moggerhanger Park was well attended and enjoyed by villagers and residents from neighbouring villages.

10) Finance:

Payments:

Cople Tree Care	Work in field	£60.00	MVHMC	Hire of hall	£35.00
Andy Muskett	Lighting maint.	£152.52	Anglian Water		£26.39
Travis Perkins	Repairs	£41.92	Ist Response	Fire Extinguishers	£120.58
Playsafety	Rospa	£79.20	R Whitmore	Accountant	£240.00
D Granger	Grass cutting	£393.48	BDO	Ex Audit	£162.00
E on	Power	£96.98/£93.85	HMRC	PAYE	£76.41
Clerk	Sal/admin	£349.25	Eon	Pavilion	£138.52

Payments was proposed by Mr Smith seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed

Interest was received of £0.27 and £0.24

The Annual External Audit of the councils accounts had been received from BDO the External Auditor Mrs Carter proposed that audit be approved and accepted seconded Mr Dean and agreed. Notices had been displayed in the village of the accounts as required by law.

The Jubilee mugs had been passed to the village children of 16 years old and younger appreciation had been expressed.

11) Correspondence:

A Request had been received from the Lower School for a grant towards the purchase of a White Board which would cost £2165.00. After along discussion Mr Mease proposed

£500.00 should be given to the school as the members were advised the Board could be used by the community, this was seconded by Mr Bashford a vote was taken with the proposal being carried by one vote.

BATPC request for motions for the AGM which must be submitted by 11th September. A letter from Mr Comb of the QPM Trust thanking the council for their letter re being a partner in the Trust. The council had written their grant funding was used for village organisations at this time.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 19th September 2012