

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Bashford, Carter, Anderson, Mease , Dean (in the Chair), the Clerk
And two members of the public.

1) Apologies for absence: Councillors Hall, Barrance, Smith and Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner.

2) Declaration of Interest: All the councillors who were present requested a deposition by letter to enable them to vote to set the Precept. These letters were accepted by the Clerk.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2012:

The minutes having previously been circulated were proposed by Mr Bashford seconded by Mr Mease and agreed. They were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4) Parishioners questions:

5) Planning reports:

Applications received for comment:

St Johns Hospice.....retention of portable steel clad building for an additional two years.

The Microlight Centre.....retrospective for the reception building and outdoor viewing and playarea.

Application for development at the rear of The Guinea had been withdrawn.

The Clerk gave details of Central Beds Council list and maps of land that they would be considering for sites for Gypsy and Travellers.

6) Highway reports:

The Speedwatch project was moving forward.

The VAS was due to be working by the end of January. A number of lights on the A 603 need attention including a speed limit sign.

The gullies were due to be cleared again and moss on footways required spraying. A request was made for The Ridgeway to be included in the salt run.

Central Beds had set up a scheme to give Parish Councils a 1 ton or ½ ton bags of salt free.

7) Central Beds Councillors report:

8) Playing field report:

The heaters had been kept on low. There were still complaints on the lack of cleaning carried out after use by the PCC.

A request had been received from a team who wished to play at Moggerhanger next season. They wished to be named as the Youth Football Team of Moggerhanger.

Charges for hire would be agreed at the next meeting after Blunham had been contacted re the posts and nets ownership.

A branch which had fallen off a tree in the churchyard had been cleared by the council. The mower needed repairing and servicing.

9) Report on the SLCC meeting which the Chief Constable attended:

Details were given on the cuts in the Budget the Police had to put in place, this would mean less officers and PCSOs in the Force. Sharing services with other Forces on serious crime would also assist with lowering costs. The Chief Constable requested that Town and Parish Councils consider forming groups to enable them to pay for a PCSO, the annual cost would be about £36,000 to include a leased car in the rural area.

10) Finance:

Payments:

Ist Response Shower repairs	£71.40	Cople Tree Service Branch removal	£50.00
E on Power/pavilion	£87.70	Eon Power street lights	£96.98x2
Clerk Admin/sal/EPS	£299.06	HMRC Tax	£63.17

Receipt of £0.26P Bank interest.

Mr Anderson proposed the payments be made seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed.

The Clerk had circulated information to assist in members agreeing a budget and precept for 2013/14. After a long discussion Mr Bashford proposed an increase of £1000 to £14000 this was seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed.

A letter had been received from the PCC requesting a grant to assist in the purchase of equipment and tools to be used in the maintenance of the churchyard. Again after a long discussion Mr Bashford proposed £50.00 this was seconded by Mrs Carter and after a vote with four in favour and one against the grant of £50.00 was agreed.

11) Correspondence:

A letter had been received from a resident who wished to be considered to be co opted onto the Parish Council as there was a vacancy due to the resignation of Mr Painter. Mrs Schofield will be invited to the next meeting.

The council had received a letter from the newly elected Crime and Police Commissioner introducing himself and stating he would be arranging meetings with Town and Parish Councils in January.

The Clerk had attended the Central Beds Council Town and Parish Council Conference. Unfortunately the meeting had been poorly organised and the proposed workshops did not materialise, that and a power cut led to a disappointing evening. The next meeting of the Ivel Parish Forum will take place on 24th April at Old Warden Village Hall.

The Crime Stats for Moggerhanger showed 3 crimes were committed in the village including one robbery and one vehicle crime since the last meeting in November. Details had also been received on the Council Tax Support Scheme.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be the Annual Open Parish Meeting on 20th March 2013 at 7pm followed by a Parish Council Meeting.