

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Councillors Smith, Hall, Anderson, Carter, Dean, Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner , the Clerk and three members of the public.

Co Option of Mrs Elizabeth Schofield as a councillor on the Parish Council was proposed by Mr Dean seconded by Mr Anderson and agreed.

Mr Dean welcomed Mrs Schofield to the council.

- 1) Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Bashford and Mease  
A letter of resignation from Mrs Barrance was received. The council expressed their recognition of her service to the council. A letter of thanks and flowers will be taken to Mrs Barrance.

- 2) Declaration of Interest.**

- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013** were proposed by Mr Anderson seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed.

- 4) Election of Chairman.**

Two nominations were received and seconded, as there were insufficient members present to vote the election was postponed until the next meeting.

- 5) Election of Vice Chairman:** This item was also postponed until the next meeting.

- 6) Highway report:** Mr Bashford was appointed as the Highway Liaison councillor.

Neil Hollis of Amey advised that a reorganization of responsibilities had taken place at Amey. Work that had been requested was still outstanding including the lights on the A 603 although the pothole outside 39 Bedford Road and the one outside the Village Hall had been repaired. Road name signs still required replacing at various locations in the Parish.

The Annual Road Condition Survey had been received for completion. The Highway Prioritised Work for 2013/14 programme will be circulated.

Proposed Waiting Restrictions on A1-A603 Link Road at Girtford Sandy decision of Central Beds.

## **7) Planning reports:**

### **Applications received for comment:**

Land at White Gables Farm... retention of office building and continued use of land and buildings to a mixed use of land and building for horticulture and general haulage purposes.

4 Crescent View ... single storey and two storey rear extension.

Land adjacent to 39 St Johns Road ....outline application for erection of two detached dwellings.

6 Bedford Road.... Change of use to 4 self contained flats , two storey side and rear extension , single storey rear extension.

Park Road nurseries.....demolish barn and replace existing mobile home with bungalow.

Notification by Beds and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board of the Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2013/14 for Moggerhanger.

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

Mrs Turner advised that a meeting for persons interested in becoming councillors on Central Beds Council was held in the last week at Chicksands. The Gypsy and Traveller Consultation will start from 20<sup>th</sup> May for six weeks. All the original sites in the allocation will be forwarded to the inspector who will make a final decision. Representations should be sent to Central Beds.

There is a Waste and Minerals Consultation being carried out, and a Consultation of the Library Link Service .

Mrs Turner had received a letter from the Vicar seeking a grant towards purchasing a shed for the storage of garden equipment in the churchyard. Central Beds councillors do not have funding for grants.

**A PCSO report** was giving details of Crimes committed in the same period as last year where the numbers had increased to 5, 2 of which were burglaries of outbuildings, one Charity theft and criminal damage to a door.

A delivery of Crime Prevention Information leaflets will be carried out. On the 6<sup>th</sup> June the police will be at the Village Hall for a car number plate security provision for residents. Further information will be advised. The council was advised that Police car patrolling was still being carried out.

#### **9) Playing field report:**

Due to the mower breaking down the Play area had not been cut, but the highways contractor had now rectified the situation and cut the grass last week.

A new Football Team will be playing in Moggerhanger next season. A suggestion was put that an advert should be sought for an additional team. It was agreed that Mr Smith follow the suggestion up.

Moggerhanger did not own football posts and nets. Mr Brown of Blunham had offered to sell the Blunham team equipment to the Parish Council for £250.00. Mr Anderson proposed that the offer be taken up seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed. Mr Anderson will negotiate with Mr Brown.

Charges for use of the field were discussed in relation to those charged last year. Mr Smith proposed £35.00 per match seconded by Mr Anderson And agreed.

#### **10) Finance:**

##### **Payments and Receipts:**

E ON	Power	£93.85	Village Hall	Hire	£30.00
D j Granger	grasscutting	£409.92/£54.00			
Broker Network	Insurance	£996.50	D Payne	PC Expenses	£306.53
A Muskett	Light in field	£477.60	Clerk	sal/admin	£618.87
HMRC	PAYE	£126.33	Whitmore	accountant	£270.00
P Dean	petrol for mower	£25.00			

Mrs Hall proposed the payments be made seconded by Mr Smith and agreed.

A VAT Refund of £1109.96	Precept	£16334.78
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The Clerk explained that the insurance renewal had been agreed last year for a 3 year contract.

The Clerk gave details of her contract and of her current salary. Mr Smith proposed that one point on the salary be granted seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed.

The Clerk explained that Local Authority Clerks Salaries had been frozen since 2009. NALC and SLCC were now in negotiations reviewing salary scales for Clerks.

The meeting closed. The July meeting will take place on 17th at 7.30pm