

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MOGGERHANGER.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Bashford, Carter, Dean, Anderson, Hall, Schofield and Mease ( Chairman) ,  
the Clerk , Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner and 20 members of the public.

- 1) Apologies for absence:** Councillor Smith.
- 2) Declaration of Interest:** Mrs Hall re Manor Farm application and Mr Anderson re discussion on White Gables Farm .
- 3) Minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013.**

The minutes having previously been circulated were proposed by Mr Dean as a true record of the meetings seconded by Mrs Carter and agreed.

- 4) Parishioners question time. The meeting closed.**
- 5) Planning reports:**

Notification of the Public Inquiry into the appeal for Land at White Gables Farm.

Notification of appeal against Enforcement Notice re construction of porch at 56 Blunham Road..... Porch has been removed .

Enforcement Notice for change of use of agricultural land to open storage use on land to the side of 55 Bedford , enforcement has now been complied with and the case closed.

Receipt notice from Central Beds re The Gypsy and Traveller Plan Pre Submission Document.

Receipt of Adoption Statement of Bedford Borough Council Allocations and Designations Local Plan.

**Application for White Gables Farm** for the insertion of 2 dormer windows to the front elevation. **No objections.**

**Application for Manor Farm.....**outline application for erection of two detached dwellings on land adjacent to 39 St Johns Road. No objections.

- 6) Highway report:**

A number of drain covers had been replaced but more still require looking at.

A Traffic Survey was carried out on the A 603 and the bypass by a councilor results showed 1028 vehicles per hour travelling in one direction only on the A 603 and a lot less on the bypass.

For a number of weeks the A1 north carriageway will be closed overnight .

The Grasscutting agreement had been received from Central Beds giving a grant of £536.91 towards the cutting of the verges inside the speed limit to the Parish Council to carry out the work.

**7) Central Beds Council report:**

Mrs Turner advised the Town and Parish Council Conference will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and Precept Training will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Rufus Centre.

Although other areas have a problem with a shortage of Primary School places Central Beds does not have a problem. A Police Station Survey is being carried out and until 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Notification of the closure of the Blunham Bridge for 6 weeks from 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The list of all original Gypsy and Traveller sites will be sent to the Inspector. The result of an appeal of a site has been held up and given a two year temporary stay, but to the Inspector stating CBC has a shortfall of sites needed. A meeting will be held by the committee to see if there is a need for further sites than stated.

**8) PCSO and Crime Figure report.**

Apologies were received for lack of police attendance but the latest figures for July to September were received showing 4 crimes committed, one domestic burglary, one other burglary one vehicle crime and one criminal damage.

**9) Playing field report:**

Moggerhanger Football Club will be playing this year, plans are in hand to start a Youth Team in the village. Mr Dean thanked Mr Key for looking after the Play area whilst he was unable to use the mower. Improvements to the equipment and the surface of the playarea are to be discuss and cost for the budget meeting.

**10) Report on Meeting for the improvements at the Black Cat A1.**

Councillors attended the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September when the Highways Agency proposals for the improvement of the junction of the Black Cat /A1 Roundabout. The main changes would be an increase in the number of North bound lanes and Traffic lights at peak times. Rat running weight limits on rural roads are not under consideration. There was a hope for lack of interruption during construction . A programme of works was given.

## 11) Finance:

Payments for July.

BDO External Audit £120.00 Anglian Water £169.57 Peter Dean £25.00 Groundcare £60.00

Payments cont:

D J Granger £457.92 Travis Perkins £32.36 Clerk/admin £609.16 HMRC £139.60

1<sup>ST</sup> Response £47.08 A Muskett £154.98 Playsafety £78.00

Payments for September:

E on £98.98X3 Power E ON Pavilion £34.28 Groundcare mower reps £211.15

D J Granger grasscutting £614.88 Clerk admin/sal/exps £591.75 HMRC £130.23

Royal British Legion wreath £15.00 E ON Power £93.85X2 EON Pavilion £128.93

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

Receipts:

Football Club £100.00 Insurance refund £250.00 Interest £1.01

The External Audit report was given to the council and accepted.

All correspondence and information will be circulated.. The next Forum will take place in January on a date to be notified.

The meeting closed.

The council interviewed two persons who had applied to be co opted onto the council to fill the vacancy on the retirement of Mrs Barrance.

After consideration of the members Mr Paul Petrie was voted onto the council.

The next council meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.