

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Councillors Dean, Hall, Smith, Anderson, Bashford, Mease ( Chairman),  
Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner, the Clerk and 8 members of the public.

- 1) Apologies for absence.** Councillor Schofield.
- 2) Declaration of Interest:** The Clerk explained that councilors must notify the CBC Monitoring Officer of any change of address and circumstances.
- 3) Minutes of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**  
Mr Dean proposed that the minutes be accepted as true records of both meetings , this was seconded by Mrs Hall and agreed.
- 4) Parishioners questions:**  
The meeting closed for 15 minutes.

A PCSO from Biggleswade gave details of the latest Crime figures from 18<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> November . With six crimes being carried out in Moggerhanger for this period it was an increase of one on last year.

**5) Planning reports:**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the outcome of the Public Inquiry for Site at White Gables Farm appeal. A full report is available.

Application for a replacement detached garage and workshop with room over incorporating kennel provision and ancillary landscaping at Chestnut House Park Road.

Application for Park Farm development for Horticultural and Agricultural education provision was returned to CBC planners a query was raised on the correct boundary on the plans received. The plans will be resubmitted.

## **6) Highway report:**

The villages had been walked with the Amey engineer, checking work that had been completed , ie the footpath in Park Close had been cleaned, and work that was required . A drop kerb will be installed in Park Close.

Concern was expressed at the way the verges in Park Road are being cut up by large vehicles including the school bus. Often parked cars causes some of the problem.

CBC have advised that the provision of salt will continue for the next three months for delivery to the village.

The Clerk gave details of Central Beds Highway Maintenance two-year Programme 2014/15

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

Mrs Turner gave details of the Town and Parish Council Conference which is due to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Chicksands.

The next Ivel Parish Forum will be held in Broom on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Items for discussion are requested.

Mrs Turner explained how the council tax for 2014/15 will affect the residents who pay the tax in each village. There will be an increase as the Central Government Grant will not be passed on to Parish Councils in their precept.

## **8) Playing field report:**

Work on the surface of the Play area is required , the field is in good condition.

The Clerk suggested that a small working group be set up to draw up a plan of need for the Play area. A number of children had already been consulted.

**9)Finance:****Payments:**

D J Granger	grasscutting	£409.92	Travis Perkins	topsoil	£9.90
MVHMC	Hire of hall	£40.00	Andy Muskett	Lights	£154.98
P Doyle	Internal Audit	£150.00	HMRC	tax	£166.70
Clerk	admin/sal/exps	£788.90	EON Power	£96.98	£93.85
Bank charge	returned cheque	£15.00	P Dean	keys	£4.99

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

The Clerk circulated details of the Draft budget for 2014/15 which the council had previously discussed. Mr Dean proposed the budget be accepted seconded by Mr Smith and agreed.

A letter had been received from Mr Bashford explaining that he had been financing part of the village website, he now requested that the Parish Council consider paying £5.00 per month towards the cost as he had now retired.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Quotes had been received for the repair of the notice boards and the usual refurbishment of the bus shelter and the seats. Mr Smith proposed the lowest quote of £650.00 be accepted this was seconded by Mr Anderson and agreed.

Quotes for grasscutting and Street lighting repairs will be put before the next meeting./

**10)Correspondence:**

A letter had been received from Beds Police Partnership Trust for financial support.

Notification from CBC re a consultation on admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2015/16

A copy of the proposed Polling Stations for the elections will be circulated with other information papers.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 15th January 2014