

MINUTES OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present. Councillors Hall, Carter, Dean, Smith, Mease, Anderson, Bashford and Petrie, Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner, 15 members of the public and the Clerk.

- 1) Apologies for absence.** Councillor Scofield.
- 2) Declaration of Interest.** Councillor Bashford grant to Village Hall Committee.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2014.** Mr Dean proposed that they be accepted seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.
- 4) Election of Chairman.**
Mr Bashford proposed Paul Petrie this was seconded by Mrs Hall and agreed. There being no other nominations Mr Petrie was elected as Chairman.
- 5) Election of Vice Chairman.** Mrs Hall proposed Mr Bashford seconded by Mr Petrie and agreed. There being no other nominations Mr Bashford was elected as Vice Chairman .
- 6) Councillors appointments.** Mr Dean agreed to continue as the Council Highway Liaison member.
The Playing field Group ... Mr Petrie, Mr Bashford and Mr Dean , the Clerk would attend the meetings.
- 7) The meeting closed for Parishioners questions.**
- 8)* Highways report.**

A number of problems including overgrown paths, non clearance of drains and road sweeping , all of which had been reported to Central Beds Highways but still required work to be carried out.

A letter from Central Beds giving details of the proposed Digital Speed cameras the council would be part financing. The Clerk would write

requesting Moggerhanger should be considered a high priority for the scheme. Control of the traffic on the A 603 was of great concern.

The updating of the Parish street lights was discussed, the contractor had highlighted those in need of urgent work. Mr Smith proposed that 7 lights be refurbished seconded by Mr Anderson and agreed.

9) Planning.

Application received:

23 Park Close.....Single storey rear extension and extension to rear of detached single garage.

21 Park Close.....Erection of car port & replacement of rear conservatory with new kitchen.

Land Rear of 26/28 Blunham Roaderection of one dwelling following demolition of a hut.

Rubython House St Johns Road.....front extension. No objections were raised relating to these applications.

10)Central Beds Report. Mrs Turner gave the details of the Planning consultation would be sent to the Government Inspector . The proposals included that the number of houses was increased to 31,000 , how and where the development should take place in villages and towns. The planned sites would be published in 2015.

The Biggleswade Tidy tip was to be upgraded likewise the Saxon Pool.

A meeting of The Ivel Forum took place when Speed cameras were discussed , a report by Sgt Garry Kidd of the Police and a question and answer period with the Leader of Central Beds Council.

Mrs Turner suggested the item for discussion at the next meeting should be on housing.

11)Playing field report. Quotes for the grasscutting of the field as the council did not have access to a tractor this season this was seconded by Mr Bashford and

agreed. Quotes would be sought for the grasscutting and weed spraying. Mr Smith proposed that the mower be put up for sale .

Mr Dean stated that there would most probably be a second football team playing at Moggerhanger next season.

12)Central Beds Town and Parish Council Conference.

Two members and the Clerk attended. Details for The future in Bedfordshire for Health services was given by members of the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. A presentation on Cemetery Development and the use of Community Defibrillators.

The Clerk attended the Town and Parish Council meeting held by Alistair Burt MP. Village Post office decline and extra costs that Parish Councils have to absorb with electronic communication

13) Finance.

Payments and Receipts.

Broker Network	insurance	£975.08	Playsafety	inspection	£78.00
Travis Perkins	pavilion	£7.94	D J Granger	grasscutting	£633.06
BATPC	subs	£133.00	VHMC	grant	£1000.00
Whitmore	accountant	£330.00	Linka Ride	grant	£100.00
Clerk	admin/sa/exps	£670.80	D A Payne	council exps	£478.06
VHMC	hire	£30.00	E ON	power	£96.98 £93.85
Receipts	precept	£15000			

Mr Anderson proposed the payments be agreed this was seconded by Mr Mease.

The Clerk presented the Annual Accounts for 2013/14 and the External Audit Governance form . Mr Dean Proposed the accounts be accepted and the form be

completed and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the council this seconded by Mr Anderson and agreed.

The quote for grasscutting was agreed and Mark Zwetsloot was awarded the contract.

14)Correspondence.

BATPC advised that they would not be supplying paper copies of The Bugle but copy could be sought on the Website.

Letter from Bewick Homes who would be submitting a planning application for development to the rear of The Guinea. A public meeting will be held when the application papers had been received.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 16th July 2014 at 7.30pm

A confidential short meeting was held to review the Clerks salary. Mr Smith proposed the Clerks salary should be set for 3 years with a normal increase as agreed by SSLC and NALC. This was agreed.