

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

21ST JANUARY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present. Councillors Hall, D Smith, R Smith, Bashford, Dean, Anderson, Schofield, Petrie (Chairman) the Clerk, Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner and 15 members of the public.

1) Apologies for absence.

2) Declaration of Interest.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2014 , Mr R Smith proposed they be accepted as a true record of the meeting this was seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

4) Parishioners questions. The meeting closed.

The meeting resumed . The Chairman Mr Petrie advised those present that he would be resigning from the Parish Council at the end of the meeting due to change in his work commitments

5) Planning reports.

6 Bedford Road further application for the four flats and notification of an appeal re conditions on previous application.

The land to the rear of The Guinea.. discussions still taking place with CBC.

6) Highway reports.

Patching work by CBC on Chalton Hill will be carried out by using a velocity patcher machine.

Concern expressed about the parking of school buses in Blunham Road.

Request for a salt bin to be purchased to be sited at the bottom of Chalton Hill.

A new site is to be sought for the storage of the salt for the bins at present the salt is in a large bag , the salt will be decanted into smaller manageable

bags and then stored in the Pavilion. Volunteers were requested to help with putting the salt into the bags and then moving them to the playing field.

Speed watch is due to start at the beginning of February . Speed records from both directions of vehicles are recognized.

The Parish Council have expressed their wish for a speed camera on the A 603 and set aside £3000 towards the cost. Evidence of the need have to be provided to CBC for their financial contribution. The PC gave a quick response.

7) Central Beds Council report.

Mrs Turner gave details on the Conference for Town and Parish Councils which included the process that has to be followed for the forthcoming elections on 7th May, nomination papers have to be hand delivered no later than 17th April .There will be election costs for all three elections. The Bedfordshire Police PCC Olly Martins advised that he required a 15.8% precept increase as the County is low costed. This would mean an increase in a cost of 48p per week for households. A referendum would have to take place for the increase, this will take place on the same day as the elections in May.

Mrs Turner asked residents to take part in the budget, consultation forms must be returned by 3rd February., Grants from Central Government are not passed onto Town and Parish Councils , they do not cover the increase costs for Adult Social and Childrens Care. 13.7million efficiency rates have to be made to be cost effective. Resources are unable to keep up with the workload in some departments. Complaints take up a lot of time, with enforcement being expensive.

The council has to ensure school places are available for residents .CBC new Highway contract will be in place on 1st April 2016 as a Term Maintenance contract.

8) Playing field report. Football has not been played on the field this season. Pre Season training use of the field has been requested by another team.

The Play area surface is due to be replaced in the next few weeks depending on the weather.

A new gate post is needed at the field entrance.

9) Finance.

Payments and Receipts.

E ON	Power	£96.98	£93.85	E ON	Pavilion power	£37.03
Andy Muskett	Lighting	£157.44		P Dean	Petrol etc	£38.99
Clerk	sal/exps/admin	£616.71		HMRC	Tax	£142.00
D A Payne	SLCC SUB.	£95.22				

Mr R Smith proposed payments seconded by Mrs Schofield and agreed

The Grant of £9000.00 had been received from The Big Lottery

Bank Interest 48P 49P.

Mr R Smith proposed that the £3000 required for the financial contribution towards the speed camera be agreed this was seconded by Mr Bashford and accepted.

The council had discussed the budget at the November meeting but decided to delay setting the Precept until an agreement on the Speed camera project was in place. After discussion Mr R Smith proposed the Precept be increased by £1000 To £16000 this was seconded by Mr Dean and agreed.

10) Correspondence.

E MAIL from PCSO giving Crime Stats unable to download.

Items from The Bugle

Notification of The Ivel Forum to be held at Old Warden on 10th February at 7pm.

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Before closing the meeting Mr R Smith thanked Mr Petrie for all the good work he had carried out as Chairman of the Parish Council, and wished him well for the future.

The meeting closed . The next meeting would be the The Annual Open Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting on 18th March 2015 at 7pm