

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH MAY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Mr Bashford welcomed the new councillors to their first meeting since the election.

The meeting followed with the councillors swearing in . The Clerk circulated a paper giving general information on the duties of a councilor, the Chairman and the Clerk . Declaration forms were completed by each councilor.

Present: Councillors Carter, Bashford, Smith, Aldridge, Hopkins, Schofield, Lister and Brun, Central Beds Councillor Firth and the Clerk. 11 members of the public.

1) Apologies for absence. Councillor Kean.

2) Election of Chairman.

Mr Bashford nominated Mr Smith seconded by Mrs Carter, Mrs Lister nominated Mr Hopkins seconded by Mr Aldridge, a vote was taken with Mr Smith being elected as the Chairman.

3) Election of Vice Chairman.

Mr Bashford was nominated by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Brun, there being no other nominations Mr Bashford was elected as Vice Chairman.

4) Declaration of Interest.

5) Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015.

The minutes were challenged by two new councillors as not being accurate.

An explanation was given by the Clerk. The minutes were then proposed by Mrs Carter as a true record of the meeting this was seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

6) Appointment of councilor responsibilities.

Village Hall representative Mr Bashford. Playing field and Pavilion Mr Dean with Mr Bashford and Mr Smith assistance.

Council assets Mrs Schofield, Highway , Mr Kean would be asked to take on this responsibility.

Mr Bashford thanked Mr Dean on behalf of the council for all the energy and time he had given for many years, in meeting with the Highway engineers in keeping the roads and footpaths in repair and as safe as possible.

7) The Meeting closed for Parishioners questions.

The meeting reopened.

8) Highway and planning reports.

After a request Mrs Schofield proposed the council request a traffic check by the Police be repeated.

- Mr Bashford explained that he had contacted CBC a number of times in relation to the lack of consultation re the site before the camera was erected. The council had suggested a site to the east of the main bus stop, but CBC decided that the current site was preferable. Central Beds councilor Mr Firth agreed to liaise with Mr Bashford and the Clerk to meet with officers of CBC.

The Clerk would contact Mr Granger re an extension to the grasscutting area in Chalton.

Concerns had been expressed over the new fencing at The Guinea, Mrs Lister would speak with the landlord and report back.

Planning applications had been received for 6 Bedford Road for the erection of four storage areas . The council once again commented upon the single access onto the A603 at the narrowest part of the road.

Willow Hill Farm for the conversion of a listed barn into a dwelling. The council did not have any objections to this application being granted.

An extractor on the roof on the rear of The Guinea.

9) Central Beds Council report.

Mr Firth introduced himself as the new councilor for Moggerhanger and Chalton, he had attended the last two meetings of the Parish Council as a member of the Public.

No meetings had been held at CBC to date, but meetings were usually held at 6.30 pm. Information and dates were on the CBC website.

10) Finance.

Payments.

Triumph Trophies	seat plaque	£15.50	D J Granger grasscutting	£429.36
BATPC	Subscription	£138.00	Broker Networks Insurance	£1027.02
M Zwetsloot	field grasscutting	£140.00	Ace Pest Control	Moles £132.00
R J Whitmore	payroll services	£360.00	Clerk	admin.sal/exps £669.00
D A Payne	office provision	£500.47	HMRC	Tax £143.00
E ON	Street Lighting power	£96.98		£93.85

A cheque was drawn for CBC £3000.00 cost of provision of camera. This payment was not approved , dialogue would beheld with CBC.

Mrs Lister proposed the payments be made this was seconded by Mr Hopkins and agreed.

Receipts:

Precept £16000.00 VAT refund £3866.29

The signatories to the bank account had now retired from the council three councillors from the current council were now required. Mrs Lister and Mr Hopkins volunteered with the Chairman Mr Smith as a third councilor . Mrs Carter proposed that the names put forward to be the new signatories to the bank account this was agreed.

11) Correspondence and information.

A request for the use of the field for football practice during the summer had been received from a Biggleswade Football Club. The club would not require the use of the goal posts etc, a suggested hire charge of £30 had been discussed . The Council agreed to the request and the hire charge.

The suggestion that Moggerhanger Parish Council should consider a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish had been put forward. The project has to led by the Parish Council with community support being given by volunteers who have the time to be members of a project group. Funding is available and professional advice. The clerk suggested that if the proposal for the plan is to go ahead, it would be wise to seek advice from other Parish Councils who had embarked on a plan for their Parishes.

Mr Bashford would collate names of those councillors and residents who would like to be involved.

A card had been received from Mrs Turner thanking the council for the gift of a shrub and the support the council had given her as the Central Beds Councillor for the area.

The Clerk gave details published in The Bugle . The council being a small council, I would have to publish the minutes, payments over £100.00, list of members and their responsibilities, the Internal Report and the Standing Orders on a Website as from the 1st July 2015.

The dates and venue for the BATPC AGM were given.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 15th July 2015 at 7.30pm