

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present.** Councillors Aldridge, Kean, Hopkins, Carter, Schofield, Lister, Brun  
Smith( Chairman), the Clerk. Central Beds Councillor Firth & 16 residents.

**1) Apologies for absence.**Councillor Bashford.

**2) Declaration of Interest.**

**3) Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The number of councillors needed for the council to be quorate questioned in the June meeting.

The comments made for forwarding to CBC re the planning application on Willow Hill Farm were not recorded in the minutes .The Clerk explained that comments were not recorded in minutes but only the recommended outcome .

Mrs Lister proposed the minutes be accepted seconded by Mr Hopkins and agreed.

**4) The Meeting closed for Parishioners questions.**

**5) Highway Report.**

In answer to questions re the Speed Camera raised in item 4. The Clerk explained that a letter had been sent to the CEO of CBC giving details of the whole process and outcome including the charge of £3000 for the camera and why the council had not sent a cheque in payment . Acknowledgement of the letter had been received but no other reply. CBC considered the camera was good value and in the correct place. After a long discussion Mrs Carter proposed that now the camera was working , the council should retain further views for 6 months seconded by Mr Hopkins and agreed. Mrs Lister had met with the landlords of The Guinea re the fence, stating they had not been consulted over its height and taking it down. Members proposed that Councillor Firth should arrange a meeting with CBC Highway officers at The Guinea.

A number of overgrown hedges and brambles on paths ,Mrs Carter and Mrs Schofield would deal with the problem. A map of the area where wild flowers are growing will be passed to Mr Granger. The Clerk reported that the trees on the grassed area in St Johns road required trimming. Mr

Hopkins proposed that Mr Granger be asked to do the work seconded by Mrs Schofield and agreed.

**6)Planning reports.**

Application received for land adjacent to 39 St Johns Road for the erection of two detached dwellings. The councillors agreed to recommend refusal due in main to size of properties.

Notification of the appeal for the rear of 26/28 Blunham Road being granted with conditions.

Mr Brun reported that the proposals for a large extractor fan on the roof on The Guinea was non compliant and the applicant was given until November to meet the CBC planning regulation.

**7)Central Beds Councillor's report.**

Mr Firth gave details of the meeting of The Ivel Forum when Olly Martins the PCC had attended. A full report had been sent on the email giving proposals for the future of the Police including on how there would be a reduction in the Central call rooms, officers would be provided with Tablets to improve communication.

Moggerhanger agreed to host the next meeting of the Forum dates would be arranged when the Hall was available.

Biggleswade Tidy Tip would close on 8<sup>th</sup> August for 6 months for refurbishment, no alternative had been offered but St Neots and Barkers Lane in Bedford could be used. A garden waste vehicle would be at Priory House at weekends. The pothole machine was now in use, Broadband improvement scheduled for 2018/19 A Good Neighbour Scheme training would be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the early evening.

**8)Playing field report.**

The grass was now having to be cut every two weeks , this will be monitored .

The Annual ROSPA report had been received this would be passed to Mr Bashford to arrange for any work suggested to be carried out.

Mr Smith reported that the Golf Club at Sutton had been contacted , they would have two mowers for sale at the end of the season costing about £2000 each . The Clerk would look closely at the budget .

### **9)Finance.**

Payments,

Andy Muskett light. Maint.	£157.44	D J Granger grasscutting	£644.04
M Zwetsloot grasscutting	£210.00	Groundcare mower reps	£72.00
Playsafety ROSPA	£78.00	CBC election costs	£62.79
Clerk admin/sal/exps	£670.96	HMRC tax	£143.00
E ON pavilion lighting	£27.78	E ON street lights	£93.85£126.49
CBC Camera	£3000.00		

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

Mrs Lister on behalf of the Clerk offered to scan the Standing orders and forward to those councillors who had email access.

CBC had organized a training meeting for councillors on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Chicksands .

The Accounts had been forwarded to the External Auditor.

### **10)Correspondence and information.**

A Scrutiny Meeting is being held at CBC on 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00 when Anglian Water will be attending. The public may attend.

Details and application forms can be obtained from BATPC to apply to attend a an induction training evening for councillors at Thurleigh Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the evening. The cost per councilor of £20.00 which the Parish Council will fund. Contact Daphne the Clerk.

Mrs Carter asked the council to allow parents of some school children to Camp out on the playing field on nights of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August when the RSPB were holding a project. The request included use of the toilets.

The Clerk was concerned re insurance and who was going to be in charge.

Mrs Carter would get those attending to sign an indemnity on arrival.

The council agreed to the request.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015