

Notes on the Meeting of Moggerhanger Parish Council held on 15th January 2014

Council members, Central Council Councillor Mrs Turner and 16 members of the public were present. Mr Anderson declared an interest in regard of the planning application for White Gables Farm.

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th November and 18th December were signed.

Andrew Gwillam the Rights of Way Officer for the area attended when he gave details of his duties. He provided copies of the Definitive Map for the local area, a copy will be put on the notice board. He advised residents that they could contact him with concerns and questions they may have with regard to Rights of way which includes footpaths. He explained that Central Beds ran a Rights of Way Clearance Campaign twice a year, but requests for clearance could be made on his number 03003006544.

Following Parishioners Question Time, a number of planning applications were considered this included Park Farm for change of use to teaching workshops related to agriculture and horticulture and an exhibition area. St Johns Home for a number of trees for TPO work to be carried out. 59 Park Road for the erection of a new garage and replacement of the concrete drive.

The change of use of the grain store at White Gables Farm to include haulage. After discussion a vote was taken and a recommendation was made for refusal of the application. The other applications were approved with concerns about the road at Park Farm.

Mr Dean attended the Central Beds Conference when Ollie Martins PCC gave details about the number of Special officers the force had and the number for the future. He also advised that the Police precept would have to be increased due to the cuts in budget.

Central Beds will grit the main highways, bus routes and school routes when needed. They are carrying out improvement schemes which will include addressing speeding and parking on yellow lines. Their highway maintenance contract is due for renewal in 2016. The service received in Moggerhanger via the liaison engineer and a member of the council is good.

A supply of salt has been delivered for the bin in Park Road. Mr Dean will be responsible for the filling up of the bin.

A Police report was given on the annual crime figures in comparison for last year.

Mrs Turner advised the council Draft Budget agreed on 14th January when savings have been earmarked a consultation will be advertised. She stated that the Gypsy and Traveller Sites report agreed at the Scrutiny meeting will be put to the Council on 30th January which will include the proposed sites, Chalton was not included. A six week consultation will follow prior to the proposals being submitted to the Secretary of State in June when it is hoped it will be adopted.

Communication and Average Speed cameras will be on the agenda at the Ivel Parish Forum on 16th January.

The playing field report advised that the football team had been able to play all their games despite the poor weather.. The Rospa Inspection of the Play area will be carried out as normal in May. A quote for the cutting of the grass on the field will have to be sought as Mr Anderson advised his tractor would not be available any more.

The usual invoices were agreed for payment. A request for £5.00 contribution from the Parish Council for the village Website was agreed. The budget had previously been set for 2014/15

The members now agreed that the precept for the 2014/15 financial year be set at £15000.00

Quotes had been sought for the councils contracts for lighting maintenance and grasscutting. It was agreed the quotes from the current contractors be accepted.

Letters from Alistair Burt MP on the Superfast Broadband being rolled out across his constituency and advising he would be holding a meeting for councillors in late Spring, and Central Beds Consultation on admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary controlled schools from 2015/2016. A notice is on the notice board by the bus stop in the village,

The NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL OPEN PARISH followed by a short Parish Council meeting on WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2014 AT 7PM.