

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Councillors Dean, Carter, Petrie, Bashford, Anderson, Smith, Hall, Schofield, Mease (Chairman), the Clerk, Central Beds Councillor Mrs Turner and 16 members of the public.

- 1) Apologies: None.
- 2) **Declaration of Interest:** Councillor Anderson re White Gables Farm.
- 3) **Minutes of the meetings held on 20th November and 18th December 2013**
Mr Dean proposed the minutes were a true record of the meetings this was seconded by Mr Smith and agreed.

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Gwillam Rights of Way Officer for Central Beds Council. Mr Gwillam explained his position and what his job entails. He explained the Definitive Map for the area which he had brought with him , a copy would be put on the village notice board. Residents could contact him anytime they wished if they had a question or a problem by phone or email. He advised that CBC carried out a clearance campaign twice a year. Requests for clearance can be notified where work is required. Explanation was given that some well walked paths may not be on the map, and cross field paths are the responsibility of the landowner. Attempts are being made to upgrade paths some into cycleways. The Chairman thanked Mr Gwillam for attending.

- 4) **Parishioners questions.** The meeting closed.
- 5) **Planning reports.**

Applications received:

- 1) Park Road Farm.....change of use from agricultural to D1, larger outbuilding to be used as an exhibition area, smaller outbuilding to be used for practical teaching workshops related to agriculture and horticulture.

No objections raised in principle, but concern at the increase in traffic along Park Road and the numbers of people visiting the site.

- 2) Sue Ryder Home, St Johns Road.....TPO works to T1 Oak and T2 oak and T5 Lime including reduction and removal of deadwood. No objections raised.
- 3) 59 Park Road....erection of anew timber framed detached garage to the rear of the property and replace concrete driveway and hard standing surrounding house with cobble style block. No objections raised.
- 4) White Gables Farm.....change of use of existing grain store building to a mixed use grain store and haulage(ClassB8). Objections raised as for previous applications for this site including all activities carried out on the site, an enforcement was in place. A vote was taken 4 in favour and 4 against the Chairman used his casting vote to request the planning officer to refused the application.

6)Highway reports:

Mr Dean attended the Central Beds Conference. The meeting was first addressed by the Ollie Martin the Police Commissioner who advised that the were now200 Special Police Officers in service , and he hoped to raised the number to 400. The precept would have to be raised as he had to cut 7 million from his budget proposals. There are now only two centres of operation these are at Luton and Bedford.

Central Beds will be gritting the main highways , bus routes and school routes. Improvement schemes included addressing speeding and parking on yellow lines.

The Highway maintenance contract will be up for renewal in 2016. The service contract with the liaison engineer is good in Moggerhanger.

The supply of salt for the bin has been delivered to White Gables Farm for storage, Mr Dean will organise and carry out getting the salt in smaller bags to enable the salt to be put in the bin.

7)Central Beds Council report.

Mrs Turner a consultation will be advertised on the Draft Budget which was agreed 14TH January, all savings had been earmarked.

The Gypsy and Traveller Strategy was discussed at the Scrutiny Meeting and a report will be put to Council on 30th January giving the proposed sites, Chalton was not included. The plan will then be for a 6 week consultation prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State in June when it is hoped it will be adopted.

A meeting of the Ivel Parish Forum will be held on 16th January in Ickwell , the main item for discussion will be Communication., but Average speed cameras will also be discussed.

The next Central Beds Town and Parish Council Conference will be held on 29th April , topics for discussion were requested.

8)Playing field report;

Football is still being played despite the poor weather, there is hope for a seconded team for next season.

The ROSPA Inspection will be carried out in May.

Mr Anderson advised the tractor used for cutting the grass in the field will no longer be available. A quote will be sought for the contract.

A meeting will be called before March to discuss work required in the play area.

9)Finance:

Payments:

Anglian Water	£178.48	Andy Muskett Lighting	£154.98
HMRC tax	£131.46	Moggerhanger VH HIRE	£20.00

E ON Power £98.98 / £68.17 Pavilion power. Ace Mole removal £108.00

E Single Notice Boards reps £390.00 Clerk sal/admin/exps £586.61

Payments was proposed by Mrs Carter seconded by Mr Smith and agreed.

Receipts; Interest 23p/27p Football Club £80.00

The request from Mr Bashford for a £5.00 contribution to the cost of Moggerhanger Village website was proposed by Mr Dean seconded by Mr Mease and agreed. The council report will be placed on the website.

The budget had been discussed and agreed at a meeting of the council , It was proposed by Mrs Schofield that the precept be set at £15000 for 2014/15 financial year this seconded by Mr Bashford and agreed.

Quotes had been sought for the grasscutting contract with the only reply being from the current contractor , As the increase was accepted as low it was accepted/ A quote was also received from the current lighting maintenance contractor this was also accepted. D J Granger and Andy Muskett Ltd as the contractors was proposed by Mr Smith seconded by Mrs Schofield and agreed.

10) Correspondence:

1) Bedford Borough Council Issues and Allocations for Local Plan 2032

2) Alistair Burt MP Letter re Superfast Broadband rollout across his constituency. Notification he will be holding a meeting for councilors in the late Spring.

3) Central Beds Consultation on admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary controlled Schools from 2015/2016. Notice is on the board by the bus stop .

All other information will be circulated.

The meeting closed the next meeting will be the Annual Open Parish Meeting followed by a short Parish Council meeting on 19th March 2014 at 7pm