Moggerhanger Action Team

Minutes of July 9, 2014 meeting Held 7.30pm at the Village Hall

1 Apologies were received from Chris Bashford and Chris Smith

Present: Richard Parish, Jean-Pierre Brun, Lawrence Ashbridge, Paul Petrie, Carolyn Lister.

2 Name for this group/publication on village web site

Currently called MAT (Moggerhanger Action Team). All agreed something a little more catchy would be useful.

ACTION: All team members to consider appropriate names/acronyms and send to Carolyn for discussion at next meeting.

Carolyn will write meeting minutes and send back to the team for agreement before sending to Tony Mooney to put on the village website.

Agree key points and speaker for Parish Council representation & Residents representation

All agreed the information provided by Chris Smith was a very useful starting point with most of the key points highlighted.

Further information was provided by Jean-Pierre Brun (attached to these minutes) regarding CBC policies.

The key points were discussed to ensure the team all had the same understanding.

Additional information provided from CBC documents.

- Between 2012 -2021 CB population will increase by 27,000.
- There will be a 35% increase in people over 65
- There will be a 20-21% increase in children under 5
- In a standard development there is typically a 10% allocation to bungalows
- Policy 43 has a clear heritage statement

This clearly supports the view for a better mix in housing.

Parish Council – Paul Petrie will speak at the planning committee meeting on behalf of the PC. Paul will pull out the key points for his presentation. His focus will be top level from the PC perspective, highlighting the key areas of concern. Also what is the benefit to the community, we are a small community so development must be accompanied by appropriate improvements in infrastructure to support the development.

Action: Paul to present this to the PC next week, July 16, for their discussion and agreement. Once agreed pass to Richard.

Residents – Richard Parish will speak for the residents. His presentation will be complimentary to Pauls and will focus on quality of life. This will put specific details to the backbone already outlined by Paul.

Action: Richard to generate his presentation once he has received Pauls. Then pass to Carolyn for dissemination to the team and generation of leaflet drop.

Both presentations will be of similar construction: Page 1 containing bullet points/summary information Page 2 further script to support the bullet points

It was felt essential to keep the timing to the 3 mins as in previous meetings people were stopped in mid-sentence if they over ran.

3 Organise leaflet drop around the village/action plan to attract as many residents as possible to the planning meeting

Once both presentations are ready Carolyn will print out for a leaflet drop. Carolyn will add to the leaflet encouraging words to get as many villagers as possible to attend and will also ask for folk to reply to her 1- if they will attend, 2 – if they need transport, 3- can they provide transport for others.

Action: Carolyn to prepare and organise leaflet drop. Collate feedback from residents.

4 Volunteer to communicate with the media

Agreed that where possible we should involve the local media, Biggleswade Chronicle, 3 Counties Radio, possibly regional TV. This needs to be a joined up process alongside the Parish Council. Richard is happy to be part of this process.

5 AOB

It was suggested by a parishioner that the school be asked to make a representation. It was felt this could possibly add weight to the existing issues.

Action: Richard to contact Mr Max Hill, past Chairman of governors to see if he would be willing to speak.

It was felt important that we have solid facts and data so need to answer the following questions:

- Specific houses affected by poor water pressure and drainage
- Clarity that Blunham exchange is not part of fast broadband roll out
- Figures for diesel particulates
- Traffic figures
- Number of current infill sites and dates built
- Number of possible infill sites

Action: All to provide any information they have regarding the points above to Carolyn for collation and discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Carolyn to check

- what other applications will be discussed on July 30
- confirm with Tricia Turner how we request time for representation
- ask Tricia if she is prepared to also speak on our behalf

So far there has been no reply from Alistair Burt

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 22, 7.30pm in the village hall.