

NOTES ON THE MOGGERHANGER PARISH COUNCIL AGM

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2016

There were 5 councillors, Central Beds Councillor Firth, 7 members of the public and the Clerk present. Apologies had been received from 3 councillors.

The meeting opened with the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March being agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Elections were held for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next year. Mr Hopkins was duly elected as Chairman with David Smith elected as Vice Chairman, nominations to other council responsibilities were postponed.

The meeting closed for Parishioners questions. Items discussed were the new or additional buildings at the Microlight Centre, the future of The Old Rose which has now been sold and the state of a field along the Ridgeway where rubbish was being dumped. Mr Firth agreed to seek information from Central Beds.

Three planning applications had been dealt with, 9 Bedford Road for 2 extensions and a garage, 7 St John's Road change of use for field and the Village Hall, 2 extensions, car park and garden.

The Neighbourhood plan was progressing, talks were being held with Blunham Parish Council. Mr Smith gave details of the work that had been carried out on the playing field including the repair of the bridge in the play area, plumbing repairs in the Pavilion and continual grasscutting. Concern was expressed that the current mower was not quite suitable for a full season of grasscutting as it had broken down a number of times. The members agreed to seek a replacement. The new equipment for the play area is due to be erected on 15th June with the rail to the Pavilion a week later.

Mr Bashford advised the council that there will be 2 dog shows and a Band Concert being held on the field in the summer.

Mr Firth reported that 94% of parents had obtained their first choice of school for their children. Central Beds Council now holds a register for self build planning applications. Health checks are available for 40-70 year olds, and a consultation is being held on the Passenger Transport Strategy. The Ivel Forum met last month but was not well attended when a talk was given on a new strategy for the improvement of, what was known as The Green Sand Ridge, now renamed as Green Sand Country. BRCC have been awarded a lottery grant for the project.

A copy of the Parish Council accounts was circulated to the members for approval this was agreed. The Annual External Audit Governance return was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The monthly payments were agreed. A request from Link a Ride for a Grant, Mr Hopkins proposed that £75.00 Grant be made this was agreed.

Quotes for the verge grasscutting, and the railings on the Pavilion were agreed, additional information was requested from the company erecting the railings.

A number of items for information were given including a letter from English Regional Transport Reform Consultancy, a poster for the ageing Well Festival at the Corn Exchange Bedford on 8th June, a letter from the Police on the new Community Policing Model, a letter from the Centenary Fields Trust and from the County Commissioner for Girl Guiding which included a magazine.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held on 20th July 2016