

## MOULSOE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30pm 16 May 2023

Held at Millennium Hall Moulsoe

**Present:** Chair of Parish Council Steve Waters

Councillors John Hamilton & Karen Waters

No other electors attending

Parish Clerk Kay Hamilton

1. Welcome
2. Those present approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 10 May 2022
3. Chair of the parish council gave a report for 2022-23

Welcome to Moulsoe Parish Annual General Meeting, I will keep things fairly brief since there are only a few items of interest.

MKE – the development continues though it appears to have experienced a considerable slow-down in activity leaving us with a much changed and scarred local landscape something this council predicted and expected. We are aware of some significant funding shortfalls regarding the HIF but we have yet to have confirmation that this is actually the case.

Marshall Aerospace have had their outline planning application approved by Central Beds Council – the significant commercial and economic benefits of a business the size of Marshall coming to Beds along with the prestige of having them based at Cranfield would have been difficult to ignore. Cambridgeshire's loss is Bedfordshire's gain but Cambridge also gets lots of prime housing land to build on.

Defibrillator – we have agreed to and are working on adding a second defibrillator to be located near the church.

MCA – there have been some changes to the committee membership of the MCA currently leaving Ross White and Nigel Richards in office.. But there appears to have been a resurgence in interest by a number of residents to join and support the cause. Additionally PC representation has replaced Nigel Richards, since he stepped down from the Parish Council, by Councillor Hamilton who is also assisting with some operational and logistics roles. We look forward to a level of renewed cooperation and vigour to allow the hall to become self-funding and a real hub for the community both of which seem to have diminished over the past years with Covid only being partially to blame.

That concludes my brief report but in closing some thank yous -

To our clerk without whom this council's activities would have been and will always be monumentally more difficult.

To my fellow councillors Nigel Richards (retired in 2022), John Hamilton, Belinda and Chris Oakley-Holton for their time, contribution and support for the past years. Also to recognise that Belinda and Chris have not sought re-election due to personal circumstances and Nigel has moved out of Moulsoe but is still active with the MCA.

To our Ward Councillors – thanks for your support, advice and help. And to note that David Hosking unfortunately lost his position as Ward Councillor which is a loss to us since his support regarding all things planning including resisting MKE was a great asset to us.

4. No matters raised by electors.

Clerk suggested Annual Parish Meeting be moved to a date in April for 2024, with the inclusion of reports from Moulsoe Community Association and St. Mary's Parochial Church Committee

5. Meeting closed 7.45pm