

Moulsoe Annual Parish Meeting

17 April 2024 8pm

Held at Moulsoe Millennium Hall, Cranfield Road, Moulsoe

Present: Chair of Moulsoe Parish Council Steve Waters

7 Electors

Ward Councillor Keith McLean

Parish Clerk Kay Hamilton

1. Welcome from Councillor Steve Waters
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16 May 2023 were approved.
3. Councillor Steve Waters gave a report for 2023 – 24.

The intention to provide a second defibrillator for the village is still in the plans for the parish council this year

Marshall Aerospace relocation is still going ahead with the move to Cranfield still planned to be completed by 2030. They are hoping to open a Marshall skills academy before the move to offer training opportunities for young people in and around Cranfield.

The monthly coffee mornings have been successful and useful to get people into the hall and start to bring the community together.

The Moulsoe Community Association (MCA) have had new members join and this has fostered new communications with the parish council.

MK East is progressing in fits and starts and the weather has slowed progress on site.

Milton Keynes City Council has started consultations on its New City Plan. They have invited promotions of potential sites, they will cover all areas of Milton Keynes.

Councillor Waters ended his report with thanks to his fellow councillors and the Clerk. He also thanked the Ward Councillors for all their support over the past year.

4. St. Mary's Church Warden Sarah Haskins gave an update on the events at St. Mary's.

Sarah explained that St. Mary's is not centrally funded from either the state or the Church of England, so the church is grateful for any donations in any form. So any

help with flower arranging, decorating the church for special events, dusting or weeding is appreciated.

The Rooster on the church was generously repaired by David Agnew with the installation supported by the Ward Councillors. She thanked Del for some brilliant photos of the rooster on the rood.

Services are held once a month on the third Sunday at 9.30, this has been reduced from twice a month. In the past year the church has marked the Coronation, Harvest, Remembrance and there was a Christmas Concert and a Carol Service in December. St. Mary's also took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in the parish church in Newport Pagnell. At Easter the congregation 'did their own thing' with an act of worship followed by hot cross buns, coffee and an Easter egg hunt. The next service on 19 May is the Rogation Service with a short walk around Church Farm fields.

The church is there for all life events, please contact Sarah or the parish office in Newport Pagnell. The church is always able to be opened should residents want to enjoy the peace and quiet of the church.

The church has a small charity, Lady Northampton Charity, that was set up to help young people in the village with small amounts of funding to help with study.

The church is open to suggestions of other activities that the church could host, art or craft exhibition, flower festival, a concert. Even if you have a child learning a musical instrument and need to have a space away from neighbours and family.

Please get in touch with any suggestions.

5. Moulsoe Community Association Treasurer Helen Hill gave an overview of the hall for the past year.

There have been changes in the MCA committee and with that a refocus on the hall. The committee have spent the year understanding the running of the hall and are focussing on the hall as an amenity for the village. The hall does need to have an income to preserve the hall, but the hall is here for the village residents to use and in using it would also introduce others to the venue.

In the last year there has been a number of large bills that had to be paid, but the year ended with the hall breaking even, without the need to pay those bills out of reserve funds. The committee have taken on more events such as children's parties rather than larger adult parties that can generate noise problems. One children's party can generate further bookings. Those who do book are always full of praise about the hall and the facilities.

The committee want to continue to get residents into the hall and are keen to find out what people would like to see in the hall. They would also welcome new

members onto the committee. They are a small group and do share the various jobs such as opening and closing the hall, dealing with bins etc.

6. Questions?

For the MCA – What events are they hoping to put on for the residents?

The committee would like to put on a summer event, afternoon tea perhaps. With all events it is the manpower and the ease of catering that need addressing.

For the Parish Council – Potholes

Clerk had received a comment from a resident on the state of repairs of the potholes. Councillor McLean was able to explain that MKCC are using a different product for the temporary fixing of the potholes.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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