



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

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The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 8pm at the **Woburn Sands Town Council Offices next to the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, Street, Woburn Sands**

Signed:

- 2691 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2692 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2693 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2694 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

Actions carried forward:

2544a No replies had been received from the Chair of the Greensand Trust. It was hoped that they would attend a future meeting to update the Council of any issues in the Woods.

Action: Greensand Trust

2651 PCllrs McKay and Jones has discussed the way forward with residents. The Police had been in contact as they had visited the Parish for other reasons which included drug dealing on Sandy lane. It was asked if any reference numbers had been given by the Police to residents so that a crime reference number was recorded.

Action: Beds Police

2695 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

Actions carried forward:

2259 Proposed new development at Marston Vale – O&H Planning Application. (Sept 2021)
A new traffic modelling survey had been completed which CBCllr Baker believed included the roads into Milton Keynes.

Action: CBC

2679a A resident offered to help clear the Holly Walk steps. Another resident had offered to provide railway sleepers; both were thanked and advised the Council would be in touch.

Action: PCllrs

2679b It was reported that 80 and 80A Church Road had flooded. The curb was very low and the water was flowing down the hill into the drive. A hole by 69a Church Road had appeared with a secondary larger hole underneath it. These would be reported to Highways.

Action: PCllrs

2696 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

2681 Chairman's Report

PCllr Jordan had offered her resignation as she was unable to attend meetings for the foreseeable future. The Clerk would inform CBC that there was a vacancy.

Action: DB

Actions carried forward:

2682 To Agree the Meeting Dates for 2025

The proposed dates were agreed as:

Wednesday 22nd January

Wednesday 26th February

Wednesday 26th March

THURSDAY 24th April – Annual Parish Meeting (Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 21st May

Wednesday 25th June

Wednesday 23rd July

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November

The dates above were agreed. The Clerk would check if the Memorial Hall was available for Weds 23rd April instead of 24th April.

Action: DB

2697 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

2263a BOAT at the top of Church Road – the next CBC Traffic Management meeting was the following day and the Parish Council's comments were unchanged from the original consultation. PCllr Smith had sent photos to CBCllr Baker. It was noted that the BOAT was deteriorating badly due to recent usage. CBC had not recorded any of the complaints made about anti-social behaviour on the BOAT.

Action: CBC

2370b To Discuss New Signage for Sandy Lane to Restrict Unnecessary Access

The CBC Rights of Way Officer had visited the site and it was hoped that a new sign would be installed soon. (May 2022) Francine Rainbow stated that the work had been ordered. No action had been taken. The Clerk would email Francine Rainbow and copy in CBCllr Baker.

Action: CBC/DB

2698 Lighting

2698 To Receive an Update from the CCTV Working Group

Actions carried forward:

2601 PCllr McKay gave a further update on CCTV. A supplier had been researched. They had given a quote for installation and one year's cloud hosting of the data/footage at a cost of £2000. The camera would operate day and night but would be motion triggered. The various policies (data protection, governance/regulation) would need to be produced and agreed however these could be sourced as a starting point from other Parish/Town councils. Support would be sought from residents and the Police. PCllr McKay advised there were some grants available to help with the purchase. An additional camera would cost £400 per annum for the data contract. The Parish Council would have control of access to the footage. A suggested location was at the bottom of Church Road with a second option by the junction of Heath Lane and Church Road. The power would need to be connected to the streetlight by the contractor. It was agreed that PCllr McKay would continue to research the project in order to produce a full report and recommendation that would then come back to the Council with all relevant documentation and recommendations for the next steps. Three quotes, as per the Risk Register, would need to be sought and sent to the Clerk.

Action: AM

2699 Planning

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

2700 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2340 A planter was being researched for the new notice board. A grant of £250 had been agreed from the Ward Councillor Grant scheme for this. This would be finalised in Spring 2025.

Action: SS/SMcQ/LJ

2647 Although no crimes had been shown on the stats above, it was thought this was not the case. PCllr McQuillan had contacted the Officer but they had not replied. A previous burglary had not been included in the data.

Action: SMcQ

2672 The footpath at Holly Walk was covered in leaves which meant the end of the steps could not be seen. These would need to dry out. Soil had washed down the steps so once this was cleared then the site could be assessed to see what further works were needed. Photos would be taken and sent to CBC.

Action: LJ/CM/SS

2687 PCllr Clough had the Twenty's Plenty signs. Central Beds Council had agreed these signs could be installed on Church Road and had said there were grounds for a 20mph speed limit as there was evidence of pedestrians having to walk in the road, blind bends, narrow pavements and houses opening directly onto the road. A petition was being created as there was a lot of support from residents. PCllr Clough would update the Council.

Action: GC

2687a The bins and dog bins had been removed by MKC from the bottom of Sandy Lane close to the gate. Bow Brickhill Parish Council to be

informed as on their boundary. MKC to be contacted to ask why the bins had been removed. Waste was now building up on the site.

Action: SS

2687b It was agreed that a wreath be ordered for Remembrance Day at an approximate cost of £25. PCllr Sandys-Wood offered to represent the Council.

Action: SS

2701 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2702 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in September

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1345	£218.02	Clerk's Salary - October

b. To agree the financial statement for September

2703 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2312	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2313	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – September	
2314	East West Rail	Notification of '@Door-knocking' exercise – Land Interest	
2315	Central Beds Council	Salt Bags – reply to email if required	
2316	CPRE	September newsletter	
2317	Central Beds Council	Flooding Advice leaflet	
2318	National Highways	A421 Flooding updates	
2319	Beds Police	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Topic Session – 29 th October 6-7pm	
2320	Central Beds Council	School Organisation Plan 2025-2030 consultation	
2321	Woburn Sands Town Council	Invitation to Emergency Planning Meeting	
2322	BATPC	Notice of AGM – 24 th October	