



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

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The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th September 2019 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 2003 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2004 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2005 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2006 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

Actions carried forward:

1700 A date within 8-10 weeks to have the street light in Sandy Lane reconnected had been given by the developer. The Council would check after this date and if the light was not functioning they would take further action.

Action: Developer

1964 A resident expressed his concern over Aspley Woods and the organised leisure activities within them that affected the tranquillity and also the increased number of pests in the woods. PCllr Harris had agreed to follow this up. A resident was concerned that the area for biking activity in the woods was being extended southwards to two further areas that had been felled of trees. A trail linked the two with orange paint marks. The Chairman agreed to check the area and would speak to the Greensand Trust.

Action: SS

1978 An update from Central Beds Council advised that there was no enforcement issue with the fencing on the old Scout Hut site. However, it was thought that the fence was on the public highway, the Parish Council would report to CBC. CBCllr Baker advised that CBC would use the Land Registry to identify the owner of the land. No further information had been received from CBC.

Action: CBC

- 2007 To Receive an Update from Susan Lynch of CPRE on the Oxford to Cambridge corridor**
- 2008 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

Actions carried forward:

1979 No response had been received from Planning regarding issues with applications. CBCllr Baker agreed to chase if a response was not received in the next few weeks. It was reported that the trees on Woburn Road needed cutting back as they were obstructing the path, the Parish asked CBCllr Baker to report this and organise necessary tree works. CBCllr Baker was asked about progress with SuperFast Broadband as Open Reach had now completed all the work however, they had not connected Church Road to cabinet 21 but to the cabinet by the Exchange. This meant that SFBB was not being received by many residents still. CBCllr Baker agreed to contact the relevant officer at CBC to progress.

Action: CBCllr Baker

2009 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1901a To Consider an Application for the Highways Rural Match Funding Scheme

PCllr Hobbs had designed an initial drawing for a new crossing across Hardwick Road. The details were agreed and the application had been submitted to CBC. If the crossing received funding then there would be a consultation with residents. A response from CBC was still being waited on.

Action: CBC

1994a The Chairman was asked if dates could be added to outstanding items on the agenda. This was agreed but would take some time to update.

Action: DB

1994b The Chairman advised that there was funding available to Parishes to provide a defibrillator. Members responded positively and PCllr Smith agreed to apply for the funding initially to see what connection and installation was required.

Action: SS

1994c To discuss a Micro Library

The Chairman introduced the idea of having a micro library in the Parish. These libraries were popping up all over the County and minimal space was required, sometimes in unused phone boxes. Members were interested in the proposal but were unsure where the library would be situated; the entrance to the church was suggested. PCllr Smith would check with the vicar.

Action: SS

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

The Chairman would check to see if more training courses were available and it was suggested that another session would take place in the autumn. Only two cones had been put out recently by the church. PCllr Smith would give feedback to the church on the success of extra cones.

Action: SS

2010 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

1514a The bollards at the top of Church Road were rotting away and there was a huge puddle forming outside the gates. A quote had been received by CBC to fill in the hole and an order placed. Paul Williams would also be chased for the Estate's contribution. Chris Nicolls had advised that funding would be sought during the new financial year for the

works.

The fence on both sides of the car park was falling apart but it was felt that Bedford Estates would not carry out any further works to the fencing. Paul Williams from Bedford Estates had responded that work on the footpaths had been completed.

Members were not happy with the lack of work and PCllr Smith agreed to chase. It was felt that CBCllr Baker should be copied in to the email so he could help progress these works.

Action: PW/SS/JB

1933 Holly Walk Steps – The Rights of Way Officers from Central Beds Council had checked the steps and agreed that repair work was needed. Members knew nothing about the pipe that faced onto Holly Walk. PCllr Smith would give details of the address to the Clerk so that the resident could be asked about the pipe.

Action: CBC/SS/D

1996 It was reported that Bishops Walk steps were covered in leaves. The Clerk would contact the contractor to have them cleared.

Action: DB

2011 Upgrade Project/Enhancement of the Heath

2012 Lights

2012a To Discuss Stree Light Adoption by Central Beds Council

2013 Planning

Actions carried forward:

1861b An enforcement notice for a house in Silverbirches Lane regarding its brickwork being smoothed over was still in force. CBC were awaiting a non-material amendment from the resident.

Action: CBC

1999 Nonna's had put in an application to extend their licensing hours to 11pm seven days a week. Members discussed the application at length as they were concerned about the increased violence and noise on the High Street from licensed premises and did not want to add to these problems. However, Members felt that they wanted to support Nonna's request to be able to serve alcohol seven days a week and so extend their opening hours for the restaurant. After much discussion and a vote, Members decided they would support the extended hours but asked that Nonna's be aware of residents' concerns and keep noise levels to an absolute minimum. The Clerk would prepare a response.

Action: DB

2014 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

1893a PCllr Smith had now sent photographs of the overhanging Holly hedge on Church Road to the Clerk who had contacted both houses regarding their overhanging hedges. The Clerk advised that it was now bird nesting season and that it was possible nothing would be done until August.

Action: DB/Residents

1972 The overhanging laurel outside 102 Church Road had been cut back by CBC. The Clerk

had previously contacted the owner. CBC were awaiting details of the owner, which the Clerk would provide after the meeting, so they could charge them accordingly.

1986 The Clerk had written to the owners of 1 Silverbirches about their overhanging hedges on Heath Lane, Silverbirches Lane and Church Road which was forcing pedestrians to walk in the road.

Action: DB/Residents

1972a To Discuss Designating buildings in the Parish as an Asset of Community Value

The proposal to make the Royal Oak an Asset of Community Value (ACV) had progressed with forms being submitted. A verdict would take 6-8 weeks.

Action: CBC

2000a PCllr Southgate asked if a list of all houses could be sent to her for Neighbourhood Watch purposes. The Clerk would action.

Action: DB

2000b It was suggested that a Facebook page be set up for the Parish Council. Members agreed this would be a good idea and residents could be informed quickly about issues. PCllr Jordan agreed to start the process.

Action: AJ

2000c Another way to engage with new residents was suggested in the form of a Welcome Pack. The Clerk agreed to design the initial pack for Councillors to comment on at the next meeting.

Action: DB

2000d Other local Parishes were putting information into the Hogsty End newsletter. The Chairman would investigate further to see if any costs were involved.

Action: SS

2015 Finance

a. To discuss approving a grant for St Michael's Church

b. To approve payments to be made in September

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1071	£264.00	Clerk's salary August and September
HMRC	1072	£99.00	Clerk's PAYE Jul - Sept
D Batchelor	1073	£25.00	Clerk's Allowance and Office Expenses Jul - Sept

c. To agree the financial statements for July and August

Actions carried forward:

2001c A Member asked if a better interest rate was available. The Clerk advised that a higher rate was possible if money was invested over several weeks or months but the mandate would need to be completed first before any action could be taken. The Clerk would investigate rates available.

Action: DB

2016 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
1826	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1827	Milton Keynes Council	Draft Milton Keynes East Development Plan Consultation	Comments by 16 th October
1828	BATPC	Notice of AGM – 17 th October	
1829	Beds Police and Crime Commissioner	Annual survey	
1830	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - July	
1831	Beds Police	Crime statistics - June	
1832	Central Beds Council	Leisure Facilities Strategy - survey	Comments by 23/8
1833	Central Beds Council	Confirmation of receipt of comments regarding Nonna's	
1834	Central Beds Council	Confirmation of (uncontested) election costs	
1835	Central Beds Council	Notice to withdraw support for Project Involve websites	
1836	BATPC	Autumn/Winter Training programme	
1837	Central Beds Council	Street Lighting Review	Comments by 8 th September
1838	Central Beds Council	Public Space Protection Order Consultation	Starts 2 nd Sept Drop-in session 3 rd October 2-4pm
1839	The Pensions Regulator	Notice of re-enrolment duties for workplace pension	Re-declaration of compliance completed 19/8
1840	Beds Police	Crime statistics – July and August	
1841	CPRE	Bedfordshire Matters magazine	
1842	BATPC	London Luton Airport – Swanwick Airspace Improvement Project	