



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

22nd January 2022

The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on
Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 8pm at the **Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall,
Street, Woburn Sands**

Signed:

- 2285 To Receive Apologies of Absence**
- 2286 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2287 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2288 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**
- 2289 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

Actions carried forward:

2259 A letter regarding the lack of consultation for the proposed new development at Marston Vale had been sent to the Monitoring Officer to express the Council's concerns. No response had yet been received.

Action: CBC

2259a PCllr Harris had emailed David Hopkins at MKC and shared the feedback from the traffic and parking survey and asked that Aspley Heath residents be consulted regarding the re-painting of yellow lines on Hardwick Road. MKCllr Hopkins advised they were considering options and would consult with Aspley Heath residents. No further response had been received and it was hoped that MKCllr Hopkins would attend a Parish Council meeting to provide an update. The Clerk would issue an invitation.

Action: DB/MKCllr Hopkins

2259b Super Fast Broadband was also being investigated. The BT Community team advised rural areas were attracting more funding. Gigiclear would be asked if they would get involved with providing SFBB.

Action: JB

2290 Chairman's Report

2299 To Agree Meeting Venues for 2022

Actions carried forward:

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

The two speed devices had now been installed in better locations. Parking continues to be an issue and pedestrians were being forced to walk in the road. It was noted there was a pavement on only one side of the road.

Action: CBC

2260 The Councillor vacancy had been posted on the website and a copy would now need to be placed on the notice board. Applications would be considered up until the second week of January.

Action: AJ/SS/DB

2261 To Agree the Meeting Dates for 2022

With ongoing Covid restrictions the venue for 2022 meetings would be considered in early January.

Action: DB

2179 PCllr Jordan had forwarded the Accessibility certificate to the Clerk. However, the format of the certificate was unable to be uploaded to the website. An alternative version would need to be used.

Action: DB

2291 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

Although the fencing repairs were unlikely to happen in the short term this would remain on the agenda. (Reviewed July 2020)

Action: CBC

2263 CBC were to be contacted to clear Bishop's Walk. PCllr Smith would send photos to the Clerk to forward to CBC.

Action: DB

2263a BOAT at the top of Church Road – PCllr Harris had contacted both CBC and Bedford Estate. Bedford Estate would need CBC agreement before taking out any works. PCllr Harris would contact Matthew Nielson who was the new Head of Property at Bedford Estate. The Estate was not adverse to the BOAT being temporarily closed. This would hopefully stop the anti-social behaviour and allow the area to be repaired. A response to CBC's email would be drafted by PCllr Harris which detailed the Parish Council's views on temporarily closing the BOAT. All Members would be copied in on the email to CBC. It was noted that there was a broken bench by the SSSI.

Action: GH/DB

2292 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2117 Light outside 57 Church Road.

A further letter had been sent to the contractor asking for full payment and insurance details but no response had yet been received. The Clerk would contact again.

Action: DB

2293 Planning

Actions carried forward:

2249 A draft article had been forwarded to all Members about the Parish Council's role in Planning matters. Once the final version was agreed this would be included in the newsletter and also on the website.

	Action: GC/DB
2249a 12 Silverbirches Lane No further information had been received; the Clerk would contact Enforcement at CBC to see how this matter was progressing.	
	Action: DB
2280 SEMK A letter had been sent to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) regarding the development and the concerns of the Parish Council. The Strategic Plan was to be signed off by MKC on 30 th November. A petition had also been sent by Woburn Sands residents asking for access to be made between the H10 and Newport Road. The Clerk would forward the Parish Council's letter to all Members.	
	Action: MKC/DB

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

2294 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:	
2266a The New Resident Information Pack had been checked; the meeting venue would be amended and new Neighbourhood Plan details would be included. PCllr Clough would forward to PCllr Garratt for delivery to new residents.	Action: GC/PG
2266b The Sandpit maintenance survey had been carried out at a cost of £575 + VAT. The Clerk would forward the survey to PCllrs so discussion of potential works could be agreed at the next meeting.	
	Action: DB
2267 To Discuss Homewatch It was hoped that the upcoming newsletter article would attract more volunteers for the co-ordinator roles.	
	Action: GC

2277 To Prepare a Response to the Bus Service Improvement Plan Consultation

2295 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2296 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in January

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1192	£179.83	Clerk's Salary - January
HMRC	1193	£135.00	Jubilee Garden maintenance - August
D Batchelor	1194	£25.00	Clerk's Allowance – Oct to Dec 2021
St Michaels Church	1195	£300.00	Donation
George Wells Foundation	1196	£300.00	Donation
Swallowfield Lower School	1197	£300.00	Donation
Fulbrook Middle School	1198	£300.00	Donation
Woburn Sands Library	1199	£300.00	Donation

b. To agree the financial statements for November and December

Actions carried forward:

2132a To discuss information received from NatWest on switching bank account
The Clerk had forwarded the relevant forms to the Chair for completion.

Action: SS

c. To APPROVE the budget for 2022-23

Actions carried forward:

2296c A draft budget had been circulated to all Councillors. A new electricity contract was about to renew and prices were not yet known for street lighting costs. The Clerk would amend the figures and circulate to members for agreement before the January deadline.

Action: DB

2297 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2030	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2031	CPRE	December newsletter	
2032	Central Beds Watc	Crime Stats – November & December (no crimes reported in AH)	
2033	Central Beds Council	Budget Consultation 2022-23	
2034	E.On Energy	Migration of electricity account to npower Business Solutions (nBS)	
2035	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council bulletin – December/January	
2036	Beds PCC	Invitation to cluster session - 20 th April 2022 – 6.30pm	
2037	CPRE	Dementia friendly neighbourhoods Consultation – views due by 7 th March	
2038	Central Beds Council	Survey of Council's Litter picking equipment ahead of the Great British Spring Clean in March	
2039	SLCC	Updates email	
2040	Central Beds Council	Highways – Match Funding Projects sought – deadline 11 th February	
2041	David Hopkins, MKC	SEMK update	
2042	Charity Commission	Annual update due for Sandpit	
2043	East West Railway	Invitation to Local Representatives Group – 1 per Parish Council	
2044	Central Bedfordshire Council	Bus Service Improvement Plan – responses by 31 st January	