



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 24th July 2019 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 1989 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 1990 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 1991 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 1992 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

Actions carried forward:

1700 CBC had been unable to forward the connection of the street light in Sandy Lane. The matter had now been passed on to the developer to organise reconnection with the contractors.

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 contacted the Greensand Trust and advised that the orange marked posts did mark the boundary of the bike jump area which was the same size as previously. There was no change to the boundary however, a number of trees had been felled which made the area look different. Chris Spitzburger the new ranger advised he was working closely with the *Woburn Burn Crew* who were a voluntary cyclist group that seemed to be respectful of other users. Pest control was part of the responsibility of the Greensand Trust and the Bedford Estate who were aware of increased numbers particularly squirrels and Muntjac deer. PCllr Harris agreed to follow up in a couple of weeks. The pale green marked posts identified permissive bridle paths and would include multi directional signage information.

Action: GH

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.

Action: DB/CBC

1993 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

1994 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1856 The 'Tommy' silhouette had been moved next to WWI graves in the churchyard. The Church Warden had kindly agreed to bolt the silhouette into place so it could not be moved.

Action: St Michaels Church

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

1966a It was agreed that suitable wording would be added to the website regarding the recent passing of Piers Wilmott. PCllr Smith agreed to draft some wording.

Action: SS/DB

1994a To discuss a Micro Library

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

1996 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.

Action: CBC

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. However, Members were not happy with the level of work. PCllr Smith agreed to chase.

Action: SS

1933 Holly Walk Steps - The steps were under the remit of Central Beds Council. PCllr Smith had emailed Chris Nicoll to ask that the steps be assessed for safety.

Action: CBC

1997 Upgrade Project/Enhancement of the Heath

1998 Lights

1999 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

2000 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

1953c A Smart car with a flat tyre had been parked on Sandy Lane for some time. PCllr Southgate had chased this up and the car was illegally parked. PCllr Southgate had reported the car online to the DVLA.

Action: DVLA

1972 There was an overhanging laurel outside 102 Church Road which was partially obstructing the pavement. The Clerk had contacted the owner.

Action: DB/Resident

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

Members discussed the Royal Oak and the current owner's plans to sell the pub. The current lessee and the consortium wanting to buy the pub were both supportive of a proposal to make the premises an Asset of Community Value (ACV). CAMRA had provided information and would also offer support, stating that the interior was of a historic pub. PCllr Jordan was happy to lead on this and would send in the relevant forms to progress. It was noted that the Fir Tree were also interested in becoming an ACV.

Action: AJ

1986 It was thought that the hedges in the grounds of 1 Silverbirches were overhanging on three sides; in Heath Lane, Silverbirches Lane and Church Road which was forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. The Clerk would contact the residents.

Action: DB

2001 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in July

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1067	£132.00	Clerk's salary July
The Print Cellar	1068	£216.00	Newsletter printing x300 copies
BATPC	1069	£139.00	Affiliation fees 2019/20

b. To agree the financial statements for June

2002 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
1817	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1818	Mazars	Confirmation of return of Annual Governance paperwork	
1819	BATPC	Beds Bugle - July	
1820	Beds Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - July	
1821	PCC	Newsletter - June	
1822	Beds Police	Crime statistics - June	
1823	Central Beds Council	Notice of temporary closure of BOAT and footpaths for Women's British Open Golf tournament	
1824	Central Beds Council	Outstanding Declaration of Interest forms	
1825	Central Beds Council	Presentation from Town and Parish Council Conference held on 16/7	