



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

19th September 2025

The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 24th September 2025 at the **Woburn Sands Town Council
Offices, to the side of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn
Sands at 8pm**

Signed:

2825 To Receive Apologies for Absence

2826 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda

2827 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**2828 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the
Parish Council**

Actions carried forward:

2651 No further information or update was available on the anti-social issues linked to the pub. This may be linked to the colder and wetter weather. PCILrs would keep an eye out for any resident complaints.

To be moved to item 2814 below.

2799 A resident was very concerned about a tree surrounded by vegetation/ old bushy branches, collected and positioned by visitors to the woods as a fire risk. The Chair had taken photos of the dead Fir and had contacted two officers at Bedford Estate. A bonfire had also been spotted in the car park and reported. It was felt that more signs were needed to warn visitors of lighting fires.

Action: Bedford Estate

2814 A resident spoke on behalf of herself and three other neighbours about the issues they were having with customers and noise at the Royal Oak. Since the weather had got warmer the resident reported that more anti-social events had taken place outside the pub including drug taking. The four residents all had cameras installed on their properties which had

captured people consuming alcohol on Church road and in their gardens, vomiting on their property, accessing steps, doorsteps and gardens, preparing and taking drugs. Glasses, bottles and cans were left on Church Road and Sandy Lane with groups of people walking around the corner and returning soon after which seemed suspicious. The residents had been in contact with CBC who had asked them to log all events. The residents were asked by Members to contact the Police with any evidence of illegalities and ask that the call also be reported to the Local Neighbourhood team. The resident agreed to send their evidence to the Council and was thanked for providing such detailed information. The resident was advised that CCTV would be installed which would capture some of the issues outside the pub. Members agreed to contact licensing at CBC to ask for the licensing documentation as there was also an issue with music being played at the pub until 12am both inside and outside.

Action: DB

2829 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

Actions carried forward:

2800 CBCllr Baker had asked for residents' views on the BOAT closure. If they wanted it to remain closed they would need to give evidence for the benefits of this. The Parish Council would also submit comments after the summer. A resident had said that anti-social behaviour had reduced significantly since the closure.

Action: PCllrs

2830 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

2784e Friends of St Michael – P Garratt had been contacted to see if he would be willing to continue in this role.

Action: SS

2831 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

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

The Clerk had contacted Francine Rainbow who had stated that the work had been ordered and that Chris Nicholl would be seeing this through. No action had been taken by CBC yet. The Clerk would contact Chris again to see if this was being actioned and copy in CBCllr Baker. The location and wording of the sign would need to be agreed. Several vehicles were accessing Sandy Lane every day and causing problems with erosion of the BOAT and access. The Chair and the Clerk would email Chris Nicoll at CBC again as no response had been made.

Action: SS/DB/CBC

2832 Lighting

Actions carried forward:

2756 Three streetlights had been reported stolen to the police. There would be an 8-10 week wait on installation of new lights. The Clerk would put in the claim to the insurance company once the invoice for the three new lights was received at a cost of £2556.00.

Action: SS/DB

2833 Installation of CCTV

Actions carried forward:

2741 PCllr McKay was co-ordinating with the contractor on a date to install the two CCTV cameras. It was hoped an installer closer to Bedfordshire could be found. The CCTV policies would be added to the website.

Action: AM

2834 Planning

2805 69a Church Road

A response to CBC had been sent. There was a query on when the porch design had been changed as this was not seen on any paperwork. It was questioned whether this was a material amendment. The drawings of the porch were different to those previously submitted. PCllr McQuillan would check with CBC and the relevant Planning Officer.

Action: SM/GC

New Planning Applications

69a Church Road
10 Silverbirches Lane

Recent Planning Applications

2835 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2687 The 20mph Speed Limit petition had been accepted by CBC and a speeding survey completed. No further information had been received from CBC. PCllr Clough had emailed to ask what the next steps were.

Action: CBC

2762 PCllr Wilson had expressed an interest in strengthening community feeling within the Parish. Councillor Wilson had engaged with 8 residents and from their feedback identified there was a group of older residents who would appreciate some organised social meet ups such as morning coffee and chats or a special interests club. It was also suggested how much fun and parish involvement were seen at the previous jubilee and other get-togethers that were held previously. It was asked if the Parish Council could try and organise something yearly. Obviously, a venue would need to be found and one of the three pubs in the Parish was suggested.

Action: JW

2836 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2837 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in September

Payee	Chq	Amount	Description
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	No		
D Batchelor	1389	£271.97	Clerk's Salary - September
D Batchelor	1385	£25.00	Clerk's allowance – June - Sept
HMRC	1386	£182.20	Clerk's PAYE – June - Sept
Npower	1387	£TBC	Street lighting electricity
BATPC	1388	£35.00	Planning workshop JM
BATPC	1389	£155.00	Affiliation fees

b. To Agree the financial statements for July and August

c. To note the Clerk's salary for 2025-26

d. To consider a request from Aspley Guise Parish Council to help fund the Millenium Circular Walk leaflet

2838 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2390	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2391	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – July and August– no crimes reported	
2392	East West Rail	Summer update	
2393	Central Beds Council	Men's British Cycling Tour – 4 th Sept	
2394	BATPC	Planning workshop for Councillors	
2395	Charity Commission	Newsletter - July	
2396	BATPC	2025-26 Pay Agreement	
2397	Aspley Guise Parish Council	Request to help fund the Millenium Circular Walk leaflet	
2398	Central Beds Council	Consultation on closure of BOAT 33 – comments by 4 th September	
2399	Bedfordshire Police	Introductory email from PC Maxwell as the new Local Community Police Officer	
2400	The Pensions Regulator	Re-enrolment details needed by 30/3/26	DB to complete
2401	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council update - September	
2402	Central Beds Council	Consultation on 25 year waste strategy and invite to Workshop on 25 th Sept 5-6pm	Respond by 14/10
2403	Central Beds Council	Information Statement and Notice of Referendum sent for Neighbourhood Plan	