



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 27th November 2019 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

2030 To Receive Apologies for Absence

2031 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda

2032 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council

Actions carried forward:

1648 The timescale provided by the developer for the light to be reconnected had now passed. A letter was to be sent to the developer asking for an update again. It was also felt that should no response be received, then legal action would have to be taken. Due to the length of the ongoing problems it had been agreed to see if a temporary solution could be found. The Chairman had tried to contact the residents to ask if permission could be given to install temporary lights. PCllr McQuillan had found costs for lights but there was a lot of work required to install these and a supply was required. (May 17)

Action: Developer/SM/JT

2007 To Receive an Update from Susan Lynch of CPRE on the Oxford to Cambridge corridor

A meeting was planned for 4th November at Aspley Guise Village Hall. The Clerk would contact Susan Lynch to let her know the Councillors who could attend.

Action: DB

2020 A resident from Church Road expressed his concerns about parking on Church Road at its narrowest point close to 27 and 40. Photos had been circulated to Members so they could see the extent of the problem. The resident was unable to leave his drive on a regular basis due to cars parked on the road, it was noted that these were not residents' cars but visitors and/or building contractors. An emergency vehicle on a 999-call had recently been blocked. The addition of parking bays partially located on the pavement were discussed but this would not solve the problem at particularly narrow points of Church Road. Double yellow lines were discussed and although the Council had previously rejected these it was felt that in this situation, they would be the only possible solution. CBCllr Baker was asked for his advice on implementing these and he responded that they would be expensive to install and CBC would not look favourably on them unless there was a proven need which did not include the resident being able to leave his property. Evidence from the emergency services would help to strengthen the case along with photos and the support of residents through a signed

petition. A statutory consultation would take approximately 8 weeks. PCllr Garratt agreed to liaise with the resident. In principle Members agreed to the addition of double yellow lines and noted the potential £1500 cost. (Oct 19)

Action: PG

2033 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. (Jun 19)

Action: CBCllr Baker

2008 The overgrown drain in Sandy Lane had been reported to CBCllr Baker so that a clearance could take place before too much rain was received. The location was advised. (Sept 19)

Action: JB

2008a Members expressed their concerns over the site plans provided with the plans for 69 Church Road and asked if Planning officers were checking these. The documents were not representative of the area and CBCllr Baker was asked to report this to the Planning department. (Sept 19)

Action: JB

2021 Central Beds Council would uphold the appeal for 102 Church Road. CBCllr Baker advised Members to take photos of the trenches so they could be assessed with regard to the size of the proposed development and location. CBCllr Baker agreed to check whether a Planning Officer had visited the site. (Oct 19)

Action: CBCllr Baker

2034 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1994b Funding had been made available to the Parish for a defibrillator. A suitable location for the defibrillator would be assessed. A power supply would also need to be investigated. Community sessions for CPR training were also proposed and Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. An article would be put in the next newsletter and any interested resident could contact the Clerk. PCllr Smith would continue to investigate connection. (Jul 19)

Action: SS

1994c To discuss a Micro Library

A Micro Library was to be set up in the entrance porch of the church by an interested parishioner. (Jul 19)

Action: SS

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

A new date towards the end of November was proposed for further speeding checks. PCllr Smith would email possible dates. (Jul 19)

Action: SS

2009 It was reported that full fibre was planned for all of Aspley Heath. Further confirmation was required. (Sept 19)

Action: AS

2022a An email had been circulated to Members with a proposal from another Parish Council who

was working on behalf of several Town and Parishes to find a new provider for the website. Members felt that the proposal was a good one and asked if PCllrs Jordan and Harris could look over the details. If no other proposal was found it was agreed that the proposal from EyeLid Productions be accepted and an order placed by 20th November in order to receive the reduced price of £320 for the set up and transfer of the site. Additional costs would also be necessary for hosting and support in the region of £230.

Action: AJ/GH/DB

2034a To Discuss an Event for the 75th Anniversary of D Day

2034b To Discuss the Christmas Tree Festival

2035 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward: (Sep 15)

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 had stated that CBC had installed the posts and he would chase.

The fence on both sides of the car park was falling apart and Bedford Estates had acknowledged that further works to the fencing would be carried out as part of an overall fencing update.

Action: Bedford Estates/CBC

1933 Holly Walk Steps – The Rights of Way Officers from Central Beds Council had checked the steps and agreed that repair work was needed. The Clerk had informed CBC that nothing was known about the pipe that faced onto Holly walk. (Feb 19)

Action: CBC

2036 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2012a To Discuss Street Light Adoption by Central Beds Council

The Chairman had still not received answers to questions raised. (Sept 19)

Action: CBC

2037 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. (Jul 18)

Action: CBC

2026 The planning application for 18 Sandy Lane would be sent to PCllr McKay for a draft response. (Oct 19)

Action: AM

2026a To discuss the planning application for 57 Church Road. PCllr Harris would prepare the response on behalf of the Planning group. Plans were circulated and discussed. It was noted that potential works to trees needed to be made clear. (Oct 19)

Action: GH

2026b To discuss the planning application for 102 Church Road

Although there was a covenant on this land, it was acknowledged that this could be bypassed through the payment of a fine. Several revisions had already been made in this manner to the covenant. The application was objected to and Members of the Planning

sub-group agreed to meet on 5th November, time and venue to be confirmed, to discuss findings from their research of the site and compile a report before the deadline. (Oct 19)

Action: PCllrs

2037a To Comment on Outstanding Planning Applications

2038 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

1893a The Clerk had contacted the owners of Croyland Cottage who had agreed cut their hedge back.

Action: DB/Residents

2000b The Facebook page had been updated and current news was being added. (Jul 19)

Action: AJ

2000c A Welcome Pack for new residents was being put together by the Clerk. Information was being added and a draft would be made available at a future meeting. (Jul 19)

Action: DB

2027 It was asked whether Councillors would like to have their photos added to the noticeboard so that residents could identify them more easily. Most Members were happy with this and PCllr Jordan would be asked to collate the photos for the board. (Oct 19)

Action: AJ

2038a To Progress a New Website for the Parish Council

2038b To Receive an Update on Neighbourhood Watch

2038c To Discuss Further a Neighbourhood Plan

2039 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in November

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1081	£264.00	Clerk's salary November & December
HMRC	1082	£99.00	Clerk's PAYE Oct - Dec
D Batchelor	1083	£59.42	Allowance & stationery items Oct - Dec
BATPC	1084	£30.00	New Councillor Induction Training – GH 3/10/19
St Michaels Church	1085	£300	Donation
Woburn Sands TC (Library)	1086	£600	Donation
George Wells Foundation	1087	£300	Donation
Swallowfield Lower PTA	1088	£300	Donation
Fulbrook Middle PTA	1089	£300	Donation
Forde & McHugh	1090	£710.88	Maintenance of Street Lights

b. To agree the financial statements for October

c. To agree the Precept for 2020/21

2040 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
1843	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1844	Central Beds Council	Review of polling places and districts	
1845	BATPC	Beds Bugle	
1846	Central Beds Council	Intention to dispose of Asset of Community Value– The Royal Oak	Advise if to be considered a potential bidder
1847	Beds Police	Crime statistics - October	
1848	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Conference cancelled due to General Election	
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1850	Central Beds Council	Precept Request Form	Return by 17/1/20
1851	St Michaels Church	Notice of 75 th Anniversary of D Day	
1852	NatWest	Cheque Book	