



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Next Meeting of Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 after the Annual Parish Meeting, held at the  
**Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn Sands**

**2485 To Receive Apologies of Absence**

**2486 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**

**2487 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**2488 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2434** CBCllr Baker had gotten a response from the Fire Officer about checking all roads in Aspley Heath for accessibility by emergency vehicles but this had not been forwarded to the Clerk. It was agreed that after confirmation from CBCllr Baker the resident could be contacted to affirm all was ok with each road in the Parish. (Nov 2022)

**Action: JB**

**2434a** Yellow lines on Church Road – The request had been sent to CBC to shorten the lines and it was hoped this would happen soon. A question about Resident Only Parking was made and PCllr McKay agreed to discuss with CBCllr Baker about this possibility and how the rules were applied. Permits were thought to be approximately £25. CBC were seriously considering passing places as there were poor lines of sight on Church Road. ANPR had been brought up at a previous meeting but as ownership of the road would have to be relinquished, this was not thought feasible. (Nov 2022)

**Action: CBC/AM/JB**

**2489 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2259** Proposed new development at Marston Vale – O&H Planning Application. CBC were not happy with the proposed plan as the traffic flow had not been modelled appropriately. (Sept 2021)

**Action: O&H**

**2490 Chairman's Report**

Actions carried forward:

**2436d To Discuss a Tree Planting Event**

Approximately 15 whips were left so if any residents were interested, they could take them home. (Nov 2022)

**Action: SS**

**2476 To Discuss the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting in April**

The training session on CPR and using the defibrillator would be added to the agenda. PCllr Smith agreed to source the wine and glasses for the meeting. It was hoped that a representative from the Police would attend. PCllr Smith would ask PCllr Jordan to see if this was possible.

**Action: SS/AJ**

## 2491 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

**2263a** BOAT at the top of Church Road – PCllr Smith had asked CBC for an update and to be included in any discussions. The BOAT had deteriorated further and fly-tipping had been reported. A small gate at the top of Church Road had fallen off and had been reported to CBC as it was on Highways' land. (Sept 2021)

**Action: CBC**

**2370a To Discuss a Resident's Concern with the Pavement at the Junction of Silverbirches Lane and Church Road**

CBC Highways had repeatedly not responded. PCllr Smith had submitted another form to have the work completed. (May 2022)

**Action: CBC**

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

The CBC Rights of Way Officer had visited the site and it was hoped that a new sign would be installed soon. No response had been received from the CBC Officer Francine Rainbow. PCllr Smith had contacted CBC again. (May 2022)

**Action: CBC**

## 2492 Lighting

## 2493 Planning

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

## 2494 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

**2267 To Discuss Homewatch**

PCllr Jordan had registered the scheme with Neighbourhood Watch (Sept 2021)

**Action: AJ**

**2340** The Chairman had been advised of a 4-6 week wait for the new notice board. The delivery charge would be waived due to the long delay. (March 2022)

**Action: PNC**

<b>2387</b>	<b>To Discuss the Bike Jump Area in Aspley Woods</b> A Risk Assessment was still being sought. There were concerns with the number of Air Ambulance visits to the bike jump area. CBCllr Baker had asked for these but no information was forthcoming. However, the Air Ambulance reported on their site some of their call outs. The Bedfordshire Safety Advisory Group (SAG) were to meet with Bedford Estate. It was hoped that users of the bike jump area could be encouraged to use the Longslade Lane car park to reduce the issues on Church Road. The site was felt to be overloaded and CBC would be asked to visit at a weekend to see the impact. (July 2022)  <b>Action: BE/SAG</b>
<b>2440c</b>	<b>To Discuss the Hedge in Church Road/Narrow Path</b> PCllr Clough would be forwarded the previous letter regarding hedges to PCllr Smith. (Nov 2022)  <b>Action: GC/SS</b>
<b>2453d</b>	Some residents from Woburn Sands had complained to the Parish Council about lights installed onto a property in Church Road which were causing light pollution. A resident had offered to provide specialist advice on protecting property. The Clerk would send a letter to the residents. (Jan 2023)  <b>Action: DB</b>
<b>2466</b>	Temporary signs to celebrate the King's Coronation would be put up over the Bank Holiday weekend. (Feb 2023)  <b>Action: GC/SS</b>

**2495 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**2496 Finance**

**a. To approve payments to be made in April**

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1266	£202.52	Clerk's salary – April
Groundwork UK	1267	£2165.70	NP Unspent funds from 2022-23
BATPC	1268	£144.00	Affiliation fees 2023
E.on	1269	£1029.23	Street lighting electricity – 1/4/2022 – 31/3/2023
SLCC	1270	£73.00	Membership fees 2023
Woburn Sands Town Council	1271	£25.00	Memorial Hall hire for Annual Meeting 26/4

**b. To agree the financial statements for March**

**2497 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	From	Subject	Action
2184	NatWest	Bank Statements	

2185	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – March no crimes reported	
2186	Central Beds Council		
2187	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council bulletin - March	
2188	Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner		
2189	Central Beds Council	Notice of uncontested election	
2190	Central Beds Council		
2191	Keep Britain Tidy		
2192	BATPC		
2193	Central Beds Council		
2194	Local Council Audit		
2195	Central Beds Council		