



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 2017 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2018 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2019 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2020 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

Actions carried forward:

**1648** A date within 8-10 weeks to have the streetlight in Sandy Lane reconnected had been given by the developer. The Council would check after this date and if the light was not functioning they would take further action. Two residents attended the meeting to express their concerns with the streetlight on Sandy Lane which had still not been connected. A resident reported that UK Power Networks had no record of the light behind disconnected. They had also failed to find the power cable on their last visit to the site. The residents were advised of the progress the Parish Council had made but agreed that further action was needed. It was agreed to contact Western Power to see if they had any record of the position of power cables on Sandy Lane. It was also felt that the developer responsible for the disconnection should be sent a letter advising him that legal action would be taken if connection was not made. Legal advice was to be sought on how to progress this issue. PCllr McQuillan agreed to draft the letter and would also contact an electrician to see if a temporary solution could be found. Mr Towriss would contact the residents concerned to advise of progress and get agreement to temporary lights being installed (May 17)

**Action: Developer/SM/JT**

**2007 To Receive an Update from Susan Lynch of CPRE on the Oxford to Cambridge corridor**  
Susan Lynch was not able to attend the meeting. The Clerk would contact her to see if she was able to attend a future meeting.

**Action: DB**

## 2021 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

Actions carried forward: (Jun 19)

**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.

**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 more rain was received.

**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.

**Action: JB**

## 2022 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

**1994b** Funding had been made available to the Parish for a defibrillator. A cabinet would be needed to house the defibrillator at a cost of approximately £600. It would also require power for a thermostat and a light. Residents at Aspley Heath House had kindly agreed to site the defibrillator outside their entrance. A power supply would need to be investigated. Members agreed to the costs associated with the purchase, connection and power, it was hoped that CBCllr Baker would also be able to help with funding. 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 had now been set up in the Parish. Books were being placed in wicker baskets on the back pew of the Church. It was agreed that notices would be made and put up within the Parish to inform residents the scheme was now up and running. (Jul 19)

**Action: SS**

**1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road**

A new date was to be proposed for further speeding checks later this year. (Jul 19)

**Action: SS**

**2009** It was noted that the new Openreach cabinet (no21) which is halfway up Church Road has now been properly activated after many months of delay. This enables residents, who are beyond this cabinet, to now also have access to Superfast broadband with downlink speeds in excess of 30 Mbps. This level of service has already been available for a couple of years to those residents living lower down the road and nearer to the exchange. This still relies on copper cables to all properties and the much better, FULL FIBRE, which would provide speeds of up to 1000 Mbps, is not yet available.

It was noted that all of Milton Keynes is being upgraded to FULL FIBRE and that this service is already available in all of the villages to the East, South and West of Aspley Heath, Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands.

It was agreed that the Chair would contact Aspley Guise Parish Council and Woburn Sands Town Council to seek their views and judge whether some combined approach could be developed

**Action: SS**

**2022a To discuss the plans for a new website following withdrawal of current website in March 2020**

**2023 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 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.

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.

Members were not happy with the lack of work and the Clerk was asked to contact Paul Williams again. CBCllr Baker would be copied into the email so he could help progress these works.

**Action: PW/SS/JB**

**1933 Holly Walk Steps – The Rights of Way Officers from** Central Beds Council had checked the steps and agreed that repair work was needed. Members knew nothing about the pipe that faced onto Holly Walk. PCllr Smith would give details of the address to the Clerk so that the resident could be asked about the pipe. (Feb 19)

**Action: CBC/SS/D**

**1996** It was reported that Bishops Walk steps were covered in leaves. The Clerk would contact the contractor to have them cleared. (Jul 19)

**Action: DB**

**2023a To discuss concerns with parking close to 27 and 40 Church Road**

**2024 Upgrade Project/Enhancement of the Heath**

**2025 Lights**

Actions carried forward:

**2012a To Discuss Street Light Adoption by Central Beds Council**

Questions had been asked about this proposed scheme by the Chairman. She was awaiting a further response from CBC regarding information requested.

**Action: CBC**

**2026 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**

**2013** Plans were discussed for the proposed extension to 69 Church Road. PCllrs Clough and Harris took no part in the discussions under their roles as Parish Councillors. Members listened to residents' views on the plans and received information on concerns. There were

concerns with the size of the extension and the encroachment onto the attached dwelling. Members were concerned with the quality of documentation provided with the plans to consider the proposals and felt that the information was either significantly out of date, inaccurate or incomplete. PCllr McQuillan was asked to contact the Planning Officer and ask for an extension as there was insufficient detail to make an informed judgement and further information would need to be supplied.

**Action: SM**

## **2026a To discuss the planning application for 57 Church Road**

## **2026b To discuss the planning application for 102 Church Road**

## **2027 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 would contact the owners of Croyland Cottage to ask that their hedge be cut back as bird nesting season was now over. (Oct 18)

**Action: DB/Residents**

**1972a To Discuss Designating buildings in the Parish as an Asset of Community Value**  
The proposal to make the Royal Oak an Asset of Community Value (ACV) had progressed with forms being submitted. A verdict would take 6-8 weeks. (May 19)

**Action: CBC**

**2000b** A Facebook page had now been set up for the Parish Council by PCllr Jordan. Members could now add information to the Facebook page about ongoing issues in the Parish. (Jul 19)

**Action: AJ**

**2000c** Another way to engage with new residents was suggested in the form of a Welcome Pack. The Clerk agreed to design the initial pack for Councillors to comment on at the next meeting. (Jul 19)

**Action: DB**

**2014** It had been noted that grippers had been put down on the grass verge very close to the hedge at the top of Church Road. It seemed that a resident had done this. PCllr Smith agreed to ask the resident about the purpose of these.

**Action: SS**

**2014a** There had been an increase in overnight camper vans staying at the top of Church Road close to the woods. As well as that there was also increase levels of rubbish and a number of fires started. The Clerk would contact Paul Williams at Bedford estates to advise him of this.

**Action: DB**

## **2028 Finance**

- a. To discuss approving a grant for St Michael's Church**
- b. To approve payments to be made in October**

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1075	£132.00	Clerk's salary October
S McQuillan	1076	£190.00	Repairs to gate posts in Sandy Lane
Central Beds Council	1077	£62.37	Election fee

**c. To agree the financial statements for September**

Actions carried forward:

**2001c** A Member asked if a better interest rate was available. The Clerk advised that a higher rate was possible if money was invested over several weeks or months but the mandate would need to be completed first before any action could be taken. The Clerk would investigate rates available. (Jul 19)

**Action: DB**

**2029 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	From	Subject	Action
1843	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1844	Central Beds Council	New Homes Bonus information	
1845	BATPC	Beds Parishes website closure – March 2020	
1846	Central Beds Council	Notice of Garden waste collection	Starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020
1847	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - August	
1848	Beds Police	Crime statistics - September	
1849	Central Beds Council	Confirmation of Royal Oak PH being deemed an Asset of Community Value	
1850	Central Beds Council	Notice of consultation on Public Space Protection Orders	Closing date 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
1851	Central Beds Council	Draft Local Plan update	
1852	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - September	
1853	Stondon Parish Council	Suggestion for website construction and hosting	
1854	Susan Lynch	Invitation to meeting on Oxford to Cambridge proposed corridor	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm Aspley Guise Village Hall