



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The Next Meeting of Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 8pm at the **Woburn Sands Town Council  
Offices, next to the Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn Sands**

**2419 To Receive Apologies of Absence**

**2420 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**

**2421 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**2422 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the  
Parish Council**

**2423 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2259** Proposed new development at Marston Vale – O&H Planning Application. CBCllr Baker had met with consultants who could not provide any evidence for having considered traffic movements in the area. (Sept 2021)

**Action: DB/PCllrs**

**2409** Concerns were raised about conditions put on planning applications which were then disregarded in subsequent applications. It was felt that CBC were not following their own rules. It was asked whether Enforcement could actually enforce the planning conditions as this was setting a precedent in the Parish to get conditions overruled in a later planning application. It was asked if a Teams meeting could be arranged with Andrew Davie, the Director of Planning. CBCllr Baker offered to arrange this. (Sept 2022)

**Action: JB**

**2424 Chairman's Report**

**Actions carried forward:**

**1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road**

PCllrs McQuillan and Garratt had investigated 20mph signs. The 'Twenty's Plenty' signs were thought to be suitable and A3 signs were agreed upon. PCllr Garratt was tasked with finding approximately 30 signs so there would be spares available. Signs would go up once the poppies had been removed later in November.

**Action: PG**

**2410** St Michael's Church was to run its annual Christmas Tree festival, with trees going up on 1st

December. It was agreed that the Parish Council take part again and a sustainable option was discussed. (Sept 2022)

**Action: SS**

**2410a** Woburn Sands Town Council had been in contact regarding the upcoming Remembrance Day parade. PCllr Smith would organise the purchasing of the wreath and PCllr Sandys-Wood agreed to lay the wreath. Poppies would also be added to lampposts as per last year. (Sept 2022)

**Action: SS/ASW**

**2411 To Agree the Dates of Meetings in 2023**

The list of meeting dates for 2023 was agreed and would be added to the website. (Sept 2022)

**Action: DB**

## 2425 Roads and Footpaths

**Actions carried forward:**

**1514a** Although the fencing repairs were unlikely to happen in the short term this would remain on the agenda. A resident had been injured by fencing that had fallen down and had not been repaired. This would be reported to Bedford Estate and Greensand Trust as the lack of maintenance was now a health and safety issue. PCllr Harris agreed to walk the path to help provide detailed information to BE and GT. PCllr Smith would report the increasing amount of waste at the top of Church Road to Greensand Trust. A letter drafted by PCllr Smith would be sent to CBC. It was noted that the abandoned car had now been removed. (Reviewed July 2020)

**Action: GH/SS**

**2263a** BOAT at the top of Church Road – A topological survey had been booked by CBC. Since this issue began three separate Rights of Way Officers had been involved so progress was incredibly slow. A response was still being sought from CBC. (Sept 2021)

**Action: SS/CBC**

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

A photo had been sent to CBC Highways but no response had been received by them yet. PCllr Smith would re-send the email. (May 2022)

**Action: SS/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. (May 2022)

**Action: CBC**

**2412** It was reported that lots of rubbish had been dumped behind the cars in the parking area at the top of Church Road by the woods. PCllr Smith would contact CBC to report this. (Sept 2022)

**Action: SS**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2413** The light outside 68 Church Road was reported to be obscured by trees. These would be cut back soon. (Sept 2022)

**Action: GC/AM**

## 2426 Planning

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

## 2427 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

### 2267 To Discuss Homewatch

PCllr Jordan had re-signed up for this scheme as membership had lapsed. She would be attending a webinar. All data held by Homewatch was stored by Neighbourhood Watch and the Police so there would be no issues with GDPR. (Sept 2021)

**Action: AJ**

**2340** PCllr Smith would let the Notice Board company know the final lettering for the board. It was agreed that a plaque be purchased to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's life and put on the board. (March 2022)

**Action: SS**

**2355a** Sandpit - Three quotes were received for the tree works and it was agreed that Stanton Trees carry out the work at a cost of £1680. This was scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October. (April 2022)

**Action: Contractor**

### 2387 To Discuss the Bike Jump Area in Aspley Woods

PCllr Harris would be meeting with Howard Hughes. The Council had concerns with the bike jump area still; these included the lack of parking, health and safety issues and there being no public toilets within a 5-mile radius. Emails had been sent to the Duke of Bedford, Greensand Trust and Central Beds on 24<sup>th</sup> August but no reply had been received. The request for a risk assessment had previously been refused. PCllr Clough would write a letter to send to the Greensand Trust asking for the risk assessment. (July 2022)

**Action: GC**

**2415** A tree was obstructing the sign in the Jubilee Garden and would need to be cut back. PCllr Smith would contact the relevant contractor.

**Action: SS**

## 2428 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## 2429 Finance

### a. To approve payments to be made in September

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1238	£186.54	Clerk's salary - October

### b. To agree the financial statements for September

Actions carried forward:

### 2132a To discuss information received from NatWest on switching bank account

It was decided to stay with NatWest as moving accounts was too troublesome at this stage. The Clerk would try to call in to a branch to get physical copies of mandate forms. (Oct 2020)

**Action: DB**

**2417c** The Internal Auditor Report had been circulated before the meeting and was **APPROVED**. It was noted that there were no concerns with the accounts and that the Clerk would try to set up the online VAT account. (Sept 2022)

**Action: DB**

### **2430 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
2127	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2128	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – September – no crime reported	
2129	CPRE	Membership confirmation	
2130	Central Beds Council	October bulletin	
2131	Hedgehogs R Us	Hedgehog Highway Project	
2132	East West rail	Newsletter edition 7	
2133	Central Beds Council	Tree Planting – Town and Parish Council meeting – 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 6-7pm	