



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 remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 28th October 2020 starting at 8.00pm

Signed: *D. Batchelor*

- 2122 To Receive Apologies of Absence**
- 2123 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2124 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2125 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**
- 2126 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**
- 2127 Chairman's Report**

Actions carried forward:

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

Lynne Roberts had become the official SpeedWatch coordinator and was asking for volunteer helpers. PCllr Garratt had researched options and advised that should a 20mph limit be preferred a questionnaire and speed survey would need to be carried out as part of a statutory consultation. Traffic calming measured could also be considered, these would need partial funding. (Jul 19)

Action: PCllrs

2009 Full Fibre (FTTP) There was no further update. However, a resident had asked how much a private connection would cost and was advised it would be £12,000 to install. PCllr McQuillan advised on a scheme in Scotland where residents requested individual quotes but could receive substantial discounts when asking for the work communally when approaching the supplier. It was suggested that this scheme be investigated further to see if the same scheme was running. (Sept 2020).

Action: SM

2022a The Clerk had asked the Partnership Team a CBC to help progress a .gov domain name for the website.

Action: DB

2127a To discuss Remembrance Day

2128 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

1514a PCllr Harris had circulated a comprehensive update following the meeting held with Bedford Estates regarding the area at the top of Church Road. Forestry works were planned between August and October which would necessitate the closing of both the Church Road car park and partial closure of the one in Longslade Lane. It was stated that the Estate would need to inform the Parish Council of the dates of the work and put up adequate signage which also advised that there would be no turning for large lorries at the top of Church Road. It was not likely that any repairs would take place until after the forestry works but they had been noted by the Estate. A plan of all wooden posts had been sent to CBCllr Baker so that they could be replaced by CBC. The poor condition of the BOAT to Aspley Heath Lodge was attributed in part to the logging lorries during last forestry works. PCllr Harris was to gain an update on the pathways which needed work and also the replacement for Bob Holland. (Reviewed July 2020)

Action: BE/JB/GH

2128a To Discuss Resident Complaints regarding Parking and Traffic on Hardwick Road

Actions carried forward:

2116a Residents had complained about the parking on Hardwick Road and the build-up of traffic caused by this. There were also plans for the Quaker Group to hold services at the churchyard which would also increase parking in the area. There was also a lack of parking at Nonna's. It was felt that residents' views should be sought so that these could be fed back to Milton Keynes and Central Beds Councils and an officer be asked to investigate solutions.

Action: PCllrs

2128b To discuss parking on pavements in Church Road

2128c To consider a contractor for the clearing of Bishop's Walk

2129 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2117 The light outside 57 Church Road had been hit by a builder's lorry, as witnessed by the Clerk. A quote was to be sent to the resident so they could contact the builder for payment.

Action: DB

2130 Planning

Actions carried forward:

1861b 12 Silverbirches Lane. Councillors were concerned with the procedures carried out on this application. The website was not updated and the Enforcement Officer was not aware of the recent decision. There were no details of the enforcement provided. The application referred to the replacement of quoins but there had not been any on the house originally.

The Conservation Officer was not aware of this issue either which was particularly worrying as the house itself was featured in the Aspley Heath Conservation Area booklet written by CBC. PCllr McKay had received a poor response from the CBC Officer, Richard Proctor who would not provide any further information. The Clerk had checked emails for the original information given to CBC. (Jul 19)

Action: CBC

2090 It was noted that 47 Church Road were installing new windows and render for which, permission had not been sought. There were concerns with the alterations and also the side elevation windows not being obscured. The Enforcement Officer had been contacted but no response had been received within the designated 21 days. CBCllr Baker would chase the Officer.

Action: JB

2118 Tree Applications Charlewood Lodge – PCllrs Smith and Marshall would comment on but there was concern about the removal of a tree in the Conservation Area.

Action: SS/CM

Application updates

New Applications since the last agenda

2130a To Discuss the Milton Keynes South East Expansion

Actions carried forward:

2118a Members discussed the proposed plans and decided that a Zoom meeting would be held to gain the views of all Councillors. An email would be sent to find a suitable date. There was no further news on the East-West rail link to consider. A comment was made that additional roads would hinder MKC's plans to be more sustainable as this would encourage more cars.

Action: PCllrs

2131 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2000c A draft of the Welcome Pack had been circulated. A few amendments were suggested and would be incorporated. (Jul 19)

Action: SS/GC

2038c To Discuss Further a Neighbourhood Plan

PCllr Clough had contacted all members of the working group and had updated them with the progress so far as well as providing a 'road map'. The average cost of a Neighbourhood Plan was £7000 but as Aspley Heath was smaller than most communities it was thought the cost would be much lower. The first step was to plan a questionnaire and distribute to residents. A response rate of 27% was considered good but it was hoped the residents in Aspley Heath would be much more responsive. The inaugural meeting of the group was to be held as soon as CBC released the project plan.

Action: CBC

2119 A resident had contacted the Council again about an overhanging tree to his property. A large branch had fallen off and luckily had not caused any damage but the resident was worried that this might happen again and immediate action was required to prevent damage. Bedford Estate had claimed ownership of the tree. The Clerk would email both John Hunter and Scott Lamont to ask that works be undertaken as soon as possible.

Action: DB

2132 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in October

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1135	£138.36	Clerk's Salary - October

b. To agree the financial statement for September

c. To discuss information received from NatWest on switching bank account

2133 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
1922	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1923	NatWest	Information on switching bank account	On agenda
1924	Central Beds Council	Garden Waste Suspension 25 th Nov – 1 st March	Add to Facebook
1925	Central Beds Council	Consultation on Leisure facilities and Being Active	
1926	Central Beds Watch Scheme	Crime Statistics - September	