



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

19th February 2021

The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th February 2021 remotely via Zoom starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 2159 To Receive Apologies of Absence**
- 2160 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2161 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2162 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**
- 2163 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

Actions carried forward:

2138 CBC had confirmed they would maintain the surfacing on the Bishop's Walk steps and add noses onto each step. There was no date given for these works.

Action: JB

2150a To Discuss Funding from Ward Councillor Grant Budget

CBCllr Baker advised that any grant awarded would need to be match-funded by the Parish Council. He asked that suggestions be forwarded to him and the most appropriate would be considered.

Action: PCllrs

2164 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

PCllrs Clough and Jordan were thanked for their hard work on analysing the Traffic and Parking Survey responses from residents. A report had been distributed which included an executive summary that highlighted the key points and which PCllr Clough advised Members of in the meeting. Copies of the report including the summary were to be placed on the website and on Facebook.

PCllr Jordan advised that cannabis had been found in the woods and that dogs had eaten it and needed medical treatment. It was felt that this should be added to the report. The report would be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan group and use this to inform their future plans.

Action: GC

There was concern that parking at the top of the woods was very busy and there were also campers staying overnight. There were no signs advising that this was not allowed, CBCllr Baker was to ask the question. The woods were advertised on a cycling website and there were logoed vans parking up which looked like they were offering services to cyclists, promoting their businesses.

PCllr McKay asked if CBCllr Baker could investigate the status of parking bays which were partly on the pavement. (Jul 19)

Action: JB

2022a The Clerk had gained information on gaining a .gov domain name for the website. Provisional costs were £40 for the domain name and £50 per year. These were deemed reasonable and the Clerk was asked to seek further information.

Action: DB

2165 To Discuss the Accessibility Statement for the Council's Website and to Analyse the Website for Issues

2166 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

1514a PCllr Harris would liaise with Dan Doyle. It was hoped that CBC would put in the posts. 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 was also hoped to be repaired by CBC. It had been filled in recently but was already starting to erode.

Although the fencing repairs were unlikely to happen in the short term this would remain on the agenda.

(Reviewed July 2020)

Action: CBC

2140a To Discuss Resident Complaints regarding Parking and Traffic on Hardwick Road

Yellow lines were to be re-painted on Hardwick Road but MKC did not see this as a priority, so no date was given for this.

Action: MKC

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

2167 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2117 The light outside 57 Church Road which had been hit by a builder's lorry had now been repaired. The owner of the company had offered to pay 50% of the costs. This offer was discussed but Members felt that the full amount should be paid as otherwise the taxpayer would be forced to pay for some of the repair. The Clerk would contact the owner.

Action: DB

2168 Planning

Actions carried forward:

1861b 12 Silverbirches Lane. Councillors were concerned with the procedures undertaken to remove the enforcement notice. The website had not been updated. The Enforcement

Officer was not aware of the recent decision. There were no details of the enforcement provided. The application referred to the addition of quoins that had not been 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 was to write up a one-page summary of all the concerns regarding this application which CBCllr Baker would take to the Head of Planning at CBC.

Action: AM/JB

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 was finally looking at the case, CBCllr Baker asked to be copied in on emails.

The resident had had two trees cut down without planning permission. CBC were now investigating this

Action: CBC

2130a To Discuss the Milton Keynes South East Expansion

Minutes had been sent to all Councillors following the meeting. A complaint had been made to MKC regarding an interest that had not been disclosed. A summary would be added to the next newsletter.

Action: GC

Application updates

71 Church Road
10 Silverbirches Lane

New Applications since the last agenda

Heathwood, Narrow Path

2169 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2155 It was suggested that the tree in the Jubilee Garden may need some repair work. Members were asked to have a look at the tree to discuss potential works.

Action: PCllrs

2155b To Discuss the De-listing of a Community Asset

It was reported that the Royal Oak had been sold to a private buyer. The Parish Council discussed the de-listing of the pub as an Asset of Community Value and agreed that it would seek re-listing. CAMRA would also offer their support. PCllr Jordan agreed to liaise with the new owners.

Action: AJ

2155c An East/West Rail meeting would take place shortly. PCllrs Southgate and Marshall agreed to attend. The Clerk would forward their names.

Action: DB

2155d It was reported that a Johnson's Sweepers van had unloaded concrete waste onto Church Road. It was felt that this should be reported to CBC as it was fly-tipping. PCllr Marshall agreed to progress the reporting. It was also advised that the Environment Agency could be informed. CBCllr Baker felt that Bedford Estates should also be updated.

Action: CM

2169a To Discuss the Council's Response to the SEMK

2170 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2170a To Approve and Adopt Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2171 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in February

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
TBC	1152	£TBC	Allocated for tree removal on Sandy Lane
LIW Advertising Ltd (Hogsty End)	1153	£36.00	Article in March 2021 Hogsty End
D Batchelor	1154	£138.35	Clerk's salary - February

b. To agree the financial statements for January

<p>Actions carried forward:</p> <p>2132a To discuss information received from NatWest on switching bank account The process of transferring the Parish Council's bank account to the Co-op had been started by the Clerk and the switching service applied for. The Clerk would forward the necessary paperwork to the Chair who would arrange for all signatories to complete.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DB/SS</p>
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c. To discuss the Clerk's hours

2172 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

<p>Actions carried forward:</p> <p>2158 PCllr Smith agreed to look at the Land registry survey.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SS</p>
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	From	Subject	Action
1955	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1956	SEMK	Consultation launch	Reply during 8 th Feb – 19 th April
1957	Central Beds Council	Local Plan – Inspector's letter	
1958	Central Beds Watch Scheme	Crime Statistics – January – no reported crime in AH	
1959	Greensand Country	Workshops – photography and creative writing, call for oral histories and archive materials	
1960	East West Rail	Online event – invitation and consultation introduction	
1961	Greensand Trust	Local voices information – people required to provide an oral history of living in the Greensand Ridge	
1962	Central Beds Council	Garden waste collections – starting 1 st March	