

supported by lots of residents although it was noted that some parking would still need to be accessed. It was thought the temporary closure would allow time for the BOAT to be repaired and the Parish Council would add their support to the residents' petition. There was discussion of re-planting adjacent areas to help repair the erosion.

2289 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

Actions carried forward:

2259 A letter regarding the lack of consultation for the proposed new development at Marston Vale had been sent to the Monitoring Officer to express the Council's concerns. No response had yet been received.

Action: CBC

2259a PCllr Harris had emailed David Hopkins at MKC and shared the feedback from the traffic and parking survey and asked that Aspley Heath residents be consulted regarding the re-painting of yellow lines on Hardwick Road. MKCllr Hopkins advised they were considering options and would consult with Aspley Heath residents. No further response had been received and it was hoped that MKCllr Hopkins would attend a Parish Council meeting to provide an update. The Clerk would issue an invitation.

Action: DB/MKCllr Hopkins

2259b Super Fast Broadband was also being investigated. The BT Community team advised rural areas were attracting more funding. Gigiclear would be asked if they would get involved with providing SFBB.

Action: JB

2290 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

The two speed devices had now been installed in better locations. Parking continues to be an issue and pedestrians were being forced to walk in the road. It was noted there was a pavement on only one side of the road.

Action: CBC

2260 The Councillor vacancy had been posted on the website and a copy would now need to be placed on the notice board. Applications would be considered up until the second week of January.

Action: AJ/SS/DB

2261 To Agree the Meeting Dates for 2022

With ongoing Covid restrictions the venue for 2022 meetings would be considered in early January.

Action: DB

2179 PCllr Jordan had forwarded the Accessibility certificate to the Clerk. However, the format of the certificate was unable to be uploaded to the website. An alternative version would need to be used.

Action: DB

2291 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

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

the agenda. (Reviewed July 2020)

Action: CBC

2263 CBC were to be contacted to clear Bishop's Walk. PCllr Smith would send photos to the Clerk to forward to CBC.

Action: DB

2263a BOAT at the top of Church Road – PCllr Harris had contacted both CBC and Bedford Estate. Bedford Estate would need CBC agreement before taking out any works. PCllr Harris would contact Matthew Nielson who was the new Head of Property at Bedford Estate. The Estate was not adverse to the BOAT being temporarily closed. This would hopefully stop the anti-social behaviour and allow the area to be repaired. A response to CBC's email would be drafted by PCllr Harris which detailed the Parish Council's views on temporarily closing the BOAT. All Members would be copied in on the email to CBC. It was noted that there was a broken bench by the SSSI.

Action: GH/DB

2292 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2117 Light outside 57 Church Road.

A further letter had been sent to the contractor asking for full payment and insurance details but no response had yet been received. The Clerk would contact again.

Action: DB

2293 Planning

Actions carried forward:

2249 A draft article had been forwarded to all Members about the Parish Council's role in Planning matters. Once the final version was agreed this would be included in the newsletter and also on the website.

Action: GC/DB

2249a 12 Silverbirches Lane

No further information had been received; the Clerk would contact Enforcement at CBC to see how this matter was progressing.

Action: DB

2280 SEMK A letter had been sent to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) regarding the development and the concerns of the Parish Council. The Strategic Plan was to be signed off by MKC on 30th November. A petition had also been sent by Woburn Sands residents asking for access to be made between the H10 and Newport Road. The Clerk would forward the Parish Council's letter to all Members.

Action: MKC/DB

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

47 Church Road – no objections

17a Church Road – no objections

55 Church Road - resubmission

2294 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2169 Overhanging Hedges – these had now been cut back.

Completed

2266a The New Resident Information Pack had been checked; the meeting venue would be amended and new Neighbourhood Plan details would be included. PCllr Clough would forward to PCllr Garratt for delivery to new residents.

Action: GC/PG

2266b The Sandpit maintenance survey had been carried out at a cost of £575 + VAT. The Clerk would forward the survey to PCllrs so discussion of potential works could be agreed at the next meeting.

Action: DB

2267 To Discuss Homewatch

It was hoped that the upcoming newsletter article would attract more volunteers for the co-ordinator roles.

Action: GC

2268 To Discuss Jubilee Garden Maintenance and Repairs

The plinth for the information board had been repaired free of charge by a resident. The Chair expressed her thanks to the resident for his time. He had also offered to plant some bulbs in the garden and this was welcomed.

Completed

2281 It was agreed that a wreath be purchased for Remembrance Day for £22; the Chair would organise. The large poppies would be put up again from 1st November for two weeks. The Chair would source some eco tags to secure the poppies. Church Road would be closed between 10.30 and 11.00am on Sunday 14th November.

Completed

2294a To Agree Content of the next Newsletter

PCllr Clough was working on the final draft of the newsletter and would forward to all Members for checking.

2295 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Responses from postcards were currently being analysed and would be shared once finalised.

2296 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in November

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
Gill Clough	1185	£192.75	NP – Refreshments at Royal Oak
Cultivation Ltd	1186	£20.00	Jubilee Garden maintenance - August
RGS (Robert C Yates & Partners)	1187	£690.00	Sandpit tree survey
D Batchelor	1188	£179.83	Clerk's Salary - November
D Batchelor	1189	£179.83	Clerk's Salary - December
S Smith	1190	£17.00	Wreath – Remembrance Day
Poor's Coal Charity	1191	£100.00	Grant/donation

The above payments were APPROVED.

b. To agree the financial statements for October

Actions carried forward:

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

The Clerk had forwarded the relevant forms to the Chair for completion.

Action: SS

The financial statements for October were **APPROVED**.

c. To APPROVE the budget for 2022-23

A draft budget had been circulated to all Councillors. A new electricity contract was about to renew and prices were not yet known for street lighting costs. The Clerk would amend the figures and circulate to members for agreement before the January deadline.

Action: DB

2297 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2019	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2020	Central Beds Council	Longslade Lane closure – 12-15 January 2022	
2021	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – October (no crimes reported in AH)	
2022	Central Beds Council	Co-option letter (no election called)	
2023	Highways England	Route Strategies online feedback tool launched	
2024	Central Beds Council	Notice of Councillor vacancy	
2025	Beds PCC	November newsletter	
2026	CPRE	November newsletter	
2027	Central Beds Council	Precept Request letter – deadline is 17 th January 2022	
2028	RGS	Tree survey report	
2029	London Luton Airport Ltd	Change of name to “Luton Rising	

Signed:

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.