



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Annual Meeting of Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn Sands starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 2930 To Elect a Chairman**
- 2931 To Elect a Vice Chairman**
- 2932 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2933 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2934 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2935 To Elect Members on to Associated Positions**
  - a. Finance**
  - b. Planning**
  - c. Footpaths including Aspley woods**
  - d. Newsletter**
  - e. Friends of St Michael**
- 2936 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2814** Anti-social behaviour at the Royal Oak Pub. PCllr Wilson had visited the pub but there seemed to be a lack of interest in working with local residents. Once the CCTV cameras were installed it was hoped that the Parish Council would be in a better position to help residents evidence the anti-social behaviour they were experiencing. Residents would be able to ask the Parish Council to look at CCTV footage if they were concerned about anti-social behaviour.

**Action: PCllrs**

## 2937 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

## 2938 Chairman's Report

## 2938 Roads and Footpaths

### Actions carried forward:

#### 2370b To Discuss New Signage for Sandy Lane to Restrict Unnecessary Access

The location and wording of the sign would need to be agreed. The repair to the BOAT (Sandy Lane) had been carried out by CBC with part funding from residents. The Clerk had contacted Zaria Bettles at end of March but she had not replied. It was hoped that the sign could be moved to a more prominent position.

**Action: CBC**

**2859** The black paint was coming off of the road where it had been painted over the yellow (unofficial) lines close to Narrow Path and 25 Church Road. CBC would either need to re-paint them or burn off the yellow lines. The Clerk had reported this on FixMyStreet but nothing had been done. Members would add this to FixMy Street in the hope that this would be actioned.

**Action: CBC**

**2891** Residents complained of ongoing issues on BOAT 33 including fly tipping, increased parking at the top of Church Road including overnight campers and noise from 4x4s accessing the BOAT and damaging the surface. CBC were monitoring the situation. A new Head of Highways was now in post. Residents should still send in their complaints and concerns to both the Parish Council and CBC. It was hoped an update would be made at the next meeting.

**Action: CBC**

**2687** CBC had rejected the Parish Council's request for a 20mph Speed Limit on Church Road. Residents were overwhelmingly in support of reducing the speed limit. The Parish Council would keep trying push for speed restrictions. PCllr Wilson had looked through documents to find information on the width of the road and pavement.

**Action: PCllrs**

## 2940 Lighting

## 2941 Installation of CCTV

### Actions carried forward:

**2877** CCTV PCllr McKay had approached the original company who were trying to find a local maintenance provider to lower the cost. A quote was still being prepared.

**Action: Contractor/AM**

## 2942 Planning

### Actions carried forward:

**2911** Land between Brogborough, Lidlington and Marston Moretaine – Outline planning application for 5000 homes. The Outline Planning Application had been approved by CBC. PCllr Wilson had spoken at the recent CBC planning meeting, seeking a condition that proper investment be made in carrying out traffic survey in the Aspley Heath area. There were concerns that this development would impact negatively on the surrounding area. A previous survey had stated that the development would only generate an extra five cars per hour, however, this number had already been exceeded before any sitework had started. It was requested that the full decision notice be asked for so members could see all the information. The Clerk would contact the relevant Planning Officer at CBC for this.

**Action: DB/CBC**

**2911a** Land adjacent to 10 Silverbirches – variation of plans

The Parish Council had responded to this first Variation of Condition (VOC). The plans for the garage did not meet the necessary width identified by CBC for a double garage. The Parish Council was concerned that CBC did not make decisions in line with their own policies. PCllr McKay would raise this with CBCllr Baker.

**Action: AM**

**New Planning Applications**

Land Adjacent to 10 Silverbirches Lane – Variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission CB/26/02648/FULL. (21/5)

Steeley Quarry, Aspley Woods – temporary car parking for 3 years (27/5)

Aspley Heath Lodge (2/6)

**Recent Planning Applications**

71 Church Road – trees (22/5)

Fernwood, 75 Church Road – trees (27/5)

1 The Knoll – trees (2/6)

**2943 Village Matters**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2762** PCllr Wilson was continuing to gather residents' views. She had also offered to collate the dates of future CBC meetings so that residents were informed of them.

**Action: JW**

**2897a** The search was still on to find a gardener to maintain the Jubilee Gardens. The Chair would be meeting with a contractor the following day and it was hoped that work would start shortly with extra hours agreed for the next month to get the site looking good.

**Action: SS**

**2912a To Consider a Litter Pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean**

This was very successful and it was hoped that photos would be added to the next newsletter. The resident who had organised this was thanked alongside a charity who had supplied food and coffee for all volunteers on the day.

**Action: PCllrs**

**2912b To Agree a Survey of the Sandpit trees**

A quote had been received by the previous contractor for £575 + VAT. This was agreed. The Clerk would contact them for the work to be carried out.

**Action: DB**

**2944 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2850** It was agreed that ten copies of each Neighbourhood Plan document would be printed so that hard copies would be available to the group's members, the Clerk and a small

number to be held in the Parish for residents to access.

**Action: GC**

## 2945 Finance

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

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1424	£235.57	Clerk's Salary - May
S Smith	1425	£TBC	Refreshments for AGM

#### Actions carried forward:

**2928** It was agreed that a donation be made to the Church for offering their building for the Annual parish Meeting. The meeting was well attended; there was plenty of room and refreshments had been served to residents. A donation of £100 was agreed. Woburn Sands Town Council had said the Memorial Hall was available for the last Wednesday in April so the Clerk was asked to contact them to book it.

**Action: DB**

### b. To Agree the financial statements for April

### c. To Agree the Internal Auditor for the 2025-26 Accounts

## 2946 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2494	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2495	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats –April – no crimes reported	
2496	Central Beds Council	Central Beds Local Plan 2050 - Scoping Consultation open	Comments by Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
2497	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council Forum – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 5.45-7.30pm	
2498	CPRE	Town and Parish Council update – May	
2499	BATPC	Invitation to AGM - Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> October	
2500	Central Beds Council	Request for update information – Leisure Parish Schedules	Reply by 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
		<b>ONGOING CONSULTATIONS AND EVENTS</b>	
2485	East West Rail	Consultations events – Woburn Sands - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 12-5pm MK - 18 <sup>th</sup> May 11am-6pm	
2487	Central Beds Council	Fees and Charges consultation	Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> May
2489	Beds Police	Community Priority Setting meetings: Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> October	
2491	Emily Darlington MP	Invitation to a Community Picnic Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	
2493	Milton Keynes Council	MK City Plan 2050 – Notification of Submission – documents to be reviewed	

