



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

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The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at the **Woburn Sands Town Council Offices, to the side of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn Sands at 8pm**

Signed:

2885 To Receive Apologies for Absence

2886 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda

2887 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2888 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. A resident had forwarded the email from CBC which stated CBC would speak with the landlady and advise residents that they needed to act respectfully when leaving the pub. It was hoped that residents would meet with the landlady to discuss the issues; PCllr Wilson would help facilitate this.

Action: JW

2889 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

2890 Chairman's Report

2891 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

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

The Clerk had contacted Francine Rainbow who had stated that the work had been ordered and that Chris Nicholl would be seeing this through. No action had been taken by CBC yet. The Clerk would contact Chris again to see if this was being actioned and copy in CBCllr Baker. The location and wording of the sign would need to be agreed.

Several vehicles were accessing Sandy Lane every day and causing problems with erosion of the BOAT and access. The Chair and the Clerk would email Chris Nicoll at CBC again as no response had been made. The Clerk had emailed CBCllr Baker with the details for this along with a resident's concerns listed under item 2859a. CBCllr Baker was chasing Zaria Bettles for an update on the road repairs.

Action: CBC

2859 The black paint was coming off of the road where it had been painted over the yellow (unofficial) lines. CBC would either need to re-paint them or burn off the yellow lines.

Action: DB

2892 To Discuss a Resident's Complaint about the Road Surface on Sandy Lane (BOAT 27)

Actions carried forward:

2859a A resident advised of the ongoing problems with the road surface on Sandy Lane, also known as BOAT 27. The resident advised that there was a Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) on the Lane which prohibited vehicles except for access. CBC had previously made two repairs at the top of the lane, close to the Sandpit area after the TRO had been put in place. The Parish Council had been advised that several accidents had occurred at the Sandpit, as it was frequently used by children, and there was a genuine concern that an ambulance would not be able to access Sandy Lane if there was another heavy rainfall. Francine Rainbow and Chris Nicoll had been out to Sandy Lane and had stated there was an urgent requirement for a quote from a road repair contractor. Zaria Bettles had then said that CBC would not repair the road as it was too expensive even though two residents of Sandy Lane had offered to contribute £4000 towards the repairs. The residents had asked CBC for a breakdown of the costs but had received no reply. The Parish Councillors had looked at BOAT 27 before the meeting and agreed that repairs were needed. CBC's argument that they didn't need to repair the road did not stand because all vehicles accessing the road were only using it for access. CBC had also repaired the BOAT after 1999 when the TRO came into force. CBCllr Baker asked for a letter from the Parish Council stating all the problems so that he could chase CBC. It was also noted that the Parish Council had repeatedly asked for a sign to be placed at the Aspley Woods end of Sandy Lane to advise drivers that it was a no-through road and only to be used for access to two properties. CBC had not responded to these repeated requests. The BOAT had significantly deteriorated in the years that this sign had been asked for. At the January 2026 meeting, CBCllr Baker asked that Zaria Bettles be sent the letter which had been sent to him.

Action: DB

2893 To Consider the CBC Parking Restriction Proposal for Church Road and Prepare a Response

Actions carried forward:

2875 A response was needed by 12th February. The Parish Council, after considering the views of the residents, would respond to support the passing places as it was felt better to have them installed than have no measures at all. It was thought that a six-month trial would be useful to see if the issues were solved or the passing places created more and/or different problems. Residents were asked to send in their views on the proposal. It was agreed that a Working Party would be very useful and residents agreed to their details being taken.

Action: DB

Actions carried forward:

2687 CBC had rejected the Parish Council's request for a 20mph Speed Limit on Church Road. Feedback from residents at the January meeting was overwhelmingly for a reduced speed limit. The Parish Council would pursue this further as residents were overwhelmingly asking for a reduction in the speed limit. CBCllr Baker stated that the cost of reducing the speed limit and mitigations would be c.£10,000. If the Parish Council would contribute then CBC would more likely agree to the works. SpeedWatch data was felt to have been skewed as the users of the speed gun were told where to stand but these were at the slowest parts of Church Road and so it was felt that the report did not show the true picture.

2859b A resident asked what was happening with the request to CBC to lower the speed limit to 20mph. PCllr Wilson advised that quite a number of residents had asked for a lower speed limit due to the narrowness of the pavement in places which meant there was only enough room for one resident to walk on it, meaning the road was often used by pedestrians. Another resident had provided a large document on problems with speeding traffic, congestion and pedestrian issues on Church Road and would forward this to PCllr Wilson. Two passing places on Church Road had been measured by CBC. They advised that a consultation would be needed from residents. The Parish Council wanted all residents on the road to be consulted as the location of the passing places would affect all of them.

Action: JW/GC/AM

2894 Lighting

2895 Installation of CCTV

Actions carried forward:

2877 The company who originally quoted for the CCTV installation had been taken over and this had resulted in lengthy delays. It was hoped that they would contact PCllr McKay the following day with the full details of the spec. It had been asked that invoicing happen annually or quarterly.

A resident asked about the direction of the cameras and who had access. They wanted to know if their property would be included in the field of vision. It was not known until the cameras were installed how far they would reach but the Parish Council could blur out residents' properties. Access would be for four Councillors and the Clerk but there would be strict policies on accessing the data. Once the cameras were installed residents would be contacted so they could determine where the pixelation would start. Any images would be deleted after 30 days.

Action: Contractor

2896 Planning

New Planning Applications

Bedford Estate – Aspley Woods – Lawful Development Certificate - Use of land for a bike park for outdoor sport and a recreational facility

Recent Planning Applications

2897 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2762 PCllr Wilson was continuing to gather residents' views. Topics discussed included the Neighbourhood Plan and the narrow paths that meant residents often had to walk in the street.

Action: JW

2863 It was hoped that more residents would sign up to HomeWatch. PCllr Smith would contact the previous co-ordinator to assess the status of the scheme. PCllrs Sandys Wood and Clough would look at the Facebook page.

Action: SS/ASW/GC

2898 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Actions carried forward:

2850 A quote would be sought to print copies of all Neighbourhood Plan documents to give to the team and to have spare copies available for residents to borrow; ten copies were suggested initially. Members agreed to this expenditure.

Action: GC

2899 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in February

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1409	£235.77	Clerk's Salary - February

To Agree the financial statements for January

2900 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
2458	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2459	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – January– no crimes reported	
2460	Charity Commission	Annual Return for Sandpit Charity – confirmation of return completed	
2461	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council update - February	
2462	CPRE	January newsletter plus free Oak Tree sapling offer	
2463	Central Beds Council	Recycling changes for households from March 2026	
2464	St Michaels Church	Thank you for donation	
JAN	Milton Keynes Council	MK City Plan 2020 (Regulation 19) consultation	Respond by 16/2
2465	Keep Britain Tidy	Great British Spring Clean – 13 to 29 th March	
2466	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council Forum – slides on CBC's Draft Budget	