



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

30th April 2026

The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 6th May 2026 at the **St Michael's Church Hall, Church Road**
starting after the Annual Meeting of the Parish

Signed:

- 2916 To Receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2917 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2918 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2919 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 asked about an update on the Royal Oak. Unfortunately, the landlady had not been present every time PCllr Wilson had visited. However, the pub did seem keen to work with local residents. There was a concern with the lighter nights coming up that outside drinking and anti-social behaviour would increase.

Action: JW

2920 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

2921 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

2907 To Agree the Agenda for the AGM

The agenda would contain the usual items and Dominic Smith from the Bedford Estate would be invited to talk about Aspley Woods.

Action: DB

2922 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 had contacted Chris again to see if this was being actioned and had copied in CBCllr Baker. The location and wording of the sign would need to be agreed. The repair to the BOAT (Sandy Lane) had now been agreed by CBC. The Clerk would contact Zarai Bettles to see if the sign could be moved as part of the surfacing repairs to the BOAT.

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 now reported this on FixMyStreet. It was noted that cars were often parked on the double yellow lines on Hardwick Road but never seemed to be ticketed.

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 had said they would monitor the situation over the next six months and it was noted that a new Head of Highways would be in post on the 1st April. For now, the BOAT would need to be monitored and evidence built up for fly-tipping, noise and damage to the BOAT. It was hoped residents would send in their complaints and concerns to both the Parish Council and CBC.

Action: CBC

2687 CBC had rejected the Parish Council's request for a 20mph Speed Limit on Church Road. Residents were3 overwhelmingly in support of reducing the speed limit and it was hoped that they would write to CBC to express this. PCllr Wilson was looking through documents to check on the width of the road and pavement for walkers. There was lots of evidence from residents on speeding and parking on Church Road. SpeedWatch would be run by Parish Councillors and it was hoped that with CBCllr Baker's support the data from SpeedWatch would be relevant for reducing speed.

Action: PCllrs

2923 Lighting

Actions carried forward:

2894 It was confirmed that a light was out by 30 Church Road. The Clerk would contact the contractor.

Action: DB

2924 Installation of CCTV

Actions carried forward:

2877 PCllr McKay had sought out new suppliers but this was proving very difficult as they were double the original quoted cost and would only work with the company's owned cameras. Following on from this, PCllr McKay had approached the original company who were trying to find a local maintenance provider to lower the cost. A quote was being obtained for this and would be reported to the next meeting.

Action: Contractor/AM

2925 Planning

Actions carried forward:

2896 Bedford Estate – Aspley Woods – Lawful Development Certificate - Use of land for a bike park for outdoor sport and a recreational facility

A response had been sent to CBC. Woburn Sands Town Council had also sent in a Response stating their concerns with parking demands, local infrastructure and community issues. Photos of the construction works and fencing would be sent to Jade at CBC to ask if ongoing development was permitted. There were concerns with the fencing only having one gate as there had been several fires in the woods in recent years. It was asked whether a Health and Safety Certificate had been applied for. It was felt that HSE should be contacted to ask if the site was compliant. A resident stated that the KDC had been withdrawn and asked if any work should be going on. The Clerk would contact CBC and the HSE.

Action: DB

2911 Land between Brogborough, Lidlington and Marston Moretaine – Outline planning application for 5000 homes, 7 schools, employment, leisure, etc – the previous traffic survey had not taken into account traffic through Central Bedfordshire villages. PCllr McKay agreed to contact the Traffic Management Officer to find the relevant documents for the planning application. It was suggested that Sue Clark and John Baker be asked for more information and their concerns. It was felt there was insufficient evidence for a proper Traffic Management assessment particularly with regard to traffic on Hardwick Road, through Aspley Guise and around Junction 13. Traffic would be queuing on the double roundabout on the border of Aspley Heath and Woburn Sands. With 3500 new homes planned for SEMK and the new Universal Studios; traffic would be even more of an issue. The Clerk would email CBC with a summary of the issued the following day as there was only 14 days allowed to comment. PCllr McKay would look at the traffic management documents.

Action: DB/AM

2911a Land adjacent to 10 Silverbirches – variation of plans

There were concerns with the lack of parking as the double garage was not big enough to house two cars so the plans were inaccurate. The levels for the parking had changed and there was not enough space for three cars as shown on the plans. The garage had increased in height and was now level with the neighbouring house. PCllr McKay would send in the response to Planning. A meeting of the sub-committee was to be held on 31st March.

Action: AM

New Planning Applications

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

Recent Planning Applications

2926 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2762 PCllr Wilson was continuing to gather residents' views.

Action: JW

2897a PCllr Clough had found a gardener to maintain the Jubilee Gardens. It was Agreed that the gardener be paid £30 per hour for two hours a month. All rubbish would be removed from the site.

Action: GC

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

A resident had offered to help with this and a date of 18th April had been agreed. Information would be added to the WhatsApp group and the notice board so that more residents could join in. PCllr Smith had applied for litter pickers and rubbish bags.

Action: PCllrs

2912b To Agree a Survey of the Sandpit trees

This was agreed and a quote was to be sought.

Action: DB

2927 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

2898 Despite several emails Jane Hubbard at CBC had not replied to the Steering Group's query about the Neighbourhood Plan not being displayed on the CBC website. The Clerk would contact CBC to see when the Plan would be put onto CBC's website. PCllr Clough confirmed she would send a copy of all documents which the Clerk would add to the Parish Council website.

Action: GC/DB

2928 Finance**a. To approve payments to be made in May**

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1417	£235.77	Clerk's Salary - April
Woburn Sands Town Council	1418	£180.00	Room Hire for Council meetings 2026-27
Forde & McHugh	1419	£192.00	Repair to street light – 30 Church Road
npower	1420	£1998.86	Street light electricity

b. To Agree the financial statements for March**c. To Agree a quote for the Sandpit Tree Survey****2929 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	From	Subject	Action
2476	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2477	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats – March and April (interim) – no crimes reported	
2478	The Pensions Regulator	Declaration of Compliance completed	
2479	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council update - April	

2480	CPRE	April newsletter	
2481	Woburn Sands Town Council	Confirmation of Room hire for AHPC meetings 2026-27	
2482	Beds Police	Notice of the next Community Priority Setting meeting – 1 st April	
2483	Central Beds Council	New Local Plan timetable – formal consultation runs 6 th May to 3 rd June	
2484	Forvis Mazars	Annual Governance and Accountability Returns 2025/26 – paperwork for audit	Return documents by 30/6
2485	East West Rail	Consultations events – Woburn Sands - 25 th April 12-5pm MK - 18 th May 11am-6pm	
2486	Central Beds Council	Remittance Advice - Precept	
2487	Central Beds Council	Fees and Charges consultation	Closes 20 th May
2488	SLCC	Membership renewal notice	
2489	Beds Police	Community Priority Setting meetings: Weds 8 th July Weds 14 th October	
2490	Central Beds Council	EV Charging – looking for installation points across Central Beds	
2491	Emily Darlington MP	Invitation to a Community Picnic Saturday 27 th June 12-4pm	
2492	Central Beds Council	Town and Parish Council Forum meeting – Weds 13 th May 5.45pm	
2493	Milton Keynes Council	MK City Plan 2050 – Notification of Submission – documents to be reviewed	