



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 8pm at the **Woburn Sands Town Council Offices next to the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, Street, Woburn Sands**

Signed:

**2733 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

**2734 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**

**2735 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**2736 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2544a** No replies had been received from the Chair of the Greensand Trust despite further attempts being made. It was suggested that John Balham be invited to the AGM to talk as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and the green Infrastructure Plan he had written.

**Action: GT/GC**

**2651** No further information or update was available on the anti-social issues linked to the pub. This may be linked to the colder and wetter weather. PCllrs would keep an eye out for any resident complaints.

**Action: PCllrs**

**2737 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2259** Proposed new development at Marston Vale – O&H Planning Application. (Sept 2021)  
It was hoped CBCllr Baker would be able to provide an update a future meeting.

**Action: JB**

**2679a** The Parish Council thanked Francine Rainbow, Rights of Way Officer at CBC for arranging the cleaning Bishops Walk; a good job had been done. CBC had not replied however when asked to clear Holly Walk. It was reported that CBC were intending to repair Sandy Lane BOAT so they might be able to do all the work at the same time. If no progress had been made then Parish Councillors and residents would look to see what they could do once Spring arrived.

**Action: CBC**

## **2738 Chairman's Report**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2681 Chairman's Report**

No one had yet contacted the Council about the Councillor vacancy. Notices were on the website and notice board.

**Action: DB/SS**

## **2739 Roads and Footpaths**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2263a** BOAT at the top of Church Road – PCllrs Clough and Smith would be attending CBC's Traffic Management meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. PCllr Clough would speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Action: CBC**

**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 to see if this was being actioned.

**Action: DB/CBC**

## **2740 Lighting**

### **2741 To Receive an Update from the CCTV Working Group**

**Actions carried forward:**

**2601** PCllr McKay would give a full update at a future meeting.

**Action: AM**

## **2742 Planning**

New Planning Applications  
5 Danesborough Drive

Recent Planning Applications

## **2743 Village Matters**

Actions carried forward:

**2340** A grant of £250 had been agreed from the Ward Councillor Grant scheme for a new planter. However, it was felt the funds would be better spent on defibrillator batteries and pads. This had subsequently been agreed by CBCllr Baker.

**Action: SS/JB**

**2687** PCllr Clough had the Twenty's Plenty signs. Central Beds Council had agreed these signs could be installed on Church Road and had said there were grounds for a 20mph speed limit as there was evidence of pedestrians having to walk in the road, blind bends, narrow pavements and houses opening directly onto the road. A petition had been submitted to CBC.

**Action: CBC**

**2687a** The bins and dog bins had been removed by MKC from the bottom of Sandy Lane close to the gate. The Chairman would contact MKC to see that the bins needed to be reinstated. She would also contact Bow Brickhill PC to see if they were aware of the situation.

**Action: SS**

**2715** It had been reported that a child had been injured after using a rope swing in the Sandpit. The swings had subsequently been cut down by Councillors but were often replaced quite quickly. The Clerk had been in contact with the insurance company who advised that rope swings should be removed and a sign put up to say rope swings were not allowed. It was agreed that a sign be put up.

**Action: PCllrs**

**2729** Traffic on Church Road was causing problems again with cars backing both up and down the road with long delays occurring. Sundays were the worst day for this but it was not solely down to churchgoers but visitors to the Woods. A question was raised about CBC's intention to add passing places. It was known that the CBC Officer dealing with the traffic problems had moved on to another role. PCllr Smith agreed to speak to Reverend Young and ask if cones could be out to help with the problems on Sunday mornings.

**Action: SS**

## **2744 To Discuss Highways Issues**

## **2745 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

## **2746 Finance**

### **a. To approve payments to be made in January**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
D Batchelor	1358	£228.29	Clerk's Salary – February
Forde & McHugh	1359	£192.00	Street light repair – 67/69 Church Road
Forde & McHugh	1360	£TBC	Street light repair – 54 Church Road
B J Speyer	1361	£90.00	Jubilee Garden maintenance – Jan 2025

### **b. To agree the financial statement for January**

## **2747 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
2342	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2343	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats –January 1 report: Assault without injury	
2344	BATPC	Training information – Planning – 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
2345	Beds PCC	Meet and Challenge the PCC – Leighton Buzzard – 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
2346	CPRE	Newsletter – January	
2347	Central Beds Council	Remittance Advice - Ward Councillor Grant - £201.50	
2348	Charity Commission	Confirmation of Annual Return for 2023/24	
2349	Central Beds Council	Budget Briefing – 19 <sup>th</sup> February 6-7.30pm - Chicksands	
2350	Central Beds Council	February update for Town and Parish Councils	
2351	Beds Police	Invitation to Priority Setting Meeting – 9 <sup>th</sup> April 6-9pm	