



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

21st February 2020

The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th February 2020 in the Council Offices to the rear of the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall starting at 8.00pm

Signed: *D. Batchelor*

2053 To Receive Apologies for Absence

2054 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda

2055 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2056 To Receive Information from Paul Williams on the Steetley Development

Actions carried forward:

2043 Mr Williams was asked a question about the removal of trees in the woods. The forestry works would include clear felling which was not completed last time and thinning to trees. All trees removed would be replaced with three new trees. After a request Paul Williams agreed to let the Clerk know which areas of the woods were to be replanted and how many lorry loads of timber would be removed.

Action: PW

2057 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council

Actions carried forward:

1648 PCllr Clough had met with the developer and UK Power Networks. The place where the power could be connected was identified and a cost advised of £1748. The developer and UKPN would progress the reconnection.

Action: Developer/UKPN/SS

2058 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report

Actions carried forward:

2008a Members expressed their concerns over the site plans provided with the plans for 69 Church Road and asked if Planning officers were checking these. The documents were not representative of the area and CBCllr Baker was asked to report this to the Planning

department. CBCllr Baker agreed to chase the relevant Planning Officer. (Sept 19)

Action: CBCllr Baker

2045 A Boundary Review was currently taking place and CBCllr Baker advised Members that any options could be considered. Current feeling was that there should be no change to the boundary. The deadline for the consultation was 24th February. A link would be added to the Facebook site to gain views of residents. CBCllr Baker agreed to send a link.

Action: AJ/JB

2059 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

1994b A grant from BHF had successfully been applied for which covered 50% of the cost of a defibrillator. The outcome of a grant application from John Baker was being awaited; he was waiting for all applications to come in before he decided whom to award grants to. This would hopefully pay for the cabinet, for which a suitable location was still being sought. A power supply would also need to be investigated. Community sessions for CPR training were also proposed and Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. An article would be put in the next newsletter and any interested residents could contact the Clerk. PCllr Smith would continue to investigate connection. (Jul 19)

Action: JB/SS

1994c To discuss a Micro Library

A Micro Library was to be set up in the entrance porch of the church by an interested parishioner. (Jul 19)

Action: SS

1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road

A check would be carried out in February/March. It was noted that temporary devices could be attached to lamppost which recorded speeds for every passing vehicle within a 15-minute period. The results could then be analysed and the amount of traffic and the possibility of blockages assessed. PCllr McKay agreed to investigate further. (Jul 19)

Action: AM

2009 It was reported that full fibre was planned for all of Aspley Heath. 26 houses in Church Road and 8 in Sandy Lane had received it so far. (Sept 19)

Action: AS

2022a The website was discussed and it was agreed that there was little support for the cost of the Eyelid option. The preferred route was to use wix.com, copying a template that had been developed for Milton Bryan and continue with the existing email provider, due to the simple requirements for the Council required. The Clerk would ask for a .gov.uk domain name. The data transfer for the website would be fairly simple and the Clerk would do this using wix.com once a template was put in place. PCllrs Jordan and Clough would support the Clerk with the website. Accessibility issues would also need to be investigated.

Action: AJ/GH/DB

2034a To Discuss an Event for the 75th Anniversary of D Day

Tripta Eady gave details for the anniversary event which would take place on Friday 8th May. Walks around the churchyard were planned and a leaflet had already been designed. The church would be opened up for the community to use. The Parish Council were happy to help with the Church's plans and PCllr Smith would contact Tripta Eady with any ideas the Councillors had.

Action: SS/All PCllrs

2059a To Agree the Agenda and Speakers for the Annual Meeting of the Parish

2060 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward: (Sep 15)

1514a The bollards at the top of Church Road were rotting away and there was a huge puddle forming outside the gates. A quote had been received by CBC to fill in the hole and an order placed. Paul Williams would donate timber for new posts to be installed but this would need to be carried out by CBC.

The fence on both sides of the car park was falling apart and Bedford Estates had acknowledged that further works to the fencing would be carried out as part of an overall fencing update. Paul Williams would be contacted to see if there was any progress.

Action: Bedford Estates/CBC/DB

2047 There was a pothole at the top of Church Road and the granite slabs crossing the road and the BOAT were disintegrating. PCllr Shirville would let CBCllr Baker know.

Action: AS

2061 Lights

Actions carried forward:

2012a To Discuss Street Light Adoption by Central Beds Council

The Chairman had still not received answers to questions raised and would chase again. (Sept 19)

Action: CBC

2062 Planning

Actions carried forward:

1861b An enforcement notice for a house in Silverbirches Lane regarding its brickwork being smoothed over and other amendments had been suspended whilst a retrospective planning application was being sought. A decision had not yet been made. (Jul 18)

Action: CBC

2063 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2000c A Welcome Pack for new residents was being put together by the Clerk. Information was being added and a draft would be made available at a future meeting. (Jul 19)

Action: DB

2027 It was asked whether Councillors would like to have their photos added to the noticeboard so that residents could identify them more easily. Most Members were happy with this and PCllr Jordan asked if photos could be sent to her. (Oct 19)

Action: PCllrs

2038c To Discuss Further a Neighbourhood Plan

Following the meeting with a representative from Central Beds Council the first step in the process would be to see if there was support for a Neighbourhood Plan by residents. Further discussion would take place at the next meeting once paperwork had been received. Councillors were asked to think over the plans and bring ideas to the next

meeting.

Action: CBC

2063a To Consider Content of the Spring Newsletter

Actions carried forward:

2050a PCllr Southgate updated the Council on the difficulties with contacting coordinators and a general lack of communication. PCllr Clough agreed to liaise with PCllr Southgate in order to check contact details and areas covered by each one. It was also suggested that Facebook be used to send updates to the community as they could be reached quickly.

Action: CS/GC

2064 To Receive an Update on Assets of Community Value

2065 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in February

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1093	£132.00	Clerk's salary February
CPRE	1094	£49.00	Neighbourhood Planning workshop 4/3 GC
S Smith	1095	£35.46	Vistaprint - Printing of leaflets – Steetley development
L Willmott	1096	£82.49	1&1lonos Email and domain name hosting 24/2/19 Invoices £53.23 + £29.26
BATPC	1097	£120.00	Chairmanship Training courses 1,2&3 GC
Cultivation Ltd	1098	£27.00	Jubilee Garden Maintenance - Dec
PMG Landscapes	1099	£144.00	Clearance of Bishop's Walk

b. To agree the financial statements for January

2066 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
1867	NatWest	Bank Statements	
1868	Police Crime Commissioner	Fourth Year Report Launch	
1869	BATPC	Training courses Spring/Summer	
1870	CPRE	Neighbourhood Planning workshop – booking form	4 th March Wilstead Village Hall
1871	Beds Police	Crime statistics – January	
1872	Charity Commission	Sandpit Annual Return confirmation	
1873	Police Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - February	
1874	Central Beds Council	Budget 202/21 agreed	
1875	Fulbrook PTA	Thank You letter for donation	