



## ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 remotely via Zoom starting at 8.00pm

Signed:

- 2134 To Receive Apologies of Absence**
- 2135 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda**
- 2136 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 2137 Open Forum – Members of the Public are Invited to Speak to the Parish Council**
- 2138 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Report**
- 2139 Chairman's Report**

Actions carried forward:

**1995 Speeding and Parking on Church Road**

Lynne Roberts, the new official SpeedWatch coordinator had gained several volunteer helpers. In order to gain the views of residents a questionnaire would be available via the newsletter, the website and Facebook. Survey Monkey was suggested as an easy to use way to gain views. There was concern that parking at the top of the woods was very busy and there were also campers staying overnight. There were no signs advising that this was not allowed, CBCllr Baker was to ask the question. The woods were advertised on a cycling website and there were logoed vans parking up which looked like they were offering services to cyclists, promoting their businesses. (Jul 19)

**Action: JB**

**2022a** The Clerk had asked the Partnership Team a CBC to help progress a .gov domain name for the website.

**Action: DB**

- 2139a To agree the purchase of poppies for Council owned lampposts**

## 2140 Roads and Footpaths

### Actions carried forward:

**1514a** The felling work had been completed in the woods but log collection was still ongoing for another week. The Longslade Lane car park would not reopen until mid November. The pathways are now being assessed for damage and repair will be undertaken, including cycle tracks. Bob Holland's replacement in December will be Dan Doyle. John Creasey is currently the Ranger responsible for the woods.

A plan of all wooden posts had been sent to CBCllr Baker so that they could be replaced by CBC. The poor condition of the BOAT to Aspley Heath Lodge was attributed in part to the logging lorries during last forestry works. PCllr Harris was to gain an update on the pathways which needed work and also the replacement for Bob Holland. (Reviewed July 2020)

**Action: BE/JB/GH**

### 2140a To Discuss Resident Complaints regarding Parking and Traffic on Hardwick Road

CBCllr Baker would be asked to provide the name of the officer at Milton Keynes Council to contact regarding these issues. The Clerk would forward resident comments to PCllr Harris for summarisation in the report on the SEMK.

**Action: JB**

### Actions carried forward:

**2116a** Residents had complained about the parking on Hardwick Road and the build-up of traffic caused by this. There were also plans for the Quaker Group to hold services at the churchyard which would also increase parking in the area. There was also a lack of parking at Nonna's. It was felt that residents' views should be sought so that these could be fed back to Milton Keynes and Central Beds Councils and an officer be asked to investigate solutions.

**Action: PCllrs**

### 2140b To discuss parking on pavements in Church Road

### 2140c To consider a contractor for the clearing of Bishop's Walk

## 2141 Lights

### Actions carried forward:

**2117** The light outside 57 Church Road had been hit by a builder's lorry, as witnessed by the Clerk. A quote had been sent to the resident so they could contact the builder for payment. The Clerk was asked to write a witness statement as the resident was disputing the incident. PCllr Garratt was drafting a letter to go the building company and would send along with the witness statement. The Clerk was asked to get the light fixed as the nights were now getting darker.

**Action: DB**

**2129** A light was out on Church Road opposite Narrow Path. The Clerk had reported this to the contractor.

**Action: DB**

## 2142 Planning

Actions carried forward:

**1861b** 12 Silverbirches Lane. Councillors were concerned with the procedures carried out on this application. The website was not updated and the Enforcement Officer was not aware of the recent decision. There were no details of the enforcement provided. The application referred to the replacement of quoins but there had not been any on the house originally. The Conservation Officer was not aware of this issue either which was particularly worrying as the house itself was featured in the Aspley Heath Conservation Area booklet written by CBC. PCllr McKay had received a poor response from the CBC Officer, Richard Proctor who would not provide any further information. The Clerk had checked emails for the original information given to CBC. (Jul 19)

**Action: CBC**

**2090** It was noted that 47 Church Road were installing new windows and render for which, permission had not been sought. There were concerns with the alterations and also the side elevation windows not being obscured. The Enforcement Officer had been contacted but no response had been received within the designated 21 days. CBCllr Baker would chase the Officer.

**Action: JB**

**2118 Tree Applications** Charlewood Lodge – PCllrs Smith and Marshall would comment on but there was concern about the removal of a tree in the Conservation Area.

**Action: SS/CM**

## Application updates

### New Applications since the last agenda

Actions carried forward:

**2130a To Discuss the Milton Keynes South East Expansion**

Discussion took place and PCllr Harris agreed to collate the views ready to send to Neil Sainsbury at Milton Keynes Council. The concerns of residents regarding parking and additional traffic in Hardwick Road would be added to the report. PCllrs would attend the stakeholder meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November to forward the views of both residents and Councillors.

**Action: GC**

## 2143 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

**2038c To Discuss Further a Neighbourhood Plan**

PCllr Clough had contacted all members of the working group and had updated them with the progress so far as well as providing a 'road map'. The average cost of a Neighbourhood Plan was £7000 but as Aspley Heath was smaller than most communities it was thought the cost would be much lower. The first step was to plan a questionnaire

and distribute to residents. A response rate of 27% was considered good but it was hoped the residents in Aspley Heath would be much more responsive. The inaugural meeting of the group was to be held as soon as CBC released the project plan; Tom Price was still working on this.

**Action: CBC**

**2119** A resident had contacted the Council about an overhanging branch to his property. It was interfering with BT lines. PCllr Smith would find a tree contractor to progress this work.

**Action: SS**

### **2143a To Receive an Update on Crime Figures for October**

### **2143b To Agree the Content of the Winter Newsletter**

### **2144 Finance**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
D Batchelor	1137	£138.54	Clerk's Salary - November
St Michael's Church	1138	£300.00	Donation
George Wells Foundation	1139	£300.00	Donation
Swallowfield Lower School PTFA	1140	£300.00	Donation
Fulbrook Middle PFTA	1141	£300.00	Donation
Woburn Sands TC (library)	1142	£600.00	Donation
<b>DECEMBER CHEQUES</b>			
D Batchelor	1143	£138.36 TBC	Clerk's Salary - December
HMRC	1144	£TBC	Clerk's PAYE Oct - Dec

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

#### **c. To agree the Precept for 2021/2022**

Actions carried forward:

#### **2132a To discuss information received from NatWest on switching bank account**

The Clerk advised that NatWest had sent letters advertising a bank switching service with incentives. The Co-op and the Metro Bank were offering £1250 to switch accounts to them. The Clerk would investigate further and check that both accounts were suitable, sending the information to the Chairman as well.

**Action: DB**

### **2145 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting**

	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1927	NatWest	Bank Statements	

1928	BATPC	Beds Bugle - November	
1929	Central Beds Council	Precept Request letter for 2021/22	
1930	Central Beds Council	Consultation on the Draft Milton Keynes Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document	Response by 4/1/2021
1931	Central Beds Watch Scheme	Crime Statistics - October	
1932	Beds Police & Crime Commissioner	Newsletter - November	
1933	Central Beds Council	COVID19 Bulletin	
1934	Poor's Coal Charity	Thank you for donation	
1935	St Michael's Church	Thank you for additional donation	
1936	East West Rail	Environmental Survey	
1937	Milton Keynes Council	Click & Collect Library opening hours	