



ASPLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

16th January 2025

The Next Meeting of the Aspley Heath Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 8pm at the **Woburn Sands Town Council Offices next to the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, Street, Woburn Sands**

Signed:

2719 To Receive Apologies for Absence

2720 To Note Declarations of Interest relating to Items on the Agenda

2721 To Agree the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2722 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.

Action: GT

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

2723 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 It was noted that Bishops Walk was covered in leaves and needed clearing. Holly Walk was also covered in leaves and the steps were difficult to navigate. It was agreed that CBC be asked to clear both paths. 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.

Action: CBC/DB

2679b Some of the debris next to the storm drain at the bottom of Sandy Lane had been cleared out. It was unclear why not all of it had been removed.

Action: CBC

2724 Chairman's Report

Actions carried forward:

2681 Chairman's Report

No one had yet contacted the Council about the Councillor vacancy. This would be promoted further after Christmas.

Action: DB/SS

2725 Roads and Footpaths

Actions carried forward:

2263a BOAT at the top of Church Road – This was to have been taken to CBC's Traffic Management meeting on 26th November but this had not happened. The Parish Council's comments were unchanged from the original consultation. It was noted that the BOAT was deteriorating badly due to recent usage.

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.

Action: CBC

2726 Lighting

2727 To Receive an Update from the CCTV Working Group

Actions carried forward:

2601 PCllr McKay hoped to give a full update at the January meeting.

Action: AM

2728 Planning

New Planning Applications

Recent Planning Applications

2729 Village Matters

Actions carried forward:

2340 A planter was being researched for the new notice board. A grant of £250 had been agreed from the Ward Councillor Grant scheme for a new planter. However, this was proving difficult to source as there was a slope below the noticeboard. It was suggested that these funds be used instead to maintain the defibrillator. PCllr Smith was checking the defibrillator monthly and had identified that new pads were needed and replacement

batteries were also needed within the next few months. With John Baker's agreement it was agreed to spend approximately £140 on new pads and £60 on batteries. PCllr Smith would check this agreed by CBC.

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. There had been less problems with waste recently so this would be monitored.

Action: SS

2687b PCllr Sandys Wood was thanked for laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day service. Thanks were also extended to the Councillors and residents who put up the poppies and took them down again.

Action: SS

2700 PCllr Smith had agreed to put up the Christmas Tree on behalf of the Parish Council at the Christmas Tree festival on 6th December.

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

2729a To consider Flood Risks in the Parish

2729b To consider Boundary Issues (Ahead of MPs meeting with Ward Councillor for Woburn Sands and Wavendon)

2730 To Receive an Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2731 Finance

a. To approve payments to be made in January

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
D Batchelor	1356	£228.49	Clerk's Salary – January

b. To agree the financial statements for November and December

2732 To Note Correspondence Received Since the Last Meeting

	From	Subject	Action
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2335	NatWest	Bank Statements	
2336	Central Beds Watch	Crime Stats –December 1 report: Assault without injury	
2337	East West Rail	Scoping Report - comments by 31 st January	
2338	CPRE	Briefing document on East West Rail proposals	
2339	CPRE	Newsletters – November and December	
2340	Central Beds Council	Budget Consultation – comments by 4 th February	
2341	Central Beds Council	S106 Parish Topic Session – 22 nd January 6-7pm online	