

Edlesborough Parish Council  
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
Open Forum	None	
<b>The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.31pm.</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Clr Williams (Chair), Clr Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Clr Cabbage, Clr Mrs Owen, Clr Nevard, Clr Mrs Woodhouse, Clr Mrs Thomas, Clr Mineikis, District Clr Chris Poll, Penny Pataky (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Clr Pratt and PCSO Jackie Dodson	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>Minutes of previous Meeting</b>	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 were ratified and signed with no amendments.	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	None	
<b>Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)</b>	<i>The Clerk, Manager and RFO had, prior to the meeting, provided all Councillors with detailed reports on the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green, Playground, Car Parks, Sports Clubs, Allotments, Cemetery, Churchyard, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters, Notice Boards and general Parish Council matters</i>	
<b>Memorial Hall</b>	Nothing to report.	Manager
<b>Pavilion</b>	Nothing to report.	
<b>The Green &amp; Playground</b>	Following a request from a parishioner for the seat by the basket ball post to be cleaned Council agreed to all seats being cleaned as necessary in the spring time. <i>Action: Manager to organise cleaning of seats.</i>	Manager
<b>Sports Clubs</b>	Nothing to report.	Manager
<b>Allotments</b>	Nothing to report.	Clerk
<b>Cemetery</b>	Nothing to report.	Clerk

<b>Churchyard</b>	Following interference with the switch for the new floodlights by a film crew the Council will be writing to the CCT regarding Council's expectations on appropriate communications for future use of the church by other organisations. <i>Action: Cllr Williams to liaise with the Friends of the Church group. Letter from CCT to be shared with the full council together with a draft response. Council to pay electricians bill at this time and charge the cost to The Friends account.</i>	AW & Clerk
<b>Bus Shelters</b>	Nothing to report.	
<b>Litter Bins, Dog Bins &amp; Car Parks</b>	Two new litter bins have been purchased and will shortly be installed outside the Green; one opposite Cow Lane and one at the corner of Brook Street and the Green. Cllr Cabbage requested a new dog bin to be installed at the start of the footpath on Eaton Bray Road. Council agreed to either relocate one of the bins from Dagnall allotments to this location if there is no other location for it in Dagnall or to purchase a new bin for Northall. <i>Action: Clerk to investigate location for Dagnall bin &amp; to circulate to the full council. If no location is found the Clerk will arrange for this bin to be relocated to Northall. If the bin is relocated in Dagnall the Clerk will purchase a new bin for Northall.</i>	Clerk
<b>Noticeboards</b>	Nothing to report.	
<b>Streetlights</b>	The installation of the new streetlights in Edlesborough and Dagnall will commence on the 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2016. It is hoped that it will be complete by the end of January. This information has been shared with parishioners on the website, Facebook page and next edition of Focus. <i>Action: Clerk to publish information informing parishioners of the new lights on the Facebook page closer to the installation date.</i> <i>Action: Clerk to contact Beds CC to find out information about the streetlight labels.</i>	Clerk Clerk
<b>Facebook Feedback &amp; Comments</b>	Facebook comments have focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christmas Wreaths – mostly positive, with many volunteers to help with decorating the village in 2016.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• New Streetlights</li> </ul>	Clerk & TO
<b>New Pavilion</b>	Council agreed to increase the budget for the legal work on the new lease by £1000 to £4000. <i>Action: Clerk to inform Wellers Hedleys of this decision.</i> The ECSC have asked the Parish Council to support them in their applications to Sport England for funding. Council agreed to the following statement of support: "EPC confirm they understand that the Charity needs to progress grant applications for the new Pavilion and hence support investigating and discussing all possible solutions with appropriate sporting bodies which, by demonstrating	Clerk AW

development of sport on the Green and across the Parish, could enhance such applications. These solutions will then be later submitted for discussion and approval or otherwise by EPC".

**FINANCE & PLANNING (Reported by Cllr Nevard and Clerk)**

**Accounts  
Authorisation  
of direct  
payments &  
cheques  
September (inc.  
VAT)**

The Accounts for months ending 30th November 2015 having previously been circulated to Councillors were discussed and agreed.

The draft budget working party reported back to the full council and it was agreed to defer the final decision on the precept amount to the January meeting.

*Action: Full council to consider 2016/17 budget in preparation for finalising it at the January 2017 meeting.*

Allotments	247.14
Cemetery	252.78
Dagnall Village Hall	183.61
EDaN Expenses	109.06
Friends of the Church	6,170.00
Green	409.47
Memorial Hall	562.22
Open Spaces	423.87
Other Amenities	261.42
Pavilion	140.81
Special Projects	75.00
Street Lights	378.86
Office Costs	66.22
Wages	1086.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Full Council

Clerk/CN

**County & District  
Councillors  
Reports**

District Councillor Chris Poll reported that Council will vote on a council tax rise at the next meeting of early February. The proposal is for a rise of 1.99% which would equate to £2.71 per year for the average band D property.

As we move from relying on government grant, costs are continually being cut whilst a new way of raising funds by becoming more commercial are being implemented.

This will mean we are able to maintain the services residents' value.

**Planning  
Planning**

The following new applications were discussed and it was agreed to submit the responses below to AVDC

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response
15/03951/APP 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015	Plots 4 & 5, Threeways, Leighton Road,	Erection of two single garages	No objections

		Northall		
	15/04013/ACL 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015	The Bungalows, South End Lane, Northall	Continued use of the bungalows for residential use not associated with agriculture	No objections
The following amended application was discussed and it was agreed to submit the response below to AVDC				
	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Parish Council Response</b>
	15/02411/APP Amendment Date 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Land off High Street, Edlesborough	Reduction in number of dwellings from 58 to 57, substitution of different house types and minor revisions to the site layout	OPPOSE
No decisions had been received from AVDC				
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<p>Cllrs Williams, Wilkinson, Cubbage, Mrs Thomas and the Clerk met with Neil Homer from rCOH. Cllr Williams gave a brief summary of the meeting to the full council. The revised proposal from rCOH of £11,750 was agreed.</p> <p><i>Action: Cllr Williams will draft and circulate a statement for a leaflet drop 7-9 days before each public meeting.</i></p> <p>On the 11<sup>th</sup> January from 6pm – 9pm the council will meet with rCOH for a pre-workshop meeting briefing at Northall Village Hall.</p>			Full Council
<b>EDaN Report &amp; Traffic Calming</b>	<p>The Friends of the Church raised £310.19 for Children in Need on the Floodlight switch on evening.</p> <p>Following concerns raised by a parishioner about a bench being installed at the top of Cow Lane, the concerns will be shared with the EDaN group.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to contact Thames Valley Police regarding the parishioners concerns.</i></p> <p>New 7.5 Ton exclusion signs have been installed at Moor End, Edlesborough, inside the Bucks border.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to write to Transport for Bucks and County Cllr Avril Davies to raise concern over the location of these signs and to establish if any other signs will be installed at the entrances to Edlesborough and Northall.</i></p>			Clerk  Clerk
<b>Villages</b>	<p>The bollard on the roundabout is still faulty despite three reports to Transport for Bucks.</p> <p>The speed limit sign on the Leighton Road leaving Northall heading towards Leighton Buzzard is still twisted and damaged.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to speak to Cllr Pratt to see if the speed limit sign was damaged when the farm hedges were cut.</i></p> <p>Anne Thompson Cup – the Clerk is still awaiting a response from Edlesborough School regarding suggestions of a young person that this may be awarded to in 2016.</p>			

	<p><i>Action: Clerk to contact school &amp; Chair of Governors again in the New Year if no response has been received.</i></p> <p>Cllr Mineikis reported that he will be meeting with the Church Estate &amp; Edlesborough Nurses Charity in January.</p>	Clerk
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Following an enquiry from a Parishioner the Council considered the possibility of installing a textile recycling bank and decided that there was not sufficient need for it at this time. The reasons are that many charities deliver recycling bags to homes in the parish, some supermarkets have bins and there are facilities at the household waste sites.</p> <p>The parishioner also suggested that the council might apply to the Vale Lottery for project funding. It appears that only registered charities are eligible to apply</p> <p>Play Around the Parishes – Council agreed not to participate.</p> <p>Open Spaces Society request for a donation – Council agreed not to donate.</p>	
<b>Items for Agenda 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016</b>	<p>Items for the Agenda for EPC Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at Edlesborough Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project list review and financial planning for 2016/17 budget.</li> <li>• Standing Orders</li> </ul>	
	The meeting closed at 9.50pm	