

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2015 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TREES Representatives of the EDaN Beautification Team (Sharon Stilliard & Christine Yates) gave a brief presentation and asked the council to consider planting additional trees on Edlesborough Green and the area of grass at the top of Cow Lane adjacent to the Chapel. (Silver Birch trees were suggested to compliment the trees at the top of Good Intent). The team are currently investigating grants and possible suppliers. • RUBBISH The amount of rubbish on the grass verges around the Parish is particularly poor at this time. This problem is added to by the uncovered waste lorries making their return journeys along the A4146. District Cllr Chris Poll said he would contact the relevant department to ensure the verges are tidied. • A4146 Three members of the Traffic Management Team requested that the Parish Council respond to MP John Bercow's letter regarding the downgrading of the A4146 to a B road. The implications of downgrading this road would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The implementation of weight restrictions. - Local County Councils having greater jurisdiction over the management of the road. - The removal of the road from route finders/Satnavs. <p>Currently over 11,000 vehicles travel along the A4146 a day. The group outlined the importance of the need for action before the completion of the de-trunking of the A5.</p> 	
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7:47pm.		
Present:	Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Holt, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Woodhouse, Lin Sargeant (RFO & Planning), Penny Pataky (Clerk), District Cllr Chris Poll, and 8 parishioners.	
Apologies:	Cllr Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr Cubbage, County Councillor Avril Davis	
Declarations of Interest	None	
Minutes of previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th January 2015 were ratified and signed.	
Matters Arising	None	

Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)	<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>	
Memorial Hall	The manager advised the Cllrs of changes to the current booking timetable.	Manager
Pavilion	Cllr Mrs Woodhouse reported that the heaters did not appear to be working. One is currently with the engineer. <i>Action: Manager to check heating & chase heater being repaired.</i>	Manager
The Green & Playground	The request for the Attended RoSPA Inspections has been submitted for Edlesborough Green, Northall Village Hall Play Area and Dagnall Recreation Ground. Cllrs discussed the current situation regarding Dogs on Leads on Edlesborough Green. It was agreed that the current signs are misleading. However the signs will not be removed/altered at this time. <i>Action: The next Focus report will include a statement explaining that dogs do not need to be kept on leads on Edlesborough Green, however they must be under control.</i> Council agreed that it would look to updating the current byelaws to ensure they are fit for purpose. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Heidi Head for a copy of Eaton Bray's Byelaws.</i>	Manager Clerk Clerk
Sports Clubs	Nothing to report	Manager
Allotments	The Clerk has written to Northall Allotment holders regarding the installation of additional taps at Northall and is currently awaiting their response. <i>Clerk: Feedback responses to Council and suggest future actions at next meeting.</i>	Clerk
Cemetery	Two burials will take place in February. The Clerk will forward information to Cllrs regarding marking out the turning circle shortly. Work has begun on the levelling of the Graves, two more bags of topsoil need to be purchased. <i>Actions: Provide competitive quote for marking out of turning circle. Purchase two further bags of top soil for the levelling of graves.</i>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
Churchyard	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Litter Bins & Dog Bins	The replacement dog bin has now been installed on Edlesborough Green.	Manager
Car Parks	Nothing to report	Clerk/DT

Notice Boards	<p>The Manager has taken delivery of the new locking butterfly locks and replacement backs for the noticeboards. Once installed keys will be distributed accordingly. Cllrs agreed noticeboards will only be used for Parish Council and Village notices/information and not for commercial use.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to compose a card to display in noticeboards of who to contact should people wish to post information on the noticeboards.</i></p> <p>Cllrs considered the first quote for an additional noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall to be too high.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to investigate costs using different companies.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																
Streetlights	<p>Cllrs authorised payment of the C U Phosco invoice for the new streetlight in Dagnall. The new shield is still not sufficient and needs replacing with a larger one to prevent light intruding into a Parishioners home. Clarification will also be requested on the light settings as Parishioners & Cllrs felt it was not as bright as before.</p> <p><i>Action: AW to liaise with CU Phosco re shield and light settings.</i></p>	<p>AW</p>																
Facebook Feedback & Comments	<p>Most of the discussions on Facebook this month have centred around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dogs on Edlesborough Green - Results of the DLP/McCann Public Meeting - One parishioner suggested a Summer House on Edlesborough Green 	<p>Clerk</p>																
New Pavilion	<p>The planning application is ready to be submitted. This will happen once the fee for the application has been clarified.</p> <p><i>Action: RFO to clarify fee and issue a cheque for payment.</i></p> <p>Cllr Williams has been gathering information and prices for a suitable firm to appoint to draft a lease for the New Pavilion. This information will be shared and a decision made at the March meeting.</p> <p><i>Action: AW to share information/make recommendations.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AW/Clerk</p>																
FINANCE & PLANNING (Reported by RFO, Lin Sargeant)																		
Accounts	<p>The Accounts for month ending 31stJanuary 2015 having previously been circulated to Councillors were discussed and agreed.</p>																	
Authorisation of cheques April (inc. VAT)	<p>The following cheques were authorised for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="344 1123 1151 1437"> <tr> <td>Administration & Office expenses (inc. website)</td> <td>285.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall & Pavilion expenses</td> <td>538.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries (incl. PAYE/NIC)</td> <td>1,274.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Green expenses</td> <td>153.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children's Playground expenses</td> <td>32.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery expenses</td> <td>205.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clearing War Memorial</td> <td>32.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Streetlight repairs</td> <td>1,079.00</td> </tr> </table>		Administration & Office expenses (inc. website)	285.43	Memorial Hall & Pavilion expenses	538.90	Salaries (incl. PAYE/NIC)	1,274.55	The Green expenses	153.88	Children's Playground expenses	32.16	Cemetery expenses	205.26	Clearing War Memorial	32.16	Streetlight repairs	1,079.00
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	Subscription to SLCC	59.00		
	Planning applications	322.50		
		Total	£3.982.84	
Budget & Precept	The RFO confirmed that the Precept application had been sent off.			RFO
Malcolm Weaver	<p>Cllr Holt proposed that the Council accept Malcolm Weavers Fixed Rate Contract for 2015/16 for 12 months. Cllr Nevard seconded the proposal and the motion was carried. This will be reviewed again next year. <i>Action: Clerk to inform Malcolm Weaver</i></p> <p>Councillor Holt observed that TFB avoided cutting grass where it may have been trimmed by a resident. Statement to be made to TFB that we expect them to cut all areas regardless.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to inform TFB and obtain their 2015 schedule to share with Malcolm Weaver.</i></p>			<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
Project List	<p>Prior to the meeting a list of suggested ideas for new projects was circulated to Cllrs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gadsden Walk reinstatement • EDaN Parish Plan Update • Defibrillator & First Responders • Acquisition of Amenity Land at Edlesborough Surgery • Memorial Hall Improvements • Parking Bays in Brook Street • Creation of an Amenity Land Fund • New Bus Shelter on High Street, Edlesborough • Paving footpath in Pebblemoor opposite Edlesborough Autos • Increase allocation of funding for the New Pavilion <p><i>Action: Cllrs to consider.</i></p>			Full Council
County & District Councillors Reports	<p>District Cllr Chris Poll</p> <p>At our council meeting of February 4th 2015 it was agreed to freeze council tax to residents and take a grant from government for so doing.</p> <p>There was some very late information from DCLG which has had an effect but this relates only to Aylesbury town. Basically it would be necessary to reduce council tax to those residents by 19p per year in order for AVDC to qualify. There will be no effect to Edlesborough residents.</p> <p>What this means is that AVDC's proportion of council tax will remain at £2.62 per week for the average band D property.</p> <p>Vale residents have taken up the recycling challenge and become the 8th best in the country out of 229 authorities.</p> <p>Individually we commit 150.5kg of waste materials to landfill compared to the UK average of 240.8kg which equates to</p>			

	<p>54% of all our waste being recycled.</p> <p>A new service will see the return of bulky waste collection. This charged for scheme will collect up to 3 items for a flat charge of £75. Additional items will incur an extra charge of £5 per item.</p> <p>AVDC will now charge a fee of £80 for recycling and waste containers to any new property. Additionally any lost or damaged bin will now cost £30 per wheeled bin or £10 per caddy. Each case for replacement will be reviewed by the refuse and recycling team before any charge is levied. If residents require an extra bin (for recyclables only) this will remain at no extra charge. Additional waste bins will not be supplied to existing residents.</p> <p>At the full council meeting of February 25th it is proposed to vote on the exploration of the benefits of a unitary council for Aylesbury Vale. This would mean one council being responsible for all services to residents. It is envisaged that the one council solution could have major implications for delivering savings to residents as well as making things much simpler. The business case would be reviewed with an open mind as to who is best to deliver such services and the investigation has a cost implication of £80,000. As government grant is continually reduced, AVDC are working toward all of its income being received from taxpayers or service users by 2020 and doing nothing is simply not an option.</p>																								
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			ancillary development at existing mast		
	14/03688/APP 26 th Jan	Avenue House, Moor End, Edlesborough	Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension, replacement detached garage and outbuilding and side boundary wall	No objections	
	14/03794/APP 29 th Jan 2015	Lynwood Cottage, Leighton Road, Northall	Removal of single storey side element and erection of two storey side and rear extension	OPPOSE Does not conform to AVDC Design Guide for Residential Extensions	
	15/00113/AGN	Sparrow Hall Farm Leighton Road Edlesborough	Notice of proposed agricultural building to be allowed as permitted development	No Objections	
	15/11266/APP	Land adjacent to 3 & 4 Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing stable building and erection of a detached house and garage	No Objections	
	15/00337/APP	Northall Village Hall South End Lane Northall	Installation of 24 solar panels to the southeast facing roof of Northall Village Hall	SUPPORT the application	
Planning cont.	The following decisions had been received from AVDC				RFO/JW
	Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
	13/01098/APP 23 rd April 2013	Land at Avenue House, Moor End, Edlesborough	Erection of 2 storey detached dwelling: Creation of access: Erection of summer house and boundary fence for Avenue House	Opposes the application unless the Planning Officer can assure the Council that the off-street parking provision meets the necessary requirements	ALLOWED ON APPEAL
	14/01648/APP 4 th Jun 2014	16 Jacksons Close, Edlesborough	First floor front extension over flat roofed section of existing garage	No objections	ALLOWED ON APPEAL

	14/03345/APP 3 rd Dec 2014	Manor Farm' Pebblemoor, Edlesborough	Two-storey side extension	No objections	REFUSED
	14/03443/APP 5 th Dec 2014	Plot 6, Beacon View, South End Lane, Northall	Erection of one detached dwelling	No objections	Permitted

**McCann
Development**

Following the DLP/McCann Public Exhibition Cllr Wilkinson analysed the results of the Council's survey asking for Parishioners thoughts regarding the proposed housing development in Edlesborough. This action was publicly shared on Facebook on 9th February 2015. Cllr Williams explained that it is not normal practise to share information if this kind through Facebook however given the momentum of the situation this was the quickest way to share the information publicly.

FACEBOOK STATEMENT

Following on from the Public Exhibition on 21st January, attached is a summary of the questionnaires completed and handed to Edlesborough Parish Council.

The results of the Parish Council's simple survey will be discussed at the Council's next meeting on Thursday 19th February.

The Council hopes that McCann Homes/DLP will kindly share the results of their completed questionnaires with the Council.

	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Totals
Parish residents – single name	6	120	9	
Parish residents – joint(2) names		4	2	
Anonymous		7	1	
Out of Parish residents (predominantly Eaton Bray residents)	1	17		
Totals	7 (4%)	148 (89%)	12 (7%)	167
Adjusted Totals	6 (4%)	128 (87%)	13 (9%)	147

The predominant concerns expressed by residents are:

- *The size of the development and overall number of houses proposed*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of capacity at the local GP surgery - Lack of capacity at the local school - A worsening of the existing sewerage and drainage problems - Additional traffic congestion/parking problems <p>Following the concern expressed by a number of residents about the sewerage problems, the Developer informed us at the end of the evening that they intend to commission an engineering study of the village sewerage system in an effort to identify the extent of the problems and to identify possible solutions.</p> <p>DLP/McCann have forwarded a copy of their Exhibition Feedback Summary to the Parish Council. All Councillors have received a copy of this document and parts of it were shared at the meeting. The document cited the same concerns as the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The size of the development and overall number of houses proposed - Lack of capacity at the local GP surgery - Lack of capacity at the local school - A worsening of the existing sewerage and drainage problems - Additional traffic congestion/parking problems <p>After the Public Exhibition DLP/McCann stated that they would commission an engineer to investigate the history of and current sewerage problems in Edlesborough. Cllr Wilkinson has met with this engineer and shared extensive information with him regarding the sewerage issues.</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed that given that the Council's survey confirmed the Council's belief that the majority of the Parish would be opposed to a development of this size in Edlesborough that when a planning application is submitted for this development the Parish Council will oppose it. All Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Williams went on to explain that given the current situation regarding AVDC's lack of housing plan the Parish Council expect that some form of development will be allowed on the proposed site. Cllr Williams therefore proposed that the Parish Council will work with DLP/McCann to try to ensure that the village get the best benefit possible from the developers and development. All Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>At this time McCann have stated that they do intend to build the development themselves and will not be looking forward to selling the site if they gain planning permission.</p> <p><i>Action: AW to share the results of the Council's survey with the Parish Council mailing list. The survey results will also be shared in March's edition of FOCUS.</i></p>	AW
EDaN Report (Provided by Alan Williams)	Beautification The EDaN Beautification team shared their proposal for trees on Edlesborough Green (see Open Forum). Council agreed to consider this proposal and will make a formal decision at a later date.	

	<p>Traffic Management A4146 – see notes in Open Forum & below.</p> <p>Friends Of The Church On The Hill, Edlesborough The documents for floodlighting the Church have been submitted to AVDC for planning permission and a notice has been forwarded to the Churches Conservation Trust. The fee for the planning application will be paid using funds from the EDaN account.</p> <p>The next project the team have on their plan is to open the tower to visitors. Approval will be sought from The CCT for this. It forms part of the long term plan put together by the Friends.</p> <p>Confirmation has been received from The Burghope Trust of their agreement to have part of the field behind the church used as a car park for the Festival in June. There are a few conditions to be met but these are concerning communications and insurance.</p> <p>EPC can now resume discussions with the Mr Pratt concerning the access gate into the field.</p> <p>The Festival will be on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st June. They would like to borrow EPC's gazebo again.</p>	
<p>Car Parking in the Parish</p>	<p>The Clerk has written to Janes, Edlesborough Stores and the Edlesborough Flower Shop inviting them to participate in discussions with the aim of improving the parking issues at the junction of High Street/Moor End/Summerleys.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to keep Council apprised of the responses and actions.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>A4146</p>	<p>Copies of letters from MP John Bercow and County Councillor Avril Davis were circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. The letters asked if the Parish Council would support the downgrading of the A4146 to a B road. Currently Herts, Beds and Bucks are looking to work together in the hope of achieving this. The opening of the new M1 link road, the de trunking of the A5 and the application to make Totternhoe and Eaton Bray 7.5ton exclusion zones all mean that extra traffic could be routed onto the A4146.</p> <p>Cllrs are delighted with the proposal and agreed to support it.</p> <p><i>Action: RFO and AW will amend the draft response and send it on accordingly.</i></p>	<p>RFO/AW</p>

Villages & Traffic Calming	<p><u>Edlesborough</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Facebook post canvassing Parishioners opinions of the condition of the road by the Ford produced no responses. • Bucks CC have acknowledged the request for the overdue payment for the Pastures hedge cutting; this has been passed to the relevant department. <i>Action: RFO to monitor & chase as necessary.</i> • The 30mph sign on Church End is still leaning despite several requests for it to be straightened. • Cllrs Williams, Wilkinson and the Clerk will be meeting with a representative from ADVC to discuss the possibility of leasing/purchasing part or all of the amenity land by the Doctors Surgery in Cow Lane to help alleviate the parking issues. <i>Action: Site meeting arranged.</i> <p><u>Northall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pratt has reported the hole/collapsed pavement near the 30mph VAS <p><u>Dagnall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new BT Box has been installed, it is hoped that this in conjunction with the upgrading of the Little Gadsden exchange will greatly improve internet speeds in the village. • Cllr Holt requested the Clerk contact TFB about the roundels on the A4146 being re painted in the correct location. 	<p>Clerk</p>
Items for Agenda 19th March 2015	<p>The March Meeting will be held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New trees on Edlesborough Green. • Project List. Councillors are requested to submit proposals via email to all council members via email prior to discussions at the next meeting. • Appointment of Solicitor to draft a lease for the New Pavilion. 	<p>Councillors</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9:55pm</p>	