

**Edlesborough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.50pm**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>ACTION BY WHOM &amp; WHEN</b>
<b>Open Forum</b>	Nothing was raised	
<b>The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Williams (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Mrs Woodhouse, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Lin Sargeant (RFO & Planning), Penny Pataky (Clerk), District Cllr Chris Poll, and 4 parishioners.	
<b>Apologies:</b>	None	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in the planning application 14/01261/APP	
<b>Minutes of previous Meeting</b>	The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>Matters Arising Pavilion Steering Group</b>	The Pavilion Steering Group have formed the corporate body 'Edlesborough Community Sports Club Ltd.' in order that they may open a bank account and accept a grant for funding. Edlesborough Parish Council needs to agree a lease and structure for its relationship with the new entity as soon as possible. A sub-group comprising Councillors Williams, Cubbage, Nevard and Wilkinson will work on the detail.	Pavilion sub-group. July 2014
<b>Villages</b>		
Edlesborough	An application has been sent to AVDC to plant 3 trees on the corner of Good Intent. The condition of the High Street, Edlesborough was discussed in detail. Councillors would like to pursue the whole area being resurfaced. Councillor Williams will make representations to County Councillor Avril Davies.	AW AW
Dagnall	The Council await a quote from TFB for the Gaddesden Walk kerbside guard rail. The Council have agreed to pay for the white lining in Nelson Road/Dunstable Road and await proposals from TFB The poor condition of Nelson Road, Dagnall will be reported to TFB.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

Northall	<p>A request will be made to TFB for a No Parking Disabled Box in South End Lane, Northall. The Clerk will again contact TFB to request job numbers for all outstanding work.</p> <p>Grass Cutting in the Parish was discussed at length. Many Parishioners and the Council are unhappy in the reduction in the number of cuts and the standard of work. The Chairman will write to County Cllr Avril Davis and the Area Technicians.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>AW</p>
<b>Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)</b>	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	
Memorial Hall	<p>Approval was given for a replacement fire blanket to be purchased.</p> <p>Following a request for a model aeroplane group to use the Memorial Hall Councillors request more information about the club and how the hall would be used. Councillor Cabbage suggested that the Clerk contact Mt Jim Wright to provide additional guidance with his expertise as Chairman of the local Soaring Club.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to switch the Memorial Hall electricity supply to British Gas.</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Manager</p> <p>Manager</p>
Pavilion	<p>Councillors agreed to switch the Pavilion electricity supply to British Gas.</p> <p>Investigations into the best electricity supplier have highlighted the high electricity usage at the Pavilion. The Manager will take regular readings of the meter to try to establish how the electricity is being used.</p> <p>Approval was given for a replacement fire blanket and CO2 extinguisher for the Pavilion.</p>	<p>Manager Manager</p> <p>Manager</p>
The Green & Playground	<p>The RoSPA inspection took place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.</p> <p>Repairs to the goal mouth on the adult pitch have been agreed and will take place once the goals have been removed.</p>	Manager
Sports Clubs	<p>Amendments to the Sports Club agreements were approved. The agreements will now be sent to the Sports Clubs.</p> <p>The Council will respond to EB Lions regarding their continued use of the Pavilion for storage of equipment and the kitchen facilities.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
Streetlights	<p>It was agreed that Councillors would visit the Studham Lane, Dagnall street light to enable an informed decision to be made about it being replaced.</p> <p>Clarification was requested regarding the height of the new light on Main Road North, Dagnall.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Allotments	Nothing to report.	
Cemetery	The new enclosure has been painted by Councillors Cubbage and Williams	
Churchyard	Nothing to report.	
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report.	
Litter Bins & Dog Bins	Nothing to report.	
Car Parks/Notice Boards	Nothing to report.	
<b>County &amp; District Councillors Reports</b>	<p>At the AVDC council meeting last night, the first for 3 months, there were a couple of notable conclusions. There was an opposition amendment to the make-up of scrutiny committees which were revised last year. It was suggested that a new scrutiny group be established to have overview of the VALP. Despite opposition from the cabinet member citing concern over any delay this may cause it gained enough support from our group to become a reality. My only issue with scrutiny as a whole is that it is not as effective as I would like. We discuss and make recommendations to reports from officers which are then put before cabinet. We rarely get any feedback as to whether our input was of any use to the decision making process and despite requests it has not happened yet. Scrutiny committees could be a lot more useful to cabinet and worthwhile to us members and I hope that this new group may elicit some changes to the existing committees.</p> <p>The Aylesbury Vale Times has come in for criticism as council propaganda. There is an example in Tower Hamlets that has been cited by Eric Pickles. I think it is a little unfair to compare our Times to this but the charge is that it has no impartiality. This is factually not the case as the editor is a paid official with no political interference. I did defend this publication as a valuable way for the council to guarantee communication with every resident. Of course not all residents are connected to the internet and occasionally I see pages pinned to notice boards in residents' homes for things like leisure services, useful telephone numbers or dates of recycling and waste collections. The motion called for the Times to be scrapped or if not then suspended until after the next election when a politically balanced group could give it oversight as happened previously. This was ceased when a row over interference caused some members to withdraw their support. The Times goes on without them and long may it do so. Perhaps normality can be resumed soon without these arguments and we can concentrate on giving information to residents as well as interesting facts about the area we live in. Incidentally the AVT goes out 3 times per year and costs 13p per issue per household.</p> <p>Chris Poll (AVDC member for Edlesborough ward)</p>	
<b>FINANCE &amp; PLANNING (Reported by RFO, Lin Sargeant)</b>		

<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p><b>Review of Charges:</b></p> <p><b>Authorisation of cheques April (inc. VAT)</b></p>	<p>Accounts for the month ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved. Councillors praised Cllr Nevard for the new accounts layout. Increases to Sports Club Charges were agreed. The following cheques were authorised for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="353 288 1070 815"> <tr> <td>Administration &amp; Office Expenses</td> <td>204.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall/Pavilion Expenses</td> <td>175.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries (Inc. PAYE/NIC</td> <td>1253.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Green Expenses</td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children's Playground Expenses</td> <td>31.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery</td> <td>209.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting Expenses</td> <td>729.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BALC/NALC subscription</td> <td>385.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Churchyard/Bridleway Expenses</td> <td>591.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pebblemoor Car Park (bollard repair)</td> <td>106.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open Spaces expense</td> <td>129.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£3,839.52</b></td> </tr> </table>	Administration & Office Expenses	204.20	Memorial Hall/Pavilion Expenses	175.54	Salaries (Inc. PAYE/NIC	1253.00	The Green Expenses	24.00	Children's Playground Expenses	31.68	Cemetery	209.00	Grass Cutting Expenses	729.70	BALC/NALC subscription	385.28	Churchyard/Bridleway Expenses	591.22	Pebblemoor Car Park (bollard repair)	106.87	Open Spaces expense	129.03	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,839.52</b>	
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<p><b>Fixed Assets</b></p>	<p>A new, more comprehensive Fixed Assets Register is currently being prepared in line with the Audit Commission's recommendations in August 2013.</p>	<p>LCS/KJC/CN</p>																								

<b>Planning</b>	The following applications had been received, were discussed and the following responses agreed to be submitted to AVDC					RFO/JW
	14/01136/APP May 2014	100 High Street, Edlesborough	Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation, part single storey and part first floor front extension with new pitched roof over remaining single storey elements and erection of detached garage with storage space over	No Objections		
	14/01151/APP 22nd April 2013	The Old Vicarage Church End Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections		
	14/00625/APP 28th February 2014 <b>Amended Plans</b>	29 Nelson Road Dagnall	Single storey rear and two storey side extension	No Objections		
	13/01205/APP 25th April 2014	Lower Farm Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing outbuilding and rear wing of house and construction of a new two storey extension	No Objections		
	14/01336/ATN 7th May 2014	Fairview Farm Main Road North Dagnall	Telecommunication equipment comprising the installation of 1No. 300mm microwave dish and associated ancillary development on the existing mast.	No Objections		
	14/01261/APP	Land Off Cow Lane Edlesborough	Construction of 30 dwellings including formation of new access and all ancillary works.	Response pending		
	14/01300/APP	61 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Dormer window to front and retention of shed	Response pending		

<b>Planning cont.</b>	The following decisions had been received from AVDC					
	14/00252/APP 3rd February 2014	20 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of single storey outbuilding	Oppose	Permitted	
	14/00561/APP 27th February 2014	2 Greenacres Northall	Erection of replacement detached 2 bay garage including external staircase and room over	No Objections	Permitted	
	14/00614/APP 3rd March 2014	4 Moor End Close Edlesborough	First floor side extension	No Objections	Refused	
	14/00381/APP March 2014	Threeways Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing two dwellings and erection of 5 dwellings with associated parking and new access onto Leighton Road	Oppose - house design inappropriate	Refused	
13/01098/APP 23rd April 2013	Land at Avenue House Moor End Edlesborough	Erection of two storey detached dwelling, Creation of access, erection of Summer house and boundary fence for Avenue House	Opposes application unless the Planning Officer can assure the Council that the off-street parking provision meets the necessary requirements.	Refused		
<b>Facebook</b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Owen was congratulated on her hard work establishing a Parish Council Facebook Page as another means for communicating with and hearing from the local community.</p> <p>Cllr Williams offered to hold a meeting at his home for any Councillors who wished to become better acquainted with Facebook and the page.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Owen and the Clerk will act as administrators on the page and will monitor it on a regular basis, filtering information onto other Councillors where appropriate.</p>					TO/AW/Clerk
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	Nothing to report.					
<b>EDaN Report (given by Cllr Williams)</b>	Nothing to add to his written report previously circulated to all Cllrs.					
<b>Correspondence</b>	Cllr Nevard and Cllr Mrs Owen agreed to attend the Parish Devolution Conference on 27 <sup>th</sup> May					

<b>Items for Agenda 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b>	<b>Dog Fouling Posters</b> <b>The Villages</b> (incl. BCC & AVDC responsibilities; excl. Traffic Calming) Edlesborough - possible new street light for High Street - possible provision of a defibrillator in the community Dagnall (incl. Gaddesden Walk) (BCC kerbside guard rail)	
	The meeting closed at 10.40pm	