

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th December 2012
at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
Open Forum	As no parishioners were in attendance no questions arose during the Open Forum	
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.35pm		
Present:	Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, District Cllr Chris Poll	
Apologies:	Cllr Wilkinson	
Declarations of Interest	None were declared	
Minutes of previous Meetings	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 th November 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman	
Matters Arising	Any matters arising are referred to under the following agenda items.	
Parish Amenities	The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk 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. The following points were discussed:	
Memorial Hall	<u>New chairs</u> This item to be updated in January	MPJ & Manager January 2013
Pavilion	A meeting to be held with representatives of the Sports Clubs and the Parish Council will take place on 31 st January 2013	Manager/ KC/AW/CN January

The Green	A request for a seat to be placed on the Green in memory of Terry Carlisle was brought to the attention of the Parish Council who agreed that this should be situated adjacent to the rear of the Tennis Courts near to the footpath which leads from The Pastures. Due to the excessive rain and ground conditions of the Green the Assistant Clerk had cancelled all football matches scheduled to take place prior to Christmas.	Manager January
Playground	The Final 'Section 38' Application was sent to the Planning Inspectorate on 20 th November, Notices had been posted at the entry points to the Common Land part of the Green, an Information Binder placed with Denson's for inspection by parishioners, and all details of the Application placed on the website. The deadline for responses to The Planning Inspectorate is 31.12.12.	KC/Clerk/ Manager January
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Sports Clubs	Nothing to report	
Allotments	Plots still available in Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall	
Cemetery	1 burial has taken place and application for a Memorial	
Churchyard	Nothing to report	
Street Lighting	Several lights recently repaired and a further light reported faulty.	
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report	
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Litter bins	Nothing to report	
Council Resolution	It was resolved to grant dispensations for all Councillors to speak and vote on the setting of the parish precept for Edlesborough Parish until the next ordinary election scheduled for May 2015	
Finance	Accounts for the month ended 30 th November were approved. <u>Precept</u> Further discussion took place regarding the Precept for 2013/14 but a decision would not be taken until further information has been obtained from Central Government which would not be until 17 th January, when the Parish precept request would be sent into AVDC	Full Council/Clerk
Authorisation of cheques (December incl. VAT)	The following cheques had been authorised for payment: Administration & Office expenses 149.84 Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. cleaning 2 months) 968.70 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,159.25 Allotment expense 65.50 The Green expenses 7.50 War Memorial 48.75 EDaN expenses 332.48 Northall Village Hall Grass & Hedge cutting 1,294.80	Clerk

	<p>Streetlight repairs 1,658.00 SLCC membership 2013 145.00 Miscellaneous expense 57.81 Section 38 advertising <u>200.64</u> £6,088.27</p>	
<p>District Councillor's Report</p>	<p><u>District Cllr Chris Poll's report</u></p> <p>I would like to start this month's report with the latest discussions on next year's level of council tax charge for AVDC. Cabinet met on Tuesday and agreed to the proposal to refuse the government offer of a 1% compensation for those authorities that freeze their tax. As I have said before, the problem with accepting the government grant is that it is for one year only and because AVDC took the freeze grant of 2% last year this would mean a 3% loss going forward. The proposal will be put to full council next month and I am minded to vote with cabinet's proposed rejection of the freeze grant and accept the 2% increase in AVDC's precept. This would mean an increase of £2.62 to a band D property's annual council tax bill. The Communities Secretary made his announcement on Local Authorities (LA), settlement yesterday and thorough scrutiny of its contents are being carried out but it appears that the bare bones of what I have said here are correct. The implied retention of some business rate by LA's will be looked at by my scrutiny committee as to whether this may be taking with one hand and giving back with another though. If this is indeed new money, there may well be a case for accepting the freeze grant.</p> <p>I will gladly listen to residents thoughts on this and form my final opinion between now and the next full council in February.</p> <p>On Parish precept I examined closely what happened in Cheddington before I sat on the Parish Council. The previous council found itself with a funding shortfall due to many years of precept freeze and proposed a large increase. It went out to consultation through the village publication explaining what was intended and no objections were received. In fact many positive comments were sent to the council. Besides the large increase a 3% annual increase was planned and implemented. This has enabled a 10 year programme of street light replacement as well as the partial funding of a new footpath along with funding from section 106 money and a grant from the LAF.</p> <p>I will summarise the adoption of the New Homes Bonus (NHB) policy which was voted for at full council 2 weeks ago but have included a full explanation with my written submission to Lin. AVDC will retain all their share of any NHB in future but set aside 20% into a fund which communities can bid for. The criteria will be to offset any extra demand on local services or infrastructure created by new housing. This would mean that spending on infrastructure caused by development in one settlement can be spent in another. AVDC is one of only 2 councils in the country that will share some of the NHB monies to communities directly.</p> <p>On waste and recycling I would like to reiterate that your bin men will not take any side waste. If you have more than a bin full of waste or recycling you should either retain it for the next collection or take it to your local recycling centre. Residents should be aware that recycling left uncovered outside their properties may give clues to expensive gifts so all side waste should be hidden from view. With regard to the compostable liners for your food waste caddy I can confirm that AVDC will not be supplying more bags. These are available at supermarkets. Please only use compostable bags.</p> <p>If you are away from your property for any time during the Christmas holidays then a timer for lights can be used to give the impression you are at home. Also perhaps ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your property and park any vehicles in a way that would make it difficult for thieves to access the exhaust system as there is a spate of Catalytic Converter thefts at present.</p> <p>I attended a recent Luton Airport meeting and was informed that the Noise Monitoring Van would be in Dagnall during April/May 2013.</p> <p>Finally I would like to wish all residents of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall a peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.</p>	

CLr Poll confirmed to the Chairman that Parish Councils would still be entitled to appropriate S106 Payments notwithstanding the new arrangements for the New Homes Bonus scheme.

Planning

The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC:

AVDC Reference & Date	Address	Details	Edlesborough Parish Council's Response	AVDC Decision
12/02229/AOP Amended Plans November 2012	Threeways Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing two cottages and replacement with three detached dwellings and two semi-detached new dwellings with associated detached garages and new vehicular access	No further comments	
12/02229/AOP Amended plans November 2012	Land at Chapel Lane Northall	Erection of four detached dwellings with vehicular access to Kircutt Farm Close	No further comments	
12/02500/APP 7th November 2012	Plot 7 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Erection of one new detached dwelling with attached garage	No Objections	
12/02503/APP 6th November 2012	Land at rear of The Bell PH, Church End Edlesborough	Erection of two semi-detached dwellings and creation of access through boundary wall to serve the two new dwellings (Revised scheme -10/02218/APP)	No Objections	
12/02504/ALB 6th November 2012	Land Rear to The Bell Ph, Church End Edlesborough	Demolition and repair of part of listed wall to create access to serve the two new dwellings (Revised scheme 10/02219/ALB)	No Objections	
12/02573/APP 13th November 2012	15 Eatongate Close Edlesborough	Two storey rear and first floor side extension	No Objections	
12/02595/APP 19th November 2012	Pinfield Leighton Road Edlesborough	Erection of garage with store	No Objections	
12/02594/APP 19th November 2012	20 Good Intent Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension, erection of monopitched roof to garage to create first floor accommodation	No Objections	

The following decisions had been received from AVDC:

12/01494/APP 4th July 2012	Chasselas South End Lane Northall	Demolition of part of existing bungalow and garage. Erection of two storey extension and conversion of existing loft space	No Objections	Permitted
12/02113/APP 24th Sept 2012	13 St Mary's Glebe Edlesborough	Erection of Conservatory	No Objections	Permitted

Code of Conduct	All details have now been sent to AVDC and are also available on both AVDC and the Parish websites.	
Affordable Housing	Councillors agreed to continue to go ahead with Affordable Housing and sites in order of preference were 5, 3, 4. Clerk to let Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks know of the Council's decision and to request if site 3 would be able to accommodate car parking for the adjoining Surgery.	Full Council
EDaN Report	Footpaths & Cycleways group have set up a meeting with the Local Area Forum for 22 nd January.	AW
Friends of the Church on the Hill Edlesborough	Carol service to be held at the Church on Sunday 23 rd December 3 – 4pm An Edlesborough Festival will be held at the church on the second weekend in June. Contact has been made with the Buildings Officer at AVDC who will attend a meeting on 8 th January to look at the long range plan.	MW
The Villages	<u>Edlesborough</u> Response received from Bucks CC informing that it would not be possible to utilise the amenity land adjacent to the Doctors' Surgery for car parking. <u>Edlesborough</u> An official letter has been sent to Janes thanking them for displaying the Best Kept Village Cup and Award Certificate. <u>Edlesborough</u> A request has been sent to Bucks CC for solutions to stop the parking of cars on the grass verges in The Green. <u>Dagnall – Gadsden Walk</u> Cllr Holt presented a map showing a proposed stretch of 10m of pavement railing alongside the Dunstable Road which would prevent children/others going directly from the currently closed Gadsden Walk footpath and straight onto the road. If this could be approved by BCC he felt that, in conjunction with a self-closing gate at the end of the footpath, they could constitute the best available arrangement to enable the footpath to be finally opened. The Council was unanimous in supporting this <u>Dagnall</u> A request for white lining to be installed on the corner of Nelson Road and Dunstable Road has been received. Clerk is taking this up with Bucks CC. <u>Northall</u> Clerk to chase response from Bucks CC Rights of Way regarding the position of the footpath across Northall Village Green. <u>Northall</u> Clerk to chase Anglian Water for a response to previous letter regarding flooding in Chapel Lane	Clerk/January BH/Clerk January BH/Clerk January
Traffic Calming	<u>Edlesborough</u> Response has been sent to parishioner regarding the possible change in the speed limit between The Travellers Rest and Edlesborough	January
Correspondence (other than emailed)	Thames Valley Police – Free crime prevention packs in 3Space Shop – Friars Square, Aylesbury from Monday 10 th – Sunday 16 th December Came & Co. (Insurance Co.) Increased Frequency in Public Liability Claims.	

	Chiltern News Magazine The Voice of Local Councils LCR Magazine CPRE – Fieldwork magazine		
Items for Agenda for meeting 17 th January 2013	Precept/Budget Chairs for Memorial Hall	Agree dates for holding EPC meetings in Dagnall and Northall during 2013. Appraise meetings held in Northall & Dagnall	
Agenda items to be carried forward when more information is to hand	Neighbourhood Plan Status on Registration of Green Communicating with Parishioners (website development/e-mail data base)	Luton Airport Expansion Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting, April 2013 Dragons Teeth (to be repositioned when existing ones have worn out)	
The meeting closed at 9.10pm			
Next Meeting	Thursday 17th January 2013 at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL commencing 7.30pm		