

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 16th June 2011 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr Cubbage, (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt; Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Councillor Chris Poll,1 parishioner

Apologies:

There were no apologies

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

The Anne Thompson Memorial cup was shown to the Parish Council and approved.

Declarations of Interest – None declared

Affordable Housing Survey

Jean Fox from Community Impact Bucks attended the meeting and answered various questions regarding the recent Housing Needs Survey. Further information would be sent to the Parish Council giving more accurate details of how the need for affordable housing is split between the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall together with various possible locations. Houses would consist of some available for rent and some for shared ownership. The next step would be to look at the feasibility of available sites. Jean could not be more definite on certain matters until the Government have made decisions on what is likely to happen.

Open Forum – A parishioner informed the meeting of a defective streetlight in Cooks Meadow which the Clerk would report.

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month of May were presented explained and approved.

The internal audit had been carried out and approval was given on the figures to be inserted in the Annual Return prior to forwarding to the external auditors.

Authorisation of cheques (June including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 105.89

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 535.18

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,497.46

Cemetery and War Memorial expenses 337.76

Churchyard expenses 295.00

Children's Play area expenses (inc. RoSPA reports for all three villages 304.50 Grass cutting Edlesborough & Dagnall 657.72

EDaN expense (Northall Village sign; cycle racks 5,086.35

The Green expenses 93.04

Memorial Hall car park refurbishment 5,770.80

CPRE 2011/12 subscription 29.00

Chairman's Fund expense 59.99

Internal Audit fees 540.00

Northall Play Area Phase 2 expense 300.00

Total £15,612.69

Planning

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

11/00945/APP The Grange Rear Conservatory No Objections

10th May 2011 Studham Lane

Dagnall

11/00868/APP 27th April 2011 13 St. Marys Glebe Edlesborough Raising of roof of garage and insertion of six dormer windows to provide ancillary first floor accommodation OBJECT to the application unless the Planning Officers can assure the Parish Council that the 45deg visibility rule has been complied with and that the amenity of No. 11 will not be adversely affected.

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

10/02219/ALB 30th March 2011 Further Amended plans	The Bell Restaurant Church End Edlesborough	Demolition of single storey rear extensions, internal alteration and replacement windows and doors at rear and creation of access through boundary wall to serve two new dwellings	Further comments forwarded to AVDC by the Parish Council stating that AVDC could have refused to allow the Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use under article 4 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995 but allowed the applicant to circumvent GP32 protection of the site. The Parish Council reluctantly now accepts that legally The Bell is no longer a public house and that GP32 unfortunately does not apply and planning officers are now apparently prepared to overlook major factual errors and shortcomings in an application that blatantly seeks to circumvent the spirit of established planning policies to the detriment of the local community.	Permitted
10/2218/APP 10/2219/ALB 10th May 2011 Minor amended plans	The Bell Restaurant Church End Edlesborough	Erection of two semi-detached dwellings. Demolition of single storey rear extensions, internal alteration and replacement windows and doors at rear and creation of access through boundary wall to serve two new dwellings	Previous comments apply	Permitted
11/00589/ALB 21st March 2011	38 Main Road South Dagnall	Cladding of south wall with waney edge weatherboard, extension of roof over and replacement cast iron drain pipe	No Objections	Permitted
11/00684/APP 5th April 2011	38 Main Road South Dagnall	Cladding of south wall with waney edge weatherboard and extension	No Objections	Permitted
11/00462/APP 7th March 2011	Collyers Main Road North Dagnall	Single storey front extensions and raising roof of existing single storey	No Objections	Permitted

11/00637/APP

43 Main Road North
Dagnall

Construction of two off street parking
spaces and relocation of oil tank

Oppose

REFUSED

March 2011

Clerk to contact AVDC regarding owners of The Bell not complying with Condition 9 of the granting of Planning permission.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan

A constructive meeting had been held between Cllrs Cubbage and Wilkinson, together with the Clerk, and representatives from AVDC. Fact Packs were handed out giving further information. It has been agreed by the Parish Council to promote this on the Parish stall at the Carnival and appropriate questionnaires will be available for completion by parishioners.

County & District Councillors Reports

District Cllr Chris Poll's report

I will give a short overview of the make up of the elected membership of AVDC which is basically the same as the last term. The Conservative group remains the largest with 37 seats, the same as before. The Liberal Democrats have 17 seats, 4 less than before. There are now 2 Labour members, 2 UKIP and 1 Independent. One third of the Council chamber (22 members) are newly elected. The leader and deputy remain unchanged, namely Councillors Cartwright and Edmonds. The new chairman is Councillor Isham and Vice Chair is Councillor Rand. There are 2 new cabinet members.

You may have read in the press this week about proposed changes to the waste collection service. The proposal is to move to a fortnightly collection of general waste. I have sought clarification on this and the report is quite accurate. The green, general waste bin would be collected fortnightly. The plastic and can baskets would be replaced with another wheelie bin in which paper and card could also be placed and collected fortnightly. The glass collection would remain unchanged in that the current box would be collected every month. There would also be available a brown wheelie bin for garden waste which would be subject to a one off cost. Garden waste bags would remain for those with less to dispose of at the same cost as present. There will also be a new container for food waste and this would be collected weekly. These proposals will go to cabinet for approval.

I attended my first economy scrutiny meeting on Wednesday and should mention something of interest that arose. A work programme is in place but after the major redevelopment in Aylesbury town centre is a little short on topics. Members have been asked to come up with suggestions for the committee to consider which would be put to the cabinet. These then would return to scrutiny as usual. The necessary subject matter would be growth in employment across the vale. Naturally many people now work from home, a faster broadband speed and better mobile phone network were suggestions, but more would be considered. The next meeting will be on the 30th August and I will be happy to hear from Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall residents any suggestions they may have.

Correspondence received

Letter from SLCC advising of new publications available; The Parish Councillor's Guide £12.75, The Councillor, £13.50

Bucks CC – Schedule of road surface dressing works and alternative routes. These details have been sent to be included in the July Focus issue.

Luton & Southern Central Bedfordshire Join Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

Lieutenancy Office,Aylesbury – Notice of Armed Forces Day on 25th June. Details on notice boards.

The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury offering Conference facilities available for hire.

AVDC – Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places (copy for notice boards)

Transport for Bucks – Carrying out the HGV manual count on 30th June on the A4146 from Travellers Rest to Northall

High speed Rail Roadshow dates.

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

The Chiltern news

LRC Magazine

EDaN Report

The positioning of the Northall Village sign on amenity land at Knolls View on 1st October 2011 was discussed and agreed.

EDaN were to produce Parish designed cards ready for sale before Christmas.

Agreement reached for the positioning of cycle stands at the Travellers Rest.

More clients are required to sign up for the Community Car Scheme and posters will be put on the village notice boards.

It has been officially agreed that the postal addresses of parishioners residing in Edlesborough who have Eaton Bray as their current address will have these changed to Edlesborough.

Two concerts are to take place at Edlesborough Church one on 16th July commencing at 7.30 with a further concert by Dagnall Community Choir on 24th September.

The Churches Conservation Trust will be carrying out a Health & Safety check of trees and overgrown shrubs.

EDaN will have a double stall at the Carnival and have been donated appropriate T shirts.

A request for EDaN to hold car boot sales on the Green was approved provided that these did not take place during inclement weather so as not to damage the surface of the Green and to give priority to the regular users of the Green.

Traffic Calming;

Speed Limit Review

The Parish Council were devastated to receive information from Bucks CC that the new Leader of Bucks CC, County Councillor Martin Tett, had announced that the Area 13 speed limit review is being postponed and put back until 2012 to enable more money to be released to be spent on a two year £25m 'Roads' Maintenance Programme. The implications for this on delivery of Area 13 are currently uncertain and more information should be available at the Local Area Forum meeting which takes place on 21st June. The Parish Council will be writing to County Cllr Martin Tett expressing its concerns.

General Purpose Committee report

Tennis Club Lease

It was agreed to seek legal advice on the situation regarding the de-registering of the Common Land part of the Green and re-registering as Village Green.

The guard rail has now been installed in the new pedestrian exit in the Memorial Hall Car Park and white lining of spaces will be carried out shortly.

Council agreed that the hedge on the Green abutting 11 The Pastures should be reduced to a height of 8ft to correspond with other hedges recently reduced in height.

A new litter bin would be purchased to replace the damaged bin opposite Good Intent. Damage had been caused by someone endeavouring to lift the lid of the bin which has consequently broken the mechanism which enables AVDC to empty.

The Villages – (issues other than Traffic Calming and matters delegated to the GPC)

Edlesborough:

Dagnall: Request for sycamore tree to be cut down in Dunstable Road.

A meeting of the Cycletta event team had been held and could be an annual event. Details of road closures will be available prior to September.

Report of streetlight not working on Main Road North.

Northall:

Parish Council Website

Unfortunately the Parish website and e-mail service has not been operating since 25th May and the Parish Council apologise for the inconvenience. It was ascertained prior to this meeting that the system should be up and running on 17th June.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 21st July 2011

Apologies for July meeting: Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Holt

The Meeting closed at 10.50pm

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 21st July 2011 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall