

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2010

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Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson (Chairman) Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson; Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Cllr Terry Jones and 3 Parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones

The Chairman welcomed the Parishioners attending the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

There were two matters arising:

A transfer of Licence application for The Bell Public House had been received by AVDC but problems were occurring with the inconsistent current opening hours. Further meetings and enquiries are to be made by parishioners with the help of EDaN representatives.

A prospective candidate for the vacancy of a Councillor to represent Dagnall Ward will attend the next Council meeting.

Declarations of Interest

None declared

Open Forum

2 Eaton Bray representatives had attended to ask for the Council's funding help and support in opening a Youth Club for the villages of Totternhoe, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to be held at the Coffee Tavern in Eaton Bray. The Chairman felt that there may be a few problems due to

Totternhoe and Eaton Bray being in the Bedfordshire County and Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall in the County of Buckinghamshire. Cllr Williams, Chairman of EDaN, informed the meeting that forming a Youth Club was one of the projects of EDaN and offered to assist. The Clerk had previously handed to Cllr Williams information from AVDC on forming a Parish Youth Council.

A Parishioner had requested an update on the Kick Wall situation and was informed that an analysis had been prepared of responses given to date indicating that more people were objecting than in favour and the Council would like to hear from a larger majority of parishioners before making any final decisions. The Council also wish to try and deal with the noise and anti-social behaviour problems occurring on the Green and are suggesting the installation of lockable gates/barriers at both the Memorial Hall and Pavilion car parks. Articles referring to these matters will be in the March issue of 'Focus'.

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the month ended 31st January 2010, which included an additional spreadsheet giving full details of the EDaN income and expenditure, were approved. Council agreed to include new categories showing the split between Pavilion, Green and Sports income and expenditure in the accounts as from the new financial year commencing 1st April 2010.

Special Projects and on-going development

Not discussed at this meeting

Precept – Benchmarking

The Clerk had been unable to obtain any information.

Authorisation of cheques (February 2010 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 190.70

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric and new soakaway) 1,465.86 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,503.51

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses 45.00

Edlesborough Childrens play area 30.00

Donation to Keech Hospice Care (from EDaN Firewalk) 1,000.00

Dagnall Recreation Field – fencing 305.50

Membership subscriptions, Aylesbury Vale Sports Council & The Chiltern Society 35.00

EDaN Speedwatch equipment 131.43

Total £4,707.00

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 18.2.2010

09/02278/APP 14th December 2009	The Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Two storey rear extension, first floor side extension to existing single storey element with single storey rear extension	No Objections
10/00124/APP 21st January 2010	4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and car port	OPPOSE
10/00174/APP 27th January 2010	The Golden Rule PH Main Road South Dagnall	Change of use from public house to private dwelling	No Objections providing that the Planning Officer is satisfied that the criteria specified in AVDLP policy GP32 have been met
10/00142/APP 25th January 2010	Avenue House Moor End Edlesborough	Erection of two storey rear, single storey side extension, replacement detached garage and outbuilding, and side boundary wall	OPPOSE

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November 2009

Ringshall Hall Farm
Ringshall Road
Dagnall

Erection of agricultural building for
storage of grain, fertilisers, sprays
and machinery

OBJECT on the grounds that
the size, construction materials
to be employed, and most
importantly the location to the
south of an existing grain store,
will have a detrimental impact
on the surrounding area which
is open countryside bordered by
the woods which make up
Ashridge forest particularly
when viewed from the B4506
Ringshall Road

Permitted

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

No further information

Council approved the suggested naming of the cul-de-sac of houses to be built on the original Hazeldene site in Leighton Road, Northall to be called Hazeldene with houses numbers 1, 2 and 3.

County & District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Terry Jones referred to the ongoing problems with water and drainage in Leighton Road, Northall. The Clerk had been informed that the delay was due to funds not being available by Bucks CC. The matter is being continually chased up.

The ultimate planning decision for Greenacres at Dagnall had not yet been decided.

Discussion took place on the recent Core Strategy Hearings which District Councillor Jones together with Cllrs Wilkinson and Williams had attended.

The Council were also informed that the developers of the remaining project adjacent to the new Theatre at Aylesbury had run into difficulties and AVDC would put up the funding.

Local Development Framework – Core Strategy

Legal advice is being taken prior to a decision being made but it was likely that Edlesborough would be allocated between 20 and 80 maximum houses

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – Draft Parking and Enforcement Policy Consultation which can be viewed on line at <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/parking.policy>

Rural Services Network – Service Provision in Market Towns

Rural Services Community – New Features

E-mail: Bucks Community Action: Bucks Economic Learning Partnership (BELP) event taking place on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at The Holiday Inn, Aston Clinton Road, Aylesbury 2.30-6.30pm

A Winter Maintenance Survey is to be completed by the Council

List of items which were available on the Councillors table.

No relevant SBDC applications.

The Chiltern Society Newsletter

Matters Arising Magazine

Copy of Parish Council accounts.

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams expressed thanks to Cllr Cabbage for the EDaN income and expenditure spreadsheet included within the Council's accounts.

Russ Phipps is to be the new EDaN Treasurer.

There was nothing further to report on the Church floodlighting.

Permission was requested and granted for the May 1st May celebration to take place on the Green to include a Bouncy Castle but Council emphasised that no vehicles should be allowed.

3 drawings of a proposed Village sign for Edlesborough were shown to Council who approved in principle of drawing No. 1, more detail was required. It was recommended that the position of the sign should be outside the Memorial Hall on the corner of Pebblemoor which is the centre of the Village.

The Traffic Management team were compiling data on Speedwatch activities

Mopeds were available for hire from AVDC for 16-19 year olds to assist them in getting to college, interviews etc. The Transportation team were trying to acquire the use of a minibus. A meeting is to be arranged with Bucks CC, Arriva, EDaN and the Parish Council regarding the bus situation throughout the villages.

The cycleways project could cost in the region of £300,000.

An evening music concert is being planned for 22nd May in Edlesborough Church.

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

The anticipated Speed Limit Review for Area 13 is now scheduled to begin in April with a 6 week consultation period. If the Northall VAS sign should require changing from the present 40mph to 30mph this will be funded by Bucks CC.

General Purposes Committee Report

Fixed Assets list

Considerable progress has now been achieved but further discussion will be necessary before it is finalised.

Memorial Hall Soakaway

To prevent the flooding problems at the rear of the Hall caused by a build up of silt over many years the Committee agreed to the necessary digging out of the soakaway and a larger soakaway being built but as this is not included in the budget it requires Council's ratification. Council ratified the expense and approved additional expenditure for top soil and turf to be laid where work had been carried out.

Memorial Hall Boilers

Four similar priced quotations have been received for the replacement of the 2 boilers, leaving the remaining pipework and heaters in situ. The Committee required Council's ratification to authorise the expenditure prior to confirming details of the chosen quotation. Council ratified the expenditure.

Memorial Hall & Pavilion Car Parks

The Clerk would be putting an article in Focus to sound out local residents about the feasibility of installing lockable gates at the entrances to the car parks and whether or not they would be prepared to lock and unlock the gates as necessary.

Edlesborough Green Pavilion

There was considerable discussion as to what the law will allow with respect to the use of the Pavilion. The Acts that govern village greens have been identified and with a little further research a consensus interpretation of those Acts will be agreed at the next meeting. It is then proposed to discuss with the various clubs and village organisations, what improvements they would like to see made to the Pavilion and how they could be funded.

Items not Discussed

The meeting closed at 10.45pm and due to lack of time the remaining Agenda items will be carried over to the next GPC meeting.

A parishioner's enquiry regarding an additional salt bin will be discussed at the next meeting

The Council gave permission for Hymns on the Green to take place on 12th September and Clerk would notify the sports Clubs.

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

Edlesborough: Thames Valley Police and Bucks CC had recently held a meeting to discuss the addition of white lining etc.in the most dangerous areas of road parking in Edlesborough, including Brook Street. The Council will be informed of progress.

Northall: The problems with drainage/water in Leighton Road are referred to under County & District

Councillors Reports.

Local Area Forum Report

Questions raised:

The value of LAF meetings. Written response provided

Rights and responsibilities of utility companies regarding road closures. Written response provided

Dial a Ride availability to Bucks users. No longer available to Bucks residents as it is funded by Bedfordshire not Buckinghamshire.

Poor reliability of Route 61 buses. Bucks have requested that Arriva look into this issue.

61 bus service to include Dagnall. Arriva insist that the additional time taken to include Dagnall on the route would necessitate another bus. Bucks have no control over this service as it is not a subsidised route. County Councillor Avril Davies suggested a Parish/Bucks/Arriva meeting to discuss the problem.

Cublington gypsies. There has been a succession of legal problems relating to moving them on. Concern also expressed over who is responsible for clearing up after them when they are eventually moved on.

Local Area Plan

A draft of the Local Area Plan has now been compiled and copies made available for consideration and comments. The Clerk will respond to Bucks CC accordingly.

Neighbourhood Police Update

Inspector Emma Garside gave an update on neighbourhood policing activities. PCSO coverage should be improved by not having them work the same shifts. She is actively pursuing cross border liaison meetings with Beds and Herts. She acknowledged that Thames Valley crime figures for the rural areas appear to be worse than those for Beds and Herts locally.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme

A presentation was given on Good Neighbourhood Schemes and how parishes could develop such schemes.

Community Transport

A similar presentation was given on the setting up of community transport schemes and how these could be developed to address local needs.

Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk had taken extracts from 'Governance & Accountability for Local Councils' which were handed to Councillors. Concern was expressed with regards to the inclusion on the website of the amount of information currently shown on the accounts issued to Councillors. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

Items to Report to Police

Various thefts occurring in Dagnall.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 18th March 2010

The Meeting closed at 10.01pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 18th March 2010 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

