

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2010

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Present

Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Cllr Terry Jones and 2 parishioners

Apologies: Cllr Mrs. Thompson (due to illness), Cllr Cabbage

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk opened the meeting and after welcoming those present invited the Councillors to appoint a Chairman to oversee the meeting. Cllr Brown volunteered to take on the office and took the Chair.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Revised draft minutes had been previously circulated to Councillors which were agreed and signed by Cllr Brown as a correct record.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

The Clerk read an e-mail giving the apologies of Jean Fox for not attending a previous meeting, she will be attending the September meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilkinson would be declaring interests under agenda headings.

Open Forum

The Parishioners present were concerned with regards to the constant speeding of traffic particularly on the A4146 between Edlesborough and the Travellers Rest. Cllr Brown informed them of the current Speed Limit Review for Area 13 where the Parish Council had specifically requested changes in the current speed limits through the Parish with a proposed 40mph limit from the parish boundary at Dagnall to the parish boundary at Northall and 30mph within the 3 villages of Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall being 30mph. The Speed Limit Review Public Consultation will be considered by the Area Working Group with it's recommendations then being sent to Bucks County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport for a final decision on which limits will be approved. Cllr

Williams outlined the Speedwatch campaign carried out by EDaN and the parishioners were informed that a vehicle registration identification and speed limit exercise had recently been carried out by Thames Valley Police.

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month ended 30th June 2010 were discussed and approved. It was recommended that Cllr Cabbage spoke to the new Treasurer of EDaN regarding the gross income and expenditure on various fund raising projects.

Annual Return 2009/10 is currently with the External Auditors

Northall Village Hall Play Area maintenance.

This item to remain on the agenda for discussion at the September meeting.

Authorisation of cheques (June 2010 including VAT

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 143.40

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 1,707.88

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,507.16

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (inc. grass cutting) 290.00

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough & Dagnall 920.03

Allotments expenses 30.00

Play areas Edlesborough & Northall 384.13

Tidying War Memorial/trimming tree branches on Green 90.00

EDaN expenses for Carnival stall 161.63

Internal Audit fee 499.38

Total £ 5,733.61

Planning

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

10/00841/APP 28th April 2010	Ashton House 2 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Single rear extension	No Objections
10/01127/APP 28th May 2010	17 Cooks Meadow Edlesborough	Single and two storey side extension	The Parish Council are not in a position to formally object to the application on technical grounds but due to neighbour's comments received, would ask that the Planning Officers give due consideration to the arguments put forward by the occupants of No. 15 when determining this application
10/01238/ALB 15th June 2010	The Grove 6 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Alterations to northern elevation at front of property. Insertion of first floor toilet and small hand basin room. Removal and rebuild of western gable end wall and removal of ground floor second window to bathroom	No Objections
10/01370/APP 7th July 2010	4 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections
10/01411/ACL 6th July 2010	Church Bank Church End Edlesborough	Erection of single storey orangery	No Objections

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest on the application for 4 Jacksons Close, Edlesborough

The following decisions had been received from AVDC as at 22.7.2010

10/00612/APP 29th March 2010	22 Leighton Road Edlesborough	Replacement of existing boundary fence with 2.2m high wall	No Objections with the proviso that the application does not result in any narrowing of what is a very narrow footpath in front of the property	Permitted
10.00825/APP 26th April 2010	Ivydene, 7 The Green Edlesborough	Two storey detached outbuilding for games room/home office	No Objections	Permitted

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

AVDC have carried out site visits and will ensure that all works are carried out in accordance with the planning conditions.

County & District Councillors Reports

A report by County Cllr Avril Davies had been submitted to all Councillors.

District Cllr Terry Jones reported on the progress of works in South End Lane, Northall and informed the meeting that AVDC were responsible for enforcement of parking matters in Edlesborough. Mr. Holloway is corresponding with Paul Hems of AVDC Planning regarding The Bell Public House. Cllr Jones had also attended the recent meeting with both Thames Valley and Bedfordshire Police regarding problems encountered in Summerleys. Details of recent crime figures were given. Edlesborough and Dagnall Under 5's would be given the literature regarding Childcare funding.

Correspondence received

Request for donation to 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011. The Parish Council agreed to waive payment for the hire of the Memorial Hall on the occasion of An Evening of Nostalgic Edlesborough & Eaton Bray to be held on 24th September.

National Trust – Stowe Landscape Gardens events

Aylesbury Vale Joint Sports Councils Minutes of meeting held on 23rd March 2010

Bucks CC – Having a Good Day Consultation

Buckingham Town Council – Local Governance Consultation

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Bucks CC – Walk Your Local Paths Initiative

Letter of thanks from St. Mary's Carnival Committee

VAHT – The Trust launches Service Standards

E-mail AVDC press statement. Vale housing growth

Bucks CC – Early Years & Childcare Service – Funding allocation proposal – details to be sent onto Edlesborough and Dagnall Under 5's

List of items which will be placed on the Councillors table

No relevant SBDC applications

Clerks & Councils Direct July magazine

The Chiltern Society

The Chiltern Society Newsletter

The Clerk July magazine

Bucks CC Rights of Way Access Group Newsletter

Eaton Bray PC minutes

AVDC Core Strategy

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest.

AVDC's Core Strategy for housing development will now be reviewed following announcements by the coalition government scrapping targets put forward by Regional Assemblies. Local Authorities will need to reconsider their priorities for housing needs, and set their own targets. If AVDC decides to continue its policy of housing growth in the Vale then Edlesborough village might be required to absorb up to 80 dwellings.

Cllr Wilkinson produced information and led a discussion which identified several sites which could be considered for development in Edlesborough. Councillors were asked to consider this matter carefully in order that the Parish Council would be ready to respond as soon as further information was forthcoming from AVDC before or after its meeting to be held on 9th September. If it proved necessary a Parish Council meeting would be held in August to discuss this matter further.

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams showed designs of the planting to be carried out on Dagnall roundabout.

Overhanging trees on Dunstable Road, Dagnall to be reported to Bucks CC.

Inspection and quotations to be obtained for restoring the War Memorial

A letter had been received from The Churches Conservation Trust confirming the discussions held at the recent meeting between the CCT and representatives of the parish council.

Cllrs Williams and Wilkinson to liaise with Elizabeth Braiden regarding post codes.

Traffic Calming:

Edlesborough roads White Lining

At the recent Local Area Forum meeting the parish council raised the subject of installing white lines particularly in High Street, Edlesborough and County Cllr Avril Davies is in contact with Transport for Buckinghamshire.

General Purposes Committee Report

Councillors had received a copy of the minutes of the GPC meeting held on 7th July and ratified expenditure for additional litter bins around the Green, and for 2 seats to be positioned in front of the Pavilion. It has been agreed not to replace the existing Kissing gate for safety reasons but to carry out refurbishment works to the existing gate. The Clerk was authorised to have plumbing and plastering works carried out at the Memorial Hall.

Edlesborough Pavilion

Cllr Brown furnished the Councillors with a list of suggested options for the building, and requested councillors to provide further input in due course.

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

Edlesborough were unsuccessful this year in the Best Kept Village competition which was won by Cheddington with Seer Green coming second.

Northall: Work has commenced on the clearing of footpaths which will be an ongoing project.

The following items were passed to the GPC Committee

Dagnall: Malting Lane Streetlight

Edlesborough: Brook Street – Cycle racks

Local Area Forum Report

London Midland Rail

£300m has been invested to include new diesel trains in the Midlands, car parks and accessibility work to include cycle racks, painting signs, LED displays and refurbishment works at Cheddington, Leighton Buzzard and Milton Keynes. There is now cheaper off-peak car parking after 10am and Smart cards can be purchased on line. £1m being invested in car parking to create extra spaces at Leighton Buzzard and general refurbishment. Leighton Buzzard and Berkhamsted stations to be step free by 2015. Train capacity remains a problem as Euston platforms cannot take more than 12 coach trains, longer trains are not a solution.

Question Time

A question was raised regarding closed Churchyards (one that cannot take any further burials but where the Church is still in use). When this happens the Parochial Church Council can ask the Parish Council to maintain the churchyard but if they decline to do so the District Council is obliged in law to take over the maintenance.

AVDC currently maintain 5 closed churchyards but are expecting to take responsibility of a further 24 in the future and have consequently decided that they will charge the cost of maintaining the churchyard, which will include an administration charge, back to the relevant parish councils as they are entitled to as 'Special Expenses' rather than have every parish in the District contribute towards the cost as happens now. It would therefore be cheaper for the parish council to take responsibility for maintenance than to pass the responsibility to AVDC.

Neighbourhood Police Update

Crime figures had been produced by Insp Emma Garside who was unable to attend the meeting

Local Area Planning Update and Local Priorities Budget

The Local Priorities Budget is another fund that can be spent at the discretion of the Local Area Forum for schemes to meet local community needs that have been identified in the Local Area Plan Three schemes are currently being recommended for funding – Community Transport scheme in selected cluster parishes (of which Edlesborough Parish is one) –Wing Youth Shelter and Cheddington footpath (Phase 4). Two further schemes are under consideration being Pitstone Youth Café and proposal for a pilot LAF Freight Quality Partnership. Further proposals are invited.

Adult Day Services

A presentation was given outlining proposals that are currently subject to public consultation which include a dramatic reduction in fully equipped day centres with the alternative of some people, where appropriate, to be offered a personal budget in order that they could run their own lives instead of the day centre services that they currently receive. Proposal for 2/3 fully equipped purpose built Community Hubs with satellites would be supplemented by community bases in ordinary community buildings such as community centres, village halls, GP practices etc. The changes are required to reflect increasing numbers of people needing care and support, reducing finance available to fund the services and growing expectations of what needs to be provided.

Transportation Update

The meeting was provided with an update report on highway matters of interest and was also asked to consider if money for the Local Area Delegated Budget could be taken back in whole or in part to be spent on the additional road repair work necessary as a result of the particularly severe winter – LAF members voted a definite NO. If the meeting had agreed to forgo the budget, Edlesborough Parish Council would have lost the funding for the Dagnall build-out.

Information Items

Members were provided with copies of reports regarding the latest information on LTP3 and HS2. However, since the LTP3 report was prepared the project has been put on hold as part of the fund saving initiative.

Items reported to Police

Discovery of a small coffin at Edlesborough Churchyard

Anti-social behaviour in Dagnall

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 16th September 2010

None given

The Meeting closed at 10.35pm

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2010 commencing at 7,30pm

