

## **Edlesborough Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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#### **Present**

Cllr Cabbage (who took the chair), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Clerk-Lin Sargeant and 7 parishioners

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

**Non-Apologies:** Cllr Mrs Ratheram

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

#### **Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

Referred to under Agenda headings

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

#### **Open Forum**

A parishioner raised the question as to why pot holes appeared to be only partially in-filled and others nearby left unattended. It was explained that Bucks CC had certain 'gangs' for small works and other 'gangs' for larger work but that pot holes were constantly being reported to the County Council to get them repaired. The Clerk would chase up those still needing attention.

The remainder of the parishioners in attendance were concerned, as is the Council, about the clearance of land in Cow Lane, Edlesborough.

Cllr Wilkinson informed the meeting that the Parish Council were not aware of any current planning applications and, like the parishioners, was not aware of what is likely to happen. He gave a very detailed report of the history of the land and information on planning procedures, and further mentioned the Core Strategy Consultation where the Parish Council had submitted its views on possible housing development scheduled for Edlesborough the result of which would not be expected until later in the year.

### **Finance Reports:**

Accounts for the month ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved

#### Special Projects and on-going development

Time to be set aside at the next meeting to discuss re-allocating the Special Projects.

#### Annual Return 2009/10

The annual return has been prepared and all documents are currently with the Internal Auditors.

#### Delegated Budget requests for 2011/12

Recommendations were for the Brook Street lay-by and the continuing request for additional Bus Shelters

#### Northall Village Hall Play Area maintenance.

Further discussion took place regarding the extent to which the Parish Council should fund the cost of maintaining both Northall and Dagnall playgrounds (both owned by their respective Hall Management Committees), as opposed to the Edlesborough playground which is owned by the Parish Council and which therefore covers all its costs. Currently for Dagnall and Northall the Parish Council pays the cost of maintaining the play equipment, the annual RoSPA inspection, play equipment insurance and the maintenance and topping up of bark to the Dagnall play area. In addition to paying these playground costs for Northall and Dagnall, the Council also makes annual donations of £1,000 each to help run their village halls. It was proposed by Cllr Williams that the annual donations to both Dagnall and Northall be increased to a composite £1,500 to help run both the halls and the playgrounds. This approach would require agreement on the typical playground costs to be covered by the additional £500, and a policy to enable the Northall and Dagnall Hall Management Committees the opportunity to approach the Parish Council for any additional financial assistance with requests connected to the play areas. The proposal was generally welcomed by the Council subject to the Dagnall Councillors having the opportunity to consider the proposals, and if necessary, to discuss the matter further.

### **Authorisation of cheques (May 2010 including VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 235.55

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 862.13

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,507.16

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (inc. grass cutting) 872.50

Edlesborough Children's play area (inc. fence painting) 315.00

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough & Dagnall 613.35

Village sign 4,957.15

EDaN expenses for May Day, Concert & Carnival 280.00

Drainage rate 3.99

Insurance 2,201.20 **Total £11,848.03**

### Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 19.5.2010

10/00340?APP 15th February 2010	Avenue House Moor End Edlesborough	Proposed new dwelling, summer house and access from the highway	OPPOSE until such time as the sub-division of Avenue House is regularised.
10.00825/APP 26th April 2010	Ivydene, 7 The Green Edlesborough	Two storey detached outbuilding for games room/home office	No Objections

10/00124/APP 21st January 2010	4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and car port	OPPOSE	REFUSED
10/00420/ACL 1st March 2010	Whistle Brook Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of dwelling house without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 87/01699/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	OBJECT If the agricultural restriction is lifted what is to stop the land being sold off and the next owner applying for yet another farmhouse in exactly the same way that happened in 1988.	Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing use granted
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	Permitted

### **Planning Issues**

#### **Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall**

A site meeting has been held between Bucks CC and the Developer to implement works required to be carried out to the road conditions.

### **County & District Councillors' Reports**

In the absence of County and District Councillors no reports were available

### **Correspondence received**

**The Chiltern Society** – High Speed Rail consultation – deadline 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### **List of items which were available on the Councillors table.**

No relevant SBDC applications.

Standards Board Bulletin

The Chiltern Society – Chiltern Way Walking Festival Programme 2010 plus leaflets on 200km circular walk round the Chilterns

Wing South Neighbourhood Team – Neighbourhood Policing newsletters for April and May

Eaton Bray Parish Council Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April

Clerk & Councils Direct magazine May 2010

The Clerk magazine May 2010

Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Area Newsletter

CPRE – Countryside Voice – Spring issue magazine

### **EDaN Project**

Cllr Williams reported on a very successful May Day event raising in excess of £1,000 towards EDaN projects.

He reminded Council of the Concert being held at Edlesborough Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. A further Concert is planned to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> September featuring Dagnall choir.

A meeting to discuss village buses situation had taken place with Arriva.

The Traffic Management team would be entering a float at the Carnival

Parish Councillors had met representatives from The Churches Conservation Trust regarding the possibility of floodlighting and other ways in which the Church could be used. CCT put forward the suggestion of an Open Day and to invite people who would support opening the Church on more frequent occasions.

### **Traffic Calming;**

#### **Speed Limit Review**

The Parish Council's proposals and those of Northall residents have been received by Bucks CC. All responses will be considered by the Area Working Group prior to forwarding a report to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport for a final decision. The decision will be made known to the Parish

Council in due course. The Clerk was requested to contact Bucks CC regarding the speed limits currently in place in South End Lane, Northall with the recommendation that a 30mph speed limit should be considered for the full length of the Lane.

### **General Purposes Committee Report**

A site meeting had taken place regarding the quotations for new boilers in the Memorial Hall.

GPC to consider again the need for the Kissing Gate to be changed into a self closing gate as there is already a self closing gate giving access to the High Street.

Also discussed was the possibility of replacing the litter bins on the Green with new bins positioned outside the perimeter of the Green which would then be emptied by AVDC Refuse collectors. Clerk to contact EB Lions requesting that black sacks be used to collect the teams rubbish which can be taken to the Euro Bin outside the Memorial Hall.

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

*Dagnall* Clerk investigating who was responsible for the damage to the streetlight.

*Edlesborough*: Council to request funding for the Brook Street lay-by through the Local Area Forum Delegated

Budget.

*Edlesborough*: Bucks CC and Thames Valley Police had met to discuss white lining to areas of Edlesborough roads.

This would be further discussed at the next GPC meeting.

### **Freedom of Information Act**

To remain on the Agenda

### **NAG Report**

PC Jared Levens arrived at this point of the meeting and was able to confirm that at the recent NAG meeting it was recommended that no further separate NAG meetings would take place but be included within the Parish Council meetings. A representative of Thames Valley Police would attend a Parish Council meeting once a quarter when parishioners would be able to put forward questions. The Council agreed to this course of action being taken and when further details are known the dates of the meetings will be published in 'Focus' and on the website.

## **Items to report to the Police**

Cllr Prys-Jones reported an abandoned vehicle which would be investigated.

## **Local Area Forum Report**

### Delegated Budget

The Parish Council were delighted to be successful in being awarded the Delegated Budget for the Dagnall 'Build Out' and work will be scheduled to be carried out during the year. The Council also agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the traffic calming element of the project.

### Action Notes

The members agreed to hold a meeting with Arriva to discuss the bus situation which has now taken place as referred to in the EDaN report.

### Neighbourhood Police Update

A presentation had been given by Insp. Emma Garside on the current situation with crime and anti-social behaviour. Cllr Wilkinson had asked which authority was responsible for the location of fixed speed cameras and was informed that it is Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership who are ultimately responsible.

### Local Area Plan

An analysis had been carried out of the Local Area Plan and 4 priorities had been chosen from the inputs which were

1 HGVs/Freight Strategy

2. Footways
3. Rural Bus Services/Community transport schemes
4. Youth Councils

### Questions

The Chairman proposed arranging a separate meeting to discuss the High Speed 2 West Coast Main Line route with all organisations involved being invited to attend.

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**Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

None given

The Meeting closed at 10.40pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010 commencing at 7.30pm**







