

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

19th February 2009

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th February 2009 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams; District Cllr Terry Jones, County Cllr Avril Davies, Lin Sargeant – Clerk. In attendance Mark Wilson

Apologies Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Alterations were made to the draft Minutes which were approved and the Minutes signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

None other than under Agenda items.

Declarations of Interest – None given

Open Forum

Several parishioners attended the meeting wishing to know what was being done regarding the anti-social behaviour of youths particularly late at night/early morning in the Memorial Hall Car Park with loud music and cars racing round the village. The Chairman was able to inform those present that this afternoon she had been informed by the PCSOs that Police Traffic division has already given two warnings to the offenders on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week and they will be carrying out a series of raids at Edlesborough on Friday evening and over the weekend enabling them to issue the relevant order for cars to be immediately taken away from the owners.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports for the period ended 31st January 2009 were presented to the Council who were informed that the 'unexplained discrepancy' of £224 on copies of the accounts delivered to the Councillors prior to the meeting had been resolved and the February accounts would show the correction.

Authorisation of cheques (February 2009)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 162.68

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (including electricity) 803.84

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,433.33

Cemetery & Open Spaces expenses 47.50

Membership – The Chiltern Society 25.00

Streetlighting repairs 663.75

The Green expenses 52.50

Total £ 3,188.60

Budget 2009/10

The budget proposals prepared by Cllr Cabbage and the Clerk were discussed at length and it was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and carried unanimously that the budget be approved with the addition of reclaiming reimbursement from the Parish Paths Partnership for works carried out to the Dagnall footpath and increasing the Cemetery budget to allow for the seeding of graves. The budget was also to allow for the cost of electricity and maintenance for the proposed EDaN project of floodlighting Edlesborough Church. Clerk to clarify the implication of adding the insurance aspect of this project to the Parish Council's existing policy. The Chairman wished to place on record the Council's thanks to both Cllr Cabbage and the Clerk for having prepared the budget figures.

County & District Councillors reports:

District Cllr Terry Jones reported on his communications with AVDC and Bucks CC regarding the development at South End Lane, Northall and the unsatisfactory condition of the Lane during building operations and his endeavours to get AVDC Planning department to issue an enforcement notice. Cllr Wilkinson informed the Council of e-mails between himself and AVDC which were still ongoing. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Terry Jones, Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Cabbage for their input on this matter.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 19.2.09

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08/02919/APP 5th January 2009	14-16 High Street Edlesborough	Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 03/02248/APP to allow use permitted to be carried out by persons other than Mrs K Mead	No Objections providing the other conditions remain	Permitted
08/02949/APP 23rd December 2008	2 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Insertion of front and rear dormer windows to provide living accommodation in roofspace	No Objections	
08/02947/APP 23rd December 2008	2 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Erection of pool room attached to existing garage	No Objections	
09/00197/APP 4th February 2009	2 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Erection of 1.5 metre high post and rail side fence	Object. The Council is concerned that the 'openness' and traffic visibility of South End Lane would be unacceptably impaired. These were important factors when the Council agreed to the original planning application to build houses on this site	
09/00217/ACL 9th February 2009	13 Tring Road Edlesborough	Erection of chimney stack to side	No Objections	
09/00222/ACL 10th February 2009	Kripa Ringshall Road Dagnall	Single storey open roof vineyard structure and terrace		

Planning Issues

Knolls View, Leighton Road, Northall

A satisfactory conclusion has now been reached

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Previously discussed under agenda heading 'County & District Councillors reports'

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams, as Chairman of EDaN, gave details of the proposed Church floodlighting with a request for the Parish Council to provide 50% of the funding. It was proposed by Cllr Brown that the Council approve the expenditure in principle but would like the EDaN group to secure additional funding if possible to the level of 50% of the cost but if in the absence of funding the Parish Council would underwrite to the total value of £5,000. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Traffic Management (Speedwatch)

It was proposed by Cllr Cabbage and seconded by Cllr Brown that the Parish Council should purchase the necessary equipment required for Speedwatch at a cost of £2,000, the proposal was carried with one abstention. The Clerk was requested to contact Cheddington Parish Council to ascertain if it might want to sell their equipment or engage in some sort of shared ownership.

Youth Activities Directory

A draft of the proposed project would be made available shortly.

Correspondence received

Notice from The Churches Conservation Trust of Bell Ringing to take place at Edlesborough Church on Saturday 21st February at 2pm to celebrate the Trust's 40th Anniversary.

BALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party invitation – Cllr Cabbage to be put forward

Bucks CC – acknowledging supporting information re Dagnall Build Out under LAF Delegated Budget

Bucks CC – 2009 Voluntary Sector Conference & Funding Fair – 18th March at Green Park Centre, Aston Clinton – Cllr Williams will attend.

Eaton Bray with Edlesborough Conservation project

Cllr Mrs Rotheram had attended the first meeting and reported that work has begun to clear the litter etc. The River Ouzel drainage board will be requested to put right the results of the dredging which has killed off plant life and left an unsightly appearance. Dead wood is to be cleared and a decision made as to whether or not to open up the area or fence it in. The Council would arrange for the graffiti to be removed from the board by the bridge at 'Middle Path'

County Cllr Avril Davies' Quarterly report received.

Letter sent to Canon Grant re Cemetery Access

Questionnaire from Beds. CC regarding Totternhoe Knolls – handed to Cllr Ratheram for completion

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

SBDC Planning applications

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Traffic Calming

The Clerk had been informed that consultations on the Speed Limit Review for Area 13 would commence April/May 2009 and that the proposed Northall Speed Limit reduction had been accepted for consultation.

Dagnall: County Cllr Avril Davies recommended that Safer Routes to School be involved in endeavouring to get the 'Build Out' (of which there should be two) expedited.

General Purposes Committee Report

Cllr Brown congratulated Cllr Wilkinson for having carried out extensive archive information to enable the Council to establish ownership of land throughout the parish.

Cemetery Access

It was reported that the main item discussed at the last GPC meeting was the Cemetery access project. To date three quotations have been received with one awaited. Decision on acceptance to be made at the next GPC meeting. Clerk to request cost of preparing specification.

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

Edlesborough: A response from Bucks CC has been received regarding the Council's request for the No. 61 Bus to terminate at Edlesborough rather than Ivinghoe and for the route to include Dagnall. The response was negative. Copies of the letter to be forwarded to the Parishioner who made the enquiry and to the EDaN Transport group.

Dagnall: The Council agreed to pay Buckinghamshire County Council's administration fee of £75 for allowing residents to cultivate the strip of land in Dunstable Road to become a Memorial garden.

Northall Councillor

The Chairman invited Mr Mark Wilson to be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a representative of Northall Ward. This was agreed unanimously and Mr. Wilson duly accepted.

Freedom of Information Act

Cllr Cabbage explained the difficulties recently encountered by the website appearing not to have been updated. This had been a 'Server' problem. Although the 21.1.09 version was not available on a new server, it could not be undated until the website was converted to new software. Cllr Cabbage would pursue this as quickly as possible, and if necessary, would liaise with the Clerk to enlist outside assistance.

Issues for Local Area Forum Meeting & Community Plan

A list of proposals were discussed at length prior to submission.

Items for the Agenda for the next Ordinary Parish Meeting

The Meeting closed at 10.25pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2009 commencing at 7.30 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall