

# Edlesborough Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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### **Present**

Cllr Cabbage (Vice Chairman) Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram,

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs. Thompson (due to illness) Cllr Brown, Cllr Wilson – late apologies from Cllr Jones

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

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

There were no matters arising

### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared at the meeting.

### **Open Forum**

PC Jared Levens was in attendance and gave an update on crime throughout the Parish. Vandalism appears to have slowed down but garden sheds are now being targeted by burglars. A meeting has been held between Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire County Council regarding placing white lines at the top of Edlesborough High Street and moving the bus stop a little further down the road to prevent vehicles parking close to the A4146 junction. There is more liaison taking place between Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Police to tackle crime in general. Cllr Williams raised questions on Speedwatch and was informed that the Police would follow up on lack of insurance, tax discs etc.

### **Finance Reports:**

The Clerk pointed out several additional categories in the accounts for the month ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 which received Council's approval.

Council ratified that the Clerk be paid for an additional 2hours per week commencing January 2010.

### **Precept**

Discussion took place as to whether the Precept agreed at the November meeting should be increased . It was carried unanimously that the original Precept of £64,000 be submitted.

In the light of this discussion the following actions were agreed:

- The Clerk to write to BALC to determine if it had any "benchmarking" data which might help the Parish Council to obtain an understanding of how its expenditure compared with other similar parish councils.
- To enable the Council to consult meaningfully with Parishioners about possible increases in the Precept for 2011-12, it would be necessary to develop proposals for future Special Projects over the coming months.

### **Annual Return for 2008/09**

This has now been signed by the External Auditors a copy of which is available on the Parish website.

### **Authorisation of cheques (December 2009 including VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone & Gifts etc. to volunteers) 145.45

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas & electric) 228.93 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,395.22

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (inc. Poppy Wreaths for Edlesborough,

Dagnall and W.I. plus donations and installing new Litter Bins) 624.25

Tidying hedge around the Green 45.00 Edlesborough Childrens play area 60.00

Allotment expense – Annual Tithe payments 7.56

Membership fees –SLCC & Bucks Community Action 165.00

External Audit fee 483.00

The Green expenses 16.99

Street lighting repairs 1,124.75 **Total 4.296.15**

Clerk to establish details of the Northall Allotment Tithe.

## **Planning**

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 16.12.09

09/01481/APP 15th September 2009	9 The Green Edlesborough	Demolition of existing garage, erection of detached single garage and shed	No Objections No Objections to amended plans	Permitted
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## **Planning Issues**

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

Letter still to go to AVDC regarding the unacceptable state of South End Lane.

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

No reports given at meeting

## **Local Transport Plan (LTP3) Comments**

Cllrs Wilkinson and Williams provided responses to the questions raised which were agreed by Council and will be submitted to Bucks CC. The Council welcomed the recent Government announcement that the northern bypass for Dunstable/Leighton by-pass link to the M1 had been included in the Roads Programme for starts in 2012.

## **Correspondence received**

Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust letter, update on recent Forum held in November can be found on the website, AdvAntage newsletters.

Bucks CC – Notice of a local Social Care Surgery taking place at Barkham Close sheltered Housing scheme Cheddington on 13.1.2010 between 10am -11.30am. Surgeries are also working in close partnership with Thames Valley police and a local PCSO will be attending to provide crime prevention and reduction advice. Also the Local Area Technician will be available to discuss any issues related to the roads in the local area.

Bucks CC – Update on Aylesbury Vale Transport Symposium (LTP3 document)

AVDC Reminder of Planning Consultations taking place during 2010 none of which adversely affect the Parish

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

No relevant SBDC applications.

LCR Magazine

Chiltern News Magazine, also Walks Programme for December, January & February plus December update and newsletter

CPRE Newsletter

The Playing Field Newsletter Magazine

CPRE Fieldwork magazine

## **EDaN Project**

Cllr Williams reported that the Firewalk Event had been very successful.

A meeting had been held to discuss the Church Floodlighting which was anticipated to cost more than originally expected due to formal drawings being required, application to Listed Buildings, extra digging for wiring, archaeologist and surveyors reports and anti-vandal cages to house the lights. Further discussions to take place with the Churches Conservation Trust before any further work is carried out. The Parish Council agreed to continue to support this project.

EDaN are seeking funding towards the cost of signs for each of the 3 villages.

The Council approved an expenditure of up to £200 for the supply of high visibility jackets and 2-way radios which each volunteer operating the Speedwatch was required to have.

Disappointingly, EDaN had only received some 50 completed Public Transport Questionnaires out of the 1,000+ circulated with 'Focus' The completed Questionnaires would now be analysed.

EDaN to provide a report on the use of Speedwatch/results before the next Parish Council meeting.

Regrettably nobody had attended the Youth evening held at Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

EDaN will organise an AGM in March/April 2010.

**Traffic Calming:**

**Speed Limit Review**

No further updates received.

Waiting for a reply to letter regarding the alteration to the VAS sign should the 30mph limit come into force through Northall.

**Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146**

Waiting for a reply from Bucks CC regarding the degrading of the A4146

**General Purposes Committee Report**

No meeting had taken place in December. An appointment has been made with British Gas to discuss the Memorial Hall heating system.

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

*Edlesborough:* Several responses had been received from Parishioners regarding the improvements to Brook Street parking arrangements which will be more fully discussed at the GPC meeting in January. In the meantime, Cllrs Cabbage, Wilkinson & Williams would hold a site meeting to examine the various possibilities.

**Items to Report to Police**

PC Jared Levens was informed that to date no further problems had occurred on the bridleway.

**Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

Ratify Budget for 2010

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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**NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall**