

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Edlesborough Memorial Hall on 16th April 2009

Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, County Cllr Avril Davies, District Cllr Terry Jones, Clerk – Lin Sargeant

There were no apologies

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Matters arising were discussed under appropriate categories

Declarations of Interest – None given

Open Forum

As the meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting no Open Forum questions were raised.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports for the year ended 31st March 2009 were presented, explained and approved by the Council. A response was awaited from the VAT office regarding the VAT element on grants awarded to EDaN. The Clerk would be preparing the Annual Return for submission to the Internal and External Auditors.

Authorisation of cheques (April 2009)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 56.17

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas, electric and boiler etc. repairs) 616.92

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,481.44

Cemetery & Open Spaces expenses 852.00

Grass Cutting (The Green, Churchyard & Cemetery, Dagnall) 720.00

Allotment expenses 15.00

The Green expenses 75.00

Dagnall Recreation Field expenses 64.94

Dog Hygiene Bin emptying 1,243.24

Hedge cutting 1,458.29

Total £ 6,583.00

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 16.4.09

09/00474/APP 12th March 2009	9 Brook Street, Edlesborough	New pitched roof and single storey side extension to existing single storey element	No Objections to the pitched roof or the small increase in floor area, the Council has reservations about the parapet wall shown on the drawings which may detract from the appearance of the property as viewed from the street.	
09/00217/ACL 9th February 2009	13 Tring Road Edlesborough	Erection of chimney stack to side	No Objections	Permitted
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09/00222/ACL 10th February 2009	Kripa Ringshall Road Dagnall	Single storey open roof vineyard structure and terrace		
09/00359/AGN 29 th February 2009	Land adjacent Cow Lane Edlesborough	Erection of agricultural storage barn for hay and straw	No Objections	Permitted
09/00193/APP 3rd February 2009	Plot 6 Kircutt Farm Close Northall	Erection of two storey detached dwelling	OPPOSE	REFUSED

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Some improvements have been made to the Lane and the splayed access and pavement are due to be carried out when the first property is occupied.

Pitstone Quarry

The decision on an amended application for 'restoring' Pitstone Quarry 2, due for hearing on 21st April, has been postponed.

County & District Councillors' Reports

County Cllr Avril Davies enlarged upon the Pitstone Quarry application and reported on her up to date communications with the Cabinet Minister for Buckinghamshire County Council regarding the recent increase in HGVs using the B488 and A4146 to reach the Stoke Hammond bypass. A Freight Quality Partnership for Buckinghamshire would be set up which would involve County, District and Parish Councils, local people, the freight transport industry, Police and other interested parties such as map and satellite companies in advising drivers and their employers of suitable routes for HGVs to mutual benefit. Reference was made to the Luton Core Strategy, a copy of which the Parish Council had received to which it would be submitting it's comments in due course.

District Cllr Terry Jones gave information regarding the Core Strategy and Direction of Housing Growth at Aylesbury. The new Theatre in Aylesbury is well under construction. AVDC have access for funding for anyone starting a small business where people can rent business premises on a monthly basis.

EDaN Project

Speedwatch

The Council are in the process of purchasing Speedwatch equipment with volunteers being trained to man the equipment prior to it being used extensively throughout the Parish.

The Chairman of EDaN, Cllr Williams, gave a presentation of a proposed 'Fire Walk' to take place on Edlesborough Green on Saturday 7th November. This was approved by the Parish Council who also approved of the £200 deposit required.

An initial flood lighting test had been carried out at Edlesborough Church and further details would be available at the next meeting.

EDaN's request for sponsorship for planters was discussed and Invoices would be sent out on Parish Council's letterhead with a covering letter drafted on EDaN notepaper.

Correspondence received

Rural Focus Digest

Bucks CC – Family Information Service Consultation

Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group –Minutes of meeting 11th November, next meeting Tuesday 21st April at Aylesbury

Bucks CC – Transport for Buckinghamshire

Information Commissioner's Office – Freedom of Information Act plus CD

Chilterns Conservation Board – Chilterns Buildings Design Guide Review Consultation

Bucks CC – Buy With Confidence Scheme through Trading Standards

Bucks Play Association – 'Ask Us Day' 25th April 11.00am – 2.30pm Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre, Meadowcroft, Aylesbury

BALC – Local Flavours Food Festival 2009 – September

Bucks CC – additional 'gangs' would be available to carry out small works such as overgrown vegetation, sign cleaning, graffiti removal. A comprehensive list of footpaths requiring attention has been sent to Bucks CC and a further report would be submitted with any other problems.

Vale of Aylesbury Housing – scheduled meeting for 9th April cancelled due to lack of support.

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

SBDC Planning applications 2009

Chilterns Conservation Board – Various Magazines

Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

Confirmation had been received from Bucks CC that work on the Speed Limit Review for Area 13 has now commenced and an area briefing meeting would take place on 19th May to present local councillors with up to date information followed by a public consultation to take place this summer and for new limits to be in place by Autumn 2009.

A4146 Waste Disposal Lorries

A representative from the Parish Council had attended a recent meeting at Great Gaddesden who are also affected by the Waste Disposal Lorries at Water End. It was unanimously agreed that the Council would write to John Bercow MP seeking his help in getting Bucks CC involved with the issues raised at the meeting.

General Purposes Committee Report

The Chairman of the GPC gave details of the matters discussed at it's April meeting. All users of the Memorial Hall and Pavilion had been asked to sign an annual Hire Agreement. The Under 5's wish to have additional conditions included in the Standard Conditions of Hire and it has been suggested that a meeting take place to discuss their proposals.

The boilers at the Memorial Hall have been serviced, further allotments let and approval given for Cemetery memorials.

Cemetery Access

Initial works to improve the access from the bridleway into the Churchyard have been completed and the remainder of the access route should be completed within the next two to three weeks. The Parish Council approved the acceptance of a quotation for a new gate to be installed.

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

The Parish Council will be entering Edlesborough in the 'Best Kept Village' Competition, Dagnall and Northall do not qualify under the existing rules.

Edlesborough: A request was made for Dog Bins to be erected in Cow Lane and Summerleys and it was stated that a dog bin was already sited in Cow Lane and permission would have to be sought from the owner of the field at the bottom of Summerleys to erect one on private land. This item would be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting.

Edlesborough: The concerns raised by a Parishioner at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding Brook Street verges and the vandalised Telephone Kiosk would be discussed further at the next PC meeting.

Dagnall: A request for the white zig-zag lines to be repainted outside Dagnall School has been made to Bucks

CC.*Northall:* The continuing problems with excessive water at the junction of Eaton Bray Road and the A4146 are to be again reported to Bucks CC.

Freedom of Information Act

More work needs to be done.

Core Strategy and Direction of Housing Growth at Aylesbury

This was discussed at length and proposed by Cllr Wilkinson that Edlesborough should not be classified as Tier 4 as it does not fit into the criteria. A vote was taken amongst the Edlesborough Councillors with the result being 4 to 1 in favour of the proposal.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 21st May 2009

Additional Dog Bins Cow Lane and Summerleys

Brook Street verges and Telephone kiosk

The Meeting closed at 10.28pm

NEXT MEETINGS; ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 21st MAY 2009 commencing at 7.30 followed by PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at approx. 8.00pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall