

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

17th January 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 17th January 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs. Coppen, Cllr Williams, Dist. Cllr Terry Jones, Lin Sargeant - Clerk

Apologies Cllr Conacher, County Cllr Avril Davies

The Chairman was saddened to have received a letter of resignation from Cllr Coppen and thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the Parish with Dagnall Planning applications and the EDaN project and was sorry to see a good team member leave. Suitable notices will be placed on the Notice board advertising the Vacancy for a Dagnall Councillor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman with one amendment under Dagnall donation which should read....asked the Council if it would be prepared to allow this year's and next year's annual donation.....

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None arising other than under Agenda headings

Reference to Previous December Minutes

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 31st December 2008 were approved.

Budget

At the December meeting agreement was approved for the draft budget and precept of £60,250 but budget allocation had not been included for the new Northall Playground.

Grass & hedge cutting

First year's maintenance provision

Insurance – this would be investigated and to be discussed on next month's Agenda

Authorisation of cheques (January 2008)

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 54.73

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 768.15

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,365.39

Poppy Wreaths plus donations from WI, Dagnall and Parish Council 100.00

Dagnall Recreation Ground fencing 1,956.38

Northall Village Hall Polisher 572.00

Tap supplied and fitted at the Pavilion for St. Mary's Carnival 98.24

Total £ 4.914.89

Rural Strategy Report

The Parish Council had no comments to make and the form was passed to the EDaN project for completion if they so wished.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 17.1.08

07/03369/APP 11th December 2007	6 Jackson's Close Edlesborough	Two storey side extension	No Objection	.
07/03393/APP 13th December 2007	3 Cow Lane Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objection providing that the reduced length garage is still long enough to qualify as an off street parking space or that an additional parking space is made available	.
07/03409/APP 14th	5 Dunstable Road	Erection of dwelling	No Objection	.

December 2007	Dagnall			
07/03481/APP 21st December 2007	1 Tring Road Edlesborough	Erection of detached dwelling and garage	No Objection	
07/02398/APP 28th August 2007	Holly Farm Pine Road Edlesborough	Change of use of land to form residential with paddock, erection of triple garage and extension/alteration to existing storage building	OBJECT	Permitted

Planning issues

Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall

Payment requested from Developers by AVDC. Clerk to enquire as to why no Contract has yet been signed.

The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Clerk to question why a S106 Agreement has not been entered into and why development has not commenced.

Dist Cllr Terry Jones requested to ascertain in general terms as part of the Planning Consent when a S106 agreement should be set up.

Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall – application to go before the Development Control committee

The Chairman will oversee Planning Applications for Dagnall

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – Aylesbury Vale Transport Symposium 18th February 2008 – Chairman to attend

County Cllr Avril Davies Report handed to Councillors

Reply from Bucks CC regarding ownership/maintenance of the Ivinghoe Aston/Edlesborough Bridleway. Bridleways may be used by horses, cyclists and pedestrians, a cycleway may only be used by cyclists, therefore the fact that this path is already a bridleway does not present an obstacle to the creation of a cycle link.

Bucks CC Wing & Ivinghoe Service Excellence update. The Parish Council would respond that further measures need to be implemented regarding anti social behaviour. The workshop had been beneficial as it gave the opportunity of discussing various issues, the main ongoing issue at Edlesborough being anti social behaviour.

Bedfordshire County Council – Planning Performance Agreement Charter

Under 5's

Cllr Brown gave a report on work being carried out by volunteers of the Under 5's to create a larger outdoor play area at the rear of the Memorial Hall.

Traffic Calming Reports

The Parish Council raised it's concern at the recent Aylesbury Vale Local Committee meeting regarding the amount and nature of the traffic using the A4146 through the villages of Northall, Dagnall and Edlesborough which is a major concern to parishioners and little prospect of getting any relief from the HGV traffic or any effective traffic calming features such as chicanes, because the road is classified as an A road. The question was put as to how the Parish Council go about getting the road re-assessed as it does not believe it is adequate in this day and age to warrant A road classification. For various reasons stated the response was that reclassification of the A4146 should not be contemplated. The Parish Council will continue to find ways to improve the 2 pinch points at Edlesborough, Church End, and on the main road through Dagnall. It has been observed that a large quantity of waste carrier lorries are now using the A4146 through Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall.

In order to increase the amount of repeater signs and roundels as further traffic calming measures through Edlesborough it would be necessary to either relocate or remove various streetlights. The streetlights in question would be switched off for a trial period and to attach a notice explaining the reason why in order to assess parishioners views on whether they would prefer to retain the streetlights or to increase the traffic calming signs. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilkinson for his time spent on this issue.

The Petition signed by parishioners at the 2007 Carnival regarding reducing the speed limit in Northall to 30mph together with added signatures has been sent to the Speed Limit Review at Bucks CC.

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

The Parish Council adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy.

In order to maintain the village street lighting it was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Cabbage that the Parish Council offered the Contract to another contractor on a trial period basis.

Edlesborough: A suitable tree will be chosen shortly by Mr. & Mrs. Parker to be planted on The Green

Edlesborough: Clerk to write letter of thanks to W.I. for agreeing to hold a Coffee Morning with proceeds being given towards the Cemetery access project.

Edlesborough: The Clerk would respond to a Parishioner's letter regarding vandalism.

Dagnall: Letter had been sent regarding the poor condition of Dagnall footpaths

Northall: Approval given for expenditure to acquire a floor polisher for Northall Village Hall

EDaN Project

A Presentation of the EDaN Project work so far will be given to the Parish Council on 23rd January.

Parish Website – all up to date. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cabbage for maintaining the website.

Cemetery Access

A meeting had been held this morning to discuss alternative suggestions for improving the access route.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

The Parish Council have been informed that gates on the field adjacent to Summerleys is a matter for the landowner.

Tennis Club Lease – further queries raised are being taken up by the Tennis Club with their Solicitors.

Thames Valley Police Ringmaster and Trading Standards notifications

Items for the Agenda for meeting 21st February 2008

None reported

The Meeting closed at 10.20pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 21st February 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm