Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

20th December 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20th December 2007 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Brown, Cllr Conacher Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Lin Sargeant - Clerk

Apologies Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs. Coppen, District Cllr Terry Jones

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None arising other than under Agenda headings

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 30th November 2007 were approved. Council were informed that due to an increase in expenses the final year end accounts would have to be based on Income and Expenditure as opposed to Receipts and Payments and the Clerk would ensure that all expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2008 was met prior to year end.

Budget

The Council were presented with draft budget figures for 2008/9 and it was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed by the Council that the figures as drafted be accepted.

Dagnall Donation

Due to fencing being in need of urgent replacement at Dagnall Recreation Ground the Chairman asked the Council if it would be prepared to allow this year's and next year's annual donations to be paid in advance. Discussion followed and Cllr Wilkinson proposed that as £2000 was to be expended on Northall Village Hall Fencing £2000.00 should be allowed for Dagnall fencing, this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Ratheram and agreed by Councillors with the Chairman declaring an interest and not taking part in any vote.

Authorisation of cheques (December 2007)

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone and Chairman's Fund and

website subscription) 315.07

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 386.73

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,365.39

Levelling graves, cutting hedge and bushes, removing rubbish from Cemetery 566.55

EDaN Project expenses 707.75

War Memorial expenses 30.00

Childrens' Play Area –cultivating and raking 30.00

Hedge Cutting throughout Parish 1,368.17

Purchase of Green Sacks 180.01

Dog bin emptying 2,590.64

Purchase of new goal posts for Edlesborough & Dagnall 1,198.50

Grass cutting at Northall Village Hall (part of Northall donation) 505.25

Total £ 9,244.06

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 20.12.07

07/01903/APP 24th November 2007	15 St. Mary's Glebe Edlesborough	Single storey side and rear extension	No Objection	
07/01382/APP 18th November 2007	Little Gaddesden Lodge Little Gaddesden Rd Dagnall	Construction of glazed link and glazing of lancets	No Objection	

07/03183/ALB 26th November 2007	Little Gaddesden Lodge Little Gaddesden Rd Dagnall	Construction of glazed link and glazing of lancets	No Objection		
07/03199/APP 21st November 2007	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Erecton of Stables	OBJECT - comments as per application 01.02661/APP	on	
07/03200/APP 21st November 2007	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Conversion of first floor of garage to living accommodation including insertion of windows (non-compliance with Conditon 4) - Retrospecive	OBJECT		
07/03228/APP 23rd November 2007	Southend Farmhouse South End Lane Northall	Ground and first floor extensions, conversion of garage to living accommodation and demolition of conservatory and erection of new garage			
07/03301/APP 3rd December 2007	Keepers Cottage Hill Wood Studham Lane Dagnall	Single storey side extension	No Objection	o Objection	
07.03369/APP 11th December 2007	6 Jackson's Close Edlesborough	Two storey side extension			
07/02502/APP 7th September 2007	4 Chiltern Avenue Edlesborough	Roof extension	OBJECT - considered to be excessively large and over-dominant	Permitted	
07/00726/APP 13th September 2007	Kircutt Chapel Lane Northall	Minor Additional amended plans	No further comments	Permitted	
07/02581/APP 17th September 2007	Lower Farm Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of part of dwelling and barn and erection of two storey side extention	No Objection	Permitted	
07/02661/APP 26th September 2007	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Stables	Oppose application as the large stable block is to be built on a green field site outside the original footprint of the Hall Farm build area	Application Withdrawn	
07/02632/APP 21st September 2007	The Cottage, Butlers Manor, South End Lane, Northall	Two storey front extension and installation of dormer windows	No Objection	Permitted	
07/02419/APP 28th August 2007	2 Pine Road Edlesborough	Erection of Stable Block (retrospective)	No Objection	Permitted	
07/02778/ACL 8th October 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	REFUSED	
07/02696/APP 28th September 2007	14 Dunstable Road Dagnall	Rear conservatory	No Objection	Permitted	
07/02839/ATP 15th October 2006	4 The Willows Edlesborough	Light crown reduction to two Willows	No Objection	Consent Granted	

Planning Issues

Dagnall, Kircutt, Northall & The Swan, Northall

Clerk to write requesting up to date information regarding Section 106 agreements for these developments as insufficient information was given over the phone.

<u>Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall</u> - Street name to be Kircutt Farm Close with one plot to be named in memory of Ben Reeve to keep the connection of the Reeve family to the site. Four further plot names to be unique to Northall and the surrounding area. Planning permission has now been granted for this development.

Correspondence received

ADVC report on completion of grass cutting during 2007 together with outline plans for 2008.

BALC stating that a revised draft of the Joint County and District Agreement will be available during February 2008.

Bucks CC report on the outcome of the Wing and Ivinghoe Service Excellence Workshop held on 31st October.

AVDC information regarding the adoption of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

St. Mary's Village Carnival 2007 accounts.

Clerk to respond to Parishioner's concerns regarding the maintenance of the lane to the Ford and continual dog fouling in the field next to Slicketts Lane.

Information from BALC regarding a Councillors' Training Day on 2nd February 2008

SLCC information regarding 2008 Practitioners' Conference on 29th February and 1st March at Stoke-on-Trent.

Rural Strategy Feedback Form to be completed and returned.

Invitation to attend a Seminar on Risk in Play Dilemma on 22nd January, Guildford, Surrey.

Information from The Chilterns Conservation Board - Strategic Environmental Assessment Draft Scoping Report.

Bucks CC – Aylesbury Vale Transport Symposium, Monday 18th February 2008 at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury, clerk to reply by 11th January.

AVDC invitation to put views forward on housing issues.

Reimbursement received from Insurance Company for the damaged streetlight column in Dagnall.

Traffic Calming Reports

Northall Confirmation from Bucks CC that the Parish Council's 'bid' for the footpath from Chapel Lane to

Green Acres, Northall will be included in the Delegated budget Scheme for consideration

Edlesborough: A Parishioner has written to Thames Valley Police regarding a diversion to be put into operation in

future years during the Remembrance Service when held at Edlesborough Church. To date no

reply has been received. The Parish Council fully support the views expressed by the Parishioner

and will give their support.

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

The Parish Council agreed to give a £50 donation to the British Legion

Edlesborough: Reply awaited regarding the Ivinghoe Aston/Edlesborough Bridleway.

Edlesborough: The Parish Council agreed to support Edlesborough Methodist Church's celebrations in 2008.

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams gave an up to date report on responses to the Questionnaires which will be presented to the EDaN Steering Group on 15th January followed by a presentation to the Parish Council on 23rd January 2008 and reported in February to Focus.

Getting Closer to Communities Workshop Report

The meeting had been useful with various topics being discussed.

Parish Website

Certain problems have been occurring with the website which it is hoped will be rectified as quickly as possible.

Cemetery Access - Due to high tender costs so far received other avenues are being explored which unfortunately

will mean that work will not commence until Spring 2008 at the earliest.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

A copy letter, written to Thames Valley Police, had been received by the Parish Council from a resident in Edlesborough regarding continual problems with vandalism in Summerleys and the adjacent field. The Parish Council will respond to the resident that the responsibility of erecting a 'kissing gate' lies with the owner of the field and not the Parish Council, if the owner can be identified and an address supplied the Council will write requesting that a gate be erected.

Thames Valley Police Ringmaster and Trading Standards notifications

Theft from vans

Information for Parishioners to be alert and deter burglars over the Christmas/New Year period by using lights on timers, if going away ask a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your property. Do not leave packaging of electrical/electronic equipment outside on rubbish collection day. Be cautious when using cash machines and take care of wallet, purse or handbag whilst shopping. Double lock uPVC doors overnight or when house is unattended and keep back or side doors locked when at home or in another part of the house.

Parishioners are warned to be aware of high pressure selling alarm company offering free alarm systems.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 20th December 2007

None reported

The Meeting closed at 9.38pm