

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

15th February 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 15th February 2007 at 7.30pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs Thompson. Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Coppen, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Brown Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Munday. Lin Sargeant, Clerk and two Parishioners

Apologies – Cllr Conacher, District Councillor Pauline Hannelly

The Chairman welcomed the two Parishioners

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

None declared

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None other than under following Agenda headings

PCSO Funding

The Parish Council have been informed of changes to Neighbourhood Policing and Update on PCSO Funding. The existing agreement between the Parish Council and Thames Valley Police falls under Option two namely 'Where a third party meets 50% of the costs of a PCSO, with Thames Valley Police Authority/central government funds meeting the shortfall, then the PCSO will be dedicated to that area up to 100% of the time if a business case is made based on operational need and corporate priorities'. It has been verbally stated by Thames Valley Police that the Parish were only entitled to half the time of a PCSO because it was only paying half the cost. This was not the Parish Council's original understanding when it agreed to fund a PCSO and due to apparent changes in the rules by Thames Valley Police the Parish Council intend to withdraw funding from April 2007.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 31st January 2007 were produced and agreed.

Authorisation of cheques (February 2007)

The following list of cheques were authorised for payment by the Chairman:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 95.80

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 31.49

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,243.12

Cemetery expense 345.00

Allotment expense 15.00

Street light repairs and replaced column 1,255.65

Subscription 25.00

Councillor's traveling expenses 48.00

Total £ 3,059.06

Parish Plan

36 Parishioners from the three villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall attended the initial Meeting held on 7th February. Cllr Cabbage gave a very informative presentation but it was extremely unfortunate that the representative from Buckinghamshire Community Action was unable to attend due to ill health. A decision was made to hold a 'follow up' meeting where a representative from BCA would be on hand together with representatives from at least one neighbouring village that had successfully implemented their own Parish Plan. Several Parishioners stated their keenest to attend the 'follow up' meeting and a date would be arranged. It was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson that a sub-committee be formed Chairman Anne Thompson, Cllr Coppen and Cllr Prys-Jones agreed to form a sub-committee together with the Clerk who would assist with administration.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 15.2.07

06/03249/APP 18 th December 2006	Littlewood House 37 Main Road North Dagnall	External flue on west roof slope	No Objections	
07/00102/APP 15 th January 2007	Dagnall Farm Main Road North Dagnall	Erection of 2(no) two storey semi- detached dwellings	No Objections	
07/00179/APP 22 nd January 2007	1 Tring Road Edlesborough	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement chalet bungalow and detached garage	No Objections	
07/00283/APP 1st February 2007	Hill House Church End Edlesborough	Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form residential annexe and demolition and rebuild of covered area for use as garage	Provisional No Objections (to be ratified at next PC meeting)	
07/00287/ALB 1st February 2007	Hill House Church End Edlesborough	Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form residential annexe and demolition and rebuild of covered area for use as garage	Provisional No Objections (to be ratified at next PC meeting)	
06/03085/APP 30th November 2006	1 Deans Meadow, Dagnall	single storey front extension - Amendment to Planning Permission 05/01642/APP	No Objections	Permitted
06/03222/APP 16th December 2006 + Amended plans	Northall Village Hall South End Lane Northall	Porch extension to side to form store	Parish Council supports the application	Permitted
06/03237/APP 15th December 2006	5 Greenacres, Northall	Conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation and single storey extension to provide single garage	No Objections	REFUSED

Planning Issues

Dagnall S106 – No further information.

Beacon View, Northall – No further information

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – Pathfinder Submission to Government

NALC – Review of the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme

AVDC – Bucks maps for grass cutting areas

Reply from Bucks CC – Speed Limit Review Area 13. Parish Council letter passed to further colleague at Bucks.

Letter from John Bercow MP who has contacted Bucks CC on Parish Council's behalf regarding Winter Salting of Roads and Speed Limit Review Area 13

Letter from Auditors notifying retirement of Parish Council Auditor. Cllr Brown declared an interest. Parish Council agreed to employ Stephen Brewer of Balyer Wood Associates Limited.

Information regarding Common Land and South East Plan update.

Information on 'Communities Challenge' funding. This was only applicable to Northall which came within 10 miles of a WRG waste facility.

Provisional notification of AVDC £5000.00 grant towards replacement of Memorial Hall Floor, confirmation expected after 2nd March.

Parish Council stall booked for St. Mary's Village Carnival 2007

New 'Community Chest' funding scheme to be launched, more information available at the Funding Fair on 22nd March. Parish Council not able to attend, Clerk to request copies of relevant information.

Invitation to The Chilterns Wildlife Conference 23rd February

Notice of Cluster Meeting with Bucks CC on 19th February at Ivinghoe Town Hall. Cllr Wilkinson would attend.

Letter from Audit Commission agreeing to extend the appointment of UHY Hacker Young for financial year 2006/7.

Invitation from Bucks CC to attend Community Consultation events for Stewkley, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Accessibility Action Planning.

Information on Sustainability Fund – Parish Council Loans relevant to reducing energy use and combating climate change.

Affordable Housing Conference

Cllr Coppen gave a report on the recent Conference and this item is to remain on the Agenda for future discussion.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

No meeting had taken place in February due to the Parish Plan meeting.

A review of Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Sports and Burial charges would be discussed at the next GPC meeting

Parish Council agreed to the continuation of 'Free' bookings for the Edlesborough Memorial Hall when felt appropriate for community purposes. Cllr Munday declared an interest.

Names of Contractors to carry out Cemetery Access works to be sent to The Churches Conservation Trust.

Letter from Edlesborough WI offering to make a donation of a cooker to the Memorial Hall

Proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Munday that this kind donation be accepted and the Parish Council to take responsibility after installation.

Request for Under 5's to be issued with a key to Memorial Hall to be discussed at GPC meeting

Traffic Calming Reports

Clerk to chase up installation of Dragons Teeth on Leighton Road, Edlesborough

Letter received congratulating the Parish Council on traffic calming measures that had been implemented at Dagnall

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

Parish Council approval given for Election notices to be placed on village Notice Boards and distributed to Schools, Village Halls, Churches etc. Councillors packs would be available during March – Election date 3rd May 2007

Edlesborough: Report of sign requiring refixing at Cocks Close

Dagnall: Report of dangerous 'pot hole' in Nelson Road

Report of Direction sign having been knocked down opposite Red Lion Public House

Due to heavy demand for allotments permission to be given by Parish Council for 2 further

Allotments to be made available. This to be discussed at next GPC meeting.

Letter received regarding dangerous entrance to Dagnall allotments caused by keeping the gate

Locked. Clerk to reply.

Northall: Clerk had met with representative of Bucks CC to discuss road repairs particularly on A4146. An

inspection was being carried out.

Clerk to inform Bedfordshire County Council of Parishioners concerns regarding the amount of 'Fly

Tipping' in Northall Road, Eaton Bray by boundary with Buckinghamshire.

Cemetery Access

Agreement had been obtained from descendants of certain graves in the Churchyard for work to proceed with the access and confirmation letter sent that Parish Council would underwrite the cost of the project.

Matters to Report to the Police

PCSO had been made aware of the parking problems on Saturdays in Edlesborough whilst football matches are being played on The Green and Clerk has requested patrols to be carried out.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 15th March 2007

Affordable Housing

Any Other Business

The Chairman gave the Parishioners present the opportunity of asking questions.

A Parishioner raised ongoing concerns with Anti Social Behaviour in Edlesborough and was informed that the PCSO was now being accompanied by a Police Officer who would have the authority to take more immediate action.

A Parishioner who had attended the recent Parish Plan meeting was anxious for this to proceed and to encourage more people to attend the 'follow up' meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 15th MARCH 7.30PM at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL

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