

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

25th January 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 25th January 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 Conacher, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Munday. County Councillor Avril Davies, Lin Sargeant Clerk and one Parishioner

Apologies – Cllr Brown, District Councillor Pauline Hannelly

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

There were no declarations of interest relevant to the Agenda items. Councillors have been given guidance notes on procedure for declaring an interest at Parish Council meetings.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

Cllr Munday requested that Traffic Calming be brought forward on the Agenda and the Chairman agreed.

A Parishioner had intended to send an e-mail to the Clerk regarding traffic calming issues in High Street, Edlesborough but due to an incorrect e-mail address this had not been received. The Parishioner's concerns were the speed of traffic through the village of Edlesborough particularly the High Street and Peblemoor and requested that the Parish Council deal with this problem. The Chairman and Councillors explained that over many years traffic calming throughout the Parish had been their major concern and have recently had installed yellow backed signs and roundels at the Parish Council's expense. Further traffic calming measures have and will still be considered. Road humps situated in other villagers have not been welcomed by parishioners residing adjacent to the humps due to noise and further improvements in the High Street are restricted due to the ruling on the distance of street lighting. Changing the speed limit on the A4146 through Northall from 40mph to 30mph together with the addition of extending footpaths are already on the Bucks. County Council list to be discussed under the Speed Limit Review which the Parish Council are now informed is not likely to take place until 2009.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 31st December were produced and agreed.

A closed meeting would be held at the end of this meeting to discuss employees' salaries.

Authorisation of cheques (January 2007)

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

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 121.50

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 1,585.42

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1.309.33

Re-fixing of Seat on The Green due to vandalism 275.37

Notice board expense 17.63

Cemetery expense 274.99

Hedge cutting 1,283.71

2 Quarters payment for PCSO 3,500.00

Play equipment repairs 300.00

Total £ 8,667.95

Parish Plan

To date 25 responses have been received from parishioners wishing to attend the meeting on 7th February 2007. Arrangements for the meeting were discussed.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 25.1.07

06/03222/APP 16th December 2006	Northall Village Hall South End Lane Northall	Porch extension to side to form store	Parish Council supports the application	
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	
06/02329/ALB 29th December 2006	3 Good Intent Edlesborough	Repairs to extension	No Objections	
06/03330/APP 29th December 2006	3 Good Intent Edlesborough	Replacement summerhouse - Amendment to 06/02285/APP	No Objections providing the external dimensions, in particular the height, are no greater than those of the original summerhouse	
06/02749/APP 26th October 2006 + 06/02751/ALB 26th October 2006	13 Leighton Road Northall	Single storey link extension between house and garage	No Objections	Permitted
06/02771/APP 30th October 2006	40 Dunstable Road Dagnall	First floor extension	No Objections	Permitted
06/02901/APP 20th November 2006	2 Knolls View Leighton Road Northall	Extension to existing garage block	No Objections	Permitted
06/01292/APP 17th May 2006	Chiltern Farm Barn Main Road North Dagnall	Change of use from redundant barn to B1/B2/B8 use	No Objections	REFUSED

Planning Issues

Dagnall S106 – No further information.

Beacon View, Northall – Firstmove Developments have asked for a legal opinion.

Correspondence received

Letter of thanks received from the Film Company and further letter received from separate Film Company enquiring as to whether the Parish Council wished to be registered for future filming – Parish Council gave approval.

Parishioner's concerns as to legality of vans being parked on the highway, Clerk had replied.

Confirmation of Bursary place being available for Councillor to attend NHF Rural Conference

AVDC notification of Rabans Lane Recycling Centre closure for repair works

Parishioner's concerns with siting of water meters

Letter received from Jacobs Babbie regarding street lighting in Dagnall

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council Minutes of previous meeting

Information from Thames Valley Police regarding PCSOs

Bucks CC – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order involving B488 Leighton Road through Slapton, Cheddington and Ivinghoe

Bucks CC re positioning of Neighbourhood Watch sign in Chiltern Avenue, Edlesborough – Parish agreed to sign being erected.

Bucks CC letter and information regarding Winter Salting of Roads. Clerk to reply to Cabinet Minister at Bucks CC with Parish Council's concerns that High Street, Edlesborough would not be included in the salting programme.

Information regarding Parish Council Elections

Report from County Councillor Avril Davies

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

In the GPC Chairman's absence the Clerk gave the following report:

Edlesborough Tennis Club had resolved the problem of trustees and Solicitor requested to prepare a draft Lease without delay.

Various issues raised by the Under 5's Playgroup would be discussed at a separate meeting held between the Under 5's and the General Purpose Committee.

Quotations had been received from grass and hedge cutting contractors for 2007/8

A further meeting had taken place regarding the Cemetery access. Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Conacher that the Parish Council would underwrite the cost of project up to £15,000.00. Council agreed.

Parish Council gave approval for new Dog Emptying Bins Contract to be signed.

Quotations received for soakaway by Basketball Goal and replacement of damaged Car Park height restriction barrier

Confirmation received from Insurance Company that a professional annual inspection is required for the play equipment.

Clerk to ascertain cost of various types of kick walls

Traffic Calming Reports

Roundels have now been marked on the village roads.

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

Edlesborough:. Donated seat has been refixed outside the Pavilion following extensive vandalism.

Neighbourhood Action Group

Following a meeting held on 24th January and correspondence received from Thames Valley Police Councillors were requested to study the correspondence carefully regarding funding for PCSOs and this item to go on the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion. Data and maps were produced by the Police indicating areas of high priority anti-social behaviour, crime etc.

Aylesbury Vale local Committee Report

No questions particularly relevant to Edlesborough Parish Council were raised but it was ascertained that the latest timing for Area 13's Speed Limit Review would be Consultation Spring/Summer 2009, Implementation Spring 2011. The further delay was attributed to the central government funding cuts. Clerk to write to Bucks County Council and John Bercow MP stating the Parish Council's anger and dismay over the length of time this promised Review is going to take.

The Revised Code of Conduct for Members due to be published in December is still awaited.

Report given on 'Wrap around education'

The prioritised list of bids for the 2007/08 delegated budget were presented including carried forward items from 2006/07. The priority attributed to the Northall footpath means that again it is unlikely to qualify, but the Edlesborough dropped kerbs bid is equal third on the list and should therefore be successful.

Bucks CC are proposing to switch off some street lighting at various locations in rural areas in order to conserve energy. None of the proposed locations were in Edlesborough Parish. Street Light spacing measurements in Edlesborough High Street had been carried out last Summer and the Parish Council has requested the necessary data.

The next meeting will take place on 12th April 2007.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 15th February 2007

PCSO funding

Street Lighting

The meeting closed at 9.49pm

The closed meeting discussion on salaries was ratified by the full Parish Council.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 15th February 2007 7.30pm at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL