

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

21st September 2006

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman, Mrs Thompson, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Munday, Cllr Mrs. Coppen, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Lin Sargeant Clerk

Apologies – PCSO Jackie Dobson

Declaration of Interest from Councillors - Cllr Brown

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Minutes of Extra-Ordinary General meeting held on 6th September 2006 were signed as a true record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None other than under Agenda headings

Traffic Calming – Roundels & Yellow Backed Signs

After several weeks of communication with Bucks CC and the Parish Council during the recess period the order for Repeater signs and roundels has now been placed and cost details received. Cllr Wilkinson explained to the meeting various reasons why some of the original repeater signs and roundels requested were not viable.

The PCSO had given out ten parking warnings relevant to parking in Summerleys and the High Street close to the junction of the A4146. Clerk to contact Buckinghamshire County Council Highways to ascertain the possibility of installing dropped kerbs to properties fronting the A4146 to enable owners' cars to be parked 'off road'.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 31st July and 31st August 2006 were produced to the meeting and Clerk explained various credits received. The accounts were agreed.

The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2006 has been agreed by both internal and external auditors.

Authorisation of cheques (August 2006)

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

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 138.12

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses inc. electricity 415.47

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,301.54

Grass Cutting 930.09

Tree felling & stumping 446.50

Street lighting repairs 552.99

Plumbing repairs 36.40

Internal audit fees 528.75

Total £ 4,349.86

Authorisation of cheques (September 2006)

Plumbing repairs 462.36

External audit fees 411.25

Grass Cutting 201.64

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,289.85

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 43.09

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses inc. electricity 85.89

Supply and installation of seat on The Green 432.40

Donation – Northall Village Hall 367.63

Miscellaneous strimming of perimeter of The Green and Cemetery

weeding play areas in Edlesborough and Dagnall, grass cutting

Memorial Hall, repairing remainder of notice boards 881.99

Total £ 4,113.10

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 21.9.06

06/01912/APP 24th July 2006	Butlers Manor Cottage South End Lane Northall	Two storey front extension and new dormer window to side	No Objections	Application withdrawn
06/01988/APP 31st July 2006	4 Dovehouse Close Edlesborough	Single storey side extension	No Objections	Permitted
06/02089/AOP 7th August 2006	Land off Cow Lane Edlesborough	Site for new dentist surgery	The Parish Council OBJECT on the grounds that: 1. There is no need for an additional Dentist Surgery in the Village 2. A Dental Surgery exists within the Doctors Surgery which has the capacity to accommodate a further 2,500 patients. 3. The location would generate severe traffic and parking congestion in Cow Lane and throughout Edlesborough	
06/02120/APP 14th August 2006	The Swan Leighton Road Northall	Erection of five dwellings	The Parish Council OBJECT on the grounds that: 1. South End Lane is inadequate by reasons of its width to serve the proposed development with safety and convenience. 2. RA14 requires the scheme not to be the partial development of a larger site. More houses built on that land would greatly worsen the existing road safety in South End Lane and causing even greater problems accessing the A4146. 3. The School buses stop in the mornings and evenings opposite the Swan Public House, any extra traffic spilling onto the A4146 at these busy times will make it even more dangerous for the children to embark/disembark from the buses.	
06/01368/APP 21st May 2006	13 The Pastures Edlesborough	Single Storey front extension	No Objections	Permitted
06/02915/APP 31st May 2006	12 Brownlow Avenue Edlesborough	Erection of conservatory	No Objections	Permitted
06/01586/APP 19th June 2006	37 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and front porch	No Objections	Permitted
06/01657/ALB 26th June 2006	3 Brook Street Edlesborough	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement hardwood conservatory	No Objections	Permitted
06/01658/APP 26th June 2006	3 Brook Street Edlesborough	Erection of replacement conservatory	No Objections	Permitted
06/01988/APP 31st July 2006	4 Dovehouse Close Edlesborough	Single storey side extension	No Objections	Permitted
05/02153/AOP 25th August 2005	Land at 40 Summerleys Edlesborough	Site for 2 bed detached bungalow	OBJECT on basis that the parking situation in Summerleys and Heather Mead remains unacceptable and the proposed development would only add to the existing problems, contrary to policy GP21 of AVDLP.	Refused/ APPEAL ALLOWED

Planning Issues

Dagnall S106 – No further information.

Beacon View, Northall

Clerk to write to Developers requesting agreement to a variation to the S106 Agreement as no further information had been received since July.

Cllr Cabbage requested the Parish Council to approve the reserved figure of £2000.00 put aside for Northall Village Hall Playground and explained what the Village Hall Committee planned to achieve with the help of W.R.E.N and a grant from AVDC. It was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Cabbage that the Parish Council donate £2000.00 towards the provision of a dividing fence between the playground area and the village hall grass area. The Parish Council agreed to also contribute towards the maintenance of a playground once established as it currently does for Edlesborough and Dagnall.

Knolls View, Northall

Letter received from AVDC confirming that this land would be retained by AVDC and not allowed to be sold off.

As the S106 Agreement states that this land is to be used towards the enhancement of leisure facilities in the village the Clerk was requested to send all correspondence etc. to John Bercow MP to seek his opinion.

Correspondence received

Second Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 now issued

Notice of meeting setting out proposed improvement works at Beacon Road Junction with B4506 Ringshall.

Parish Council letter to Insp. Mandy Simons thanking PC Robert Barker for his presence and help throughout the villages prior to his recent retirement.

Complaint received regarding the state of road and pavements in St. Mary's Glebe.

Response from Arriva, No. 61 bus route to accommodate pick up at Dagnall passed to their Planning Department for consideration.

London Luton Airport Community Newsletter received.

Very old set of Parish Council Minutes received from family of past Cllr Bert Jarvis.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

Councillors had received a copy of the draft Minutes of the GPC meeting held on 6th September from which three items required to be taken to full Parish Council meeting:

Approval to accept 1 of 3 quotations for proposed Memorial Hall floor – Council accepted quotation.

Approval to accept 1 of 3 quotations for external decoration to Edlesborough Memorial Hall – Council accepted quotation to be either carried out in October or early next year.

Cemetery Access.

Details of project had been received from architects, structural engineers, archeologists and possible costings. The Parish Council have approached St. Mary's Village Carnival Committee for assistance from next year's Carnival and received a favourable response. Further meetings and discussions would be taking place with the Churches Conservation Trust, Funeral Directors, Canon Grant and the Parish Council in due course.

Traffic Calming Reports

Edlesborough: Edlesborough School have begun 'crocodile walking' children to school and the Parish Council are grateful to Edlesborough Autos for their help in allowing parents to use the Car Park at busy school periods.

It has been established that 'white gates' can be installed at any time and the Parish Council will ascertain the cost of same as a means of traffic calming at the bottom of the hill on entering Edlesborough from Northall

Dagnall: Clerk has written again to Bucks CC regarding the path across the allotments and the proposed 'Build Out' in Dunstable Road but to date no further information has been received.

Northall: It was reported that more streetlights were required on the A4146. Cllr Cabbage requested that the Clerk write to all residents from the position of the telephone box to Chapel Lane seeking whether they feel that more streetlights are required. If the speed limit be reduced to 30mph through Northall, as requested by the Parish Council in the 2008 Speed Limit Review, is adopted and more streetlights are installed the existing roundels and repeater signs will have to be removed and no further repeater signs or roundels allowed.

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

Dagnall : Redundant railings have been removed in Dunstable Road and those outside the Red Lion are

awaiting painting.

Edlesborough.. Donation received from St. Mary's Village Carnival Committee

A further seat has been erected on The Green in memory of Bert Moriarty and the Basketball Net is now in place. The General Purposes Committee will be discussing a suitable surface base for the Basketball Net.

Parish Council approval given for Cemetery Memorial inscriptions.

Northall: Nothing to report

Tennis Club Lease/ Land Registry Registration

Tennis Club liaising with their Solicitors

Parish Plan

An evening to be arranged in November to hold a Public meeting, letters to be sent out shortly

Aylesbury Vale Local Committee – No meeting held, next meeting 12th October

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

This is a relatively new Group set up by Thames Valley Police allowing Parishes within the area to discuss any problems they may have regarding police matters. The Clerk and a Councillor from each Parish attend to put matters of concern to the Police. The next meeting is scheduled for 12th October.

Luton Airport Issues

There has been a 7% increase in aircraft movements compared with second quarter 2005 and a 5% increase in passengers compared with second quarter 2005. The Easterly/Westerly operations split in June was approximately 50/50 instead of the average 70/30 which accounted for the large number of incoming flights over the Parish in that month. 22% reduction in night flights and day/night split was 93% day/7% night compared with 91%/9% for the same period last year due to runway being closed for resurfacing from 00.00hrs to 05.45hrs for 5 nights each week during the entire quarter. Complaints increased by approximately 150% compared with the same period last year. Approximately 12% of all complaints for the entire quarter related specifically to the new Westerly arrivals route which did not come into effect until approximately half way through the quarter. The majority of complaints were from residents Little Gaddesden.

Parish Website

Problems with the server had been rectified and the Website as now been updated. The Parish Council agreed to an upgrade (cost £65.00) being installed to make the website more efficient.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Youths had been riding bikes through the villages without lights and problems are re-occurring with drugs at the Pavilion and Memorial Hall. Further vandalism to 2 sheds has taken place on Northall allotments. The PCSO has been informed of all incidents.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 19th October 2006

None specified

The meeting closed at 10.35pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2006 7.30pm at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL