

**Edlesborough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting**

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at 8.00pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Parishioners and the new Clerk, Lin Sargeant.

**Present**

Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Vice Chairman Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Brown, Cllr. Munday, Maggie Kerr (Clerk), Lin Sargeant (new Clerk) and one Parishioner.

**Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Spencer and District Councillor Pauline Hannelly.

The Chairman read an extract from 'The Role of the Chairman' as follows:

The chairman should prevent personal observations and if offensive remarks are made he or she should immediately intervene to seek an apology to the member so offended. The Chairman should prevent irrelevant observations, but allow members sufficient time to make their own comment. The chairman should not allow matters which have already been decided to be re-hashed.

**Declaration of Interest from Councillors**

Noted. None stated at this point of the meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2004 were agreed and signed with the following amendments:-

SID Page 7 delete 'Signal' insert 'Speed' to read Speed Indicating Device.

2. Consideration of letter to go to BCC re footpaths in the area delete (Clerk to add in here).

**Matters arising from the previous minutes**

There were none.

**Introduction of the New Clerk and Report on Vacancy at Northall for a Councillor**

The Chairman formally introduced Lin Sargeant as the new Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been written to AVDC regarding the appointment of a new Councillor and they had replied informing the Parish that as nobody had written requesting an election the Parish were able to co-opt. Cllr Cabbage had made several enquiries with the possibility that a Northall villager would give the matter consideration and report to Cllr Cabbage shortly.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cabbage for his sterling efforts.

## **Finance issues**

### **Monthly Statement for June and update**

Mrs. Kerr had provided the Councillors with a copy of the financial statement for June.

### **Authorisation of cheques**

The Chairman referred the Councillors to the Clerk's list of cheques to be authorised. The Councillors unanimously authorised the cheques, details of which are set out below:-

#### **No. Name on Cheque £**

104582 Kidde Fire Protection 338.55  
104583 Mary Sheridan 25.35  
104584 Staples 73.05  
104585 P.J. Thompson 52.88  
104586 Lloyd Barnard 731.48

### **Authorisation of cheques (continued)**

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#### **No. Name on Cheque £**

104587 Westrope Bros 1,273.11  
104588 Reyven (Sportsfields) Ltd 810.75  
104589 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium 20.00  
104590 Powergen 131.69  
104591 E.ON Energy Electricity Income Account 230.37  
104592 S. Parker - Salary 244.09  
104593 J.W. Parker - Salary 73.14  
104594 M.E. Kerr - Salary 631.21  
104595 L.C. Sargeant – error July 04 see Cheque No,  
104602  
104596 Inland Revenue – error July 04 see Cheque No.  
104601  
104597 S. Parker – Expenses 15.00  
104598 Janes Ltd. 35.25  
104599 CPRE 25.00  
104600 M.E. Kerr – Expenses 406.10  
104601 Inland Revenue 330.51

**TOTAL 6,154.75**

Applications received. The Chairman declared an interest in the application relating to Dagnall School outcome. The Clerk had passed the application to Cllr. Wilkinson to consider as opposed to Cllr. Spencer, the representative of Dagnall, as he also had an interest as he is a Governor of Dagnall School

<b>Applications considered at meeting on 15/07/04</b>			
<b>Application No:</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Parish Councils response</b>
04/01418/APP amending application 98/02027/APP	Unit 2, Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Erection of garage	No comment
04/01424/APP	Old Thatch 1 The Green Edlesborough	single storey rear extension with accommodation in the roof space demolition of garage and erection of detached double garage/store with accommodation in the roof space.	Support the application in principle but question whether the contemporary design of the proposed development rear extension is in keeping with the rest of the building , bearing in mind its listed status.
04/01425/APP	Old Thatch 1 The Green Edlesborough	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension chimney stack and existing detached garage, internal alterations and erection of single storey/rear extension and detached double garage/store with accommodation in the roof space.	See response to 04/01424/APP
04/01366/APP/MA SEE 03/02251/APP	Beacon View house type plot 2 South End Lane Northall	Add a conservatory	No comment
04/01451/APP	16, Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Extension of roof line (RETROSPECTIVE)	object as it contravenes AVDC design guidelines.
04/01467/AOP	Deans Poultry Farm South End Lane Farm Northall	site for conversion of Farm Buildings to residential use	Reject as it is outside the AVD Local Plan and would have repercussions on traffic on the A4146. There are local concerns as to the use of the site for the future
04/01634/APP	Watermead, Churchgate High Street Edlesborough	Change of use of land residential curtilage	The Council support the application subject to the planning authority imposing conditions in accordance with AVDLP policy RA.3 as follows: 1. Any future building on the land to be prohibited. 2. The banks of the moat must remain in

			their existing natural state and must not be disturbed in any way. 3. Any planting of the new curtilage must be informal and sympathetic to the natural appearance of the moat.
04/01672/APP 03/03101	8, Church Croft, Edlesborough	demolition of garage and erection of side extension with rear conservatory	no comment
04/01694/APP	3, The Willows Edlesborough	single storey side extension	no comment
04/01758/ALB	Yew Tree Cottage, 33 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Replacement boiler with flue	no comment
From Buckinghamshire County Council	Dagnall County First School Main Road South Dagnall	Classroom extension to side and rear and demolition of external former toilet block.	no comment. Mrs Thompson declared an interest and Mr Spencer who is the Planning representative for Dagnall did not consider the Application as he also has an interest. Mr Wilkinson therefore considered the matter.

Application No:	Address	Proposal	Parish Councils response	Decision AVDC
04/01111/APP	Southend Farmhouse, South End Lane Northall	Detached garage/store	No comment	permission refused
04/01366/APP/MA SEE 03/02251/APP	Beacon View house type plot 2 South End Lane Northall	Add a conservatory	No comment	permitted
04/01305/AOP	Greenacres Studham Lane Dagnall	Site for one dwelling and re-positioning of dwelling approved by 02/00619/APP	The Parish Council voted to oppose the application. The Application does not comply with AVDC policies where the site is within the Metropolitan Green Belt where the site is within the existing built up area of settlement and where it constitutes residential infilling of small gaps in developed frontages. Could be a traffic hazard	refused permission
04/01372/APP	Keepers Cottage, Hillwood, Studham Lane Dagnall	Single Storey rear extension	No comment	permitted
04/01451/APP	16, Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Extension of roof line (RETROSPECTIVE)	object as it contravenes AVD Local Plans design guidelines.	refused

Planning issued, including payment under S106 Agreement – no further news.

Council would enter the Planning details onto the web site giving dates and months received. .

#### **Clerk's Report and correspondence received**

All correspondence was passed to Councillors for information.

## General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard discussion

Cllr Brown, the Chairman, reported that the Minutes of the last GPC meeting were not currently available.

1. Letter from AVDC regarding Rates for Edlesborough Memorial Hall to be discussed as separate item later in the meeting.
2. Report received from RoSPA dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004 regarding the playground area, action was required to be taken after this had been studied in more detail.
3. Approval required to replace the bollards in the Car Park at cost of £480.00 plus contingencies of £100.00 to remove existing bollards. Approval given.
4. Letter received from Edlesborough Under 5's. The Parish Council agreed for the terms and conditions of the use of the Hall to be dealt with by the GPC
5. A meeting has been arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at the Churchyard with Chloe Cockerill from. The Churches Conservation Trust in attendance to discuss all aspects relative to the maintenance etc.
6. Cllr Brown informed the Councillors that the Minutes would be distributed shortly.

## **SID**

The Chairman reported there had been problems with the recording mechanism of the Speed Indicating Device whilst in Dagnall and Edlesborough had also experienced difficulties. This was being rectified. It appeared that most motorists were obeying the speed limits with only a few exceptions in Peblemoor, Edlesborough. Cllr Cabbage recommended that when SID was to be used in Northall it would be appropriate to position this in Eaton Bray Road with an indicating speed limit of 30mph, and the following speed check should be held in April 2005 avoiding the Summer and Winter months, School and Easter holidays.

## **Traffic Calming Report**

### Dagnall Traffic Calming – School Flashing Lights

The Chairman reported this work was being carried out in August 2004 at a cost of £4,700.00 covered by the Safe the Routes to School scheme. The Parish Council would pay for the electricity used for these lights.

### Edlesborough Traffic Calming – Shops in High Street and Summerleys

The report from BCC is awaited.

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### Northall Traffic Calming – Bus Stop

Cllr Cubbage looking into position regarding the Knolls View amenity land and awaiting a date from BCC to meet with Northall Counsellors to discuss options.

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

#### **Dagnall**

The Chairman reported that the sewer in Dagnall has been unblocked

#### **Edlesborough**

A swan has been killed in Edlesborough High Street, Clerk to write to BCC requesting a 'Ducks Crossing' signs to be positioned at an appropriate place along Moor End/High Street.

The OAP sign in Taskers Row had been moved and residents require it completely removed.

Pavement outside Taskers Row bungalows to be attended to.

#### **Edlesborough (continued)**

The Parish Council felt the stall at the Carnival had been worthwhile and should be continued next year. The Chairman wished to thank Terry Carlisle for kindly lending the Parish Council a Gazebo.

The Clerk to mention the Parish Council stall in the October edition of 'Focus'.

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#### **Northall – Roving Refuse Freighter**

Parishioners were concerned that certain items were refused and although a list was included on the Notice Boards it was agreed that next time the Roving Refuse is required a list of items that will be refused will be included in the 'Focus' article.

Problems arise with the water coming up from the drains at the corner of Eaton Bray Road/Leighton Road, this has been reported on several occasions and would be a matter for the GPC to consider.

### **P.A.I.N Report**

Cllr. Wilkinson provided the following report:

Following the previous consultation in 2002 when the Airport put forward 4 alternative proposals, they are now conducting a further consultation proposing a variation of one of the previous options. The Parish Council is invited to respond to the proposal and the closing date for comments is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

The latest proposal, identified as Option 3a, is in fact a variation of Option 4 which was the original proposal put forward by the Airport in 1999 and apparently remains their preferred option. They have referred to it as 3a rather than 4a to make it appear that it is a variation of Option 3, which was subsequently identified as the CAA preferred option.

The Parish Council response to the last consultation challenged the need for any change to the existing route, but added that if it was decided that changes were necessary, Option 3 was the least environmentally undesirable.

The latest proposal, (Option 3a), is supported by an Environmental Assessment which claims that the new route would result in a reduction in populations effected by noise and also a reduction in emissions. This Assessment however relies quite heavily on the assumption that the Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) allowed by the new route would provide similar benefits to those achieved by using CDA at Heathrow and Gatwick, but the CDA for Option 3a would not be defined as it is at Heathrow and Gatwick. The Option 3a CDA would have to be carried out whilst the pilot is conducting a relative tight left turn, with the rate of descent and the throttle and flap settings left entirely to the discretion of the pilot. It must therefore be questionable if all the claimed benefits of CDA would be achieved in reality.

The Environmental Assessment is also flawed in that it assumes that the current flight path affects almost the entire population of Luton, whereas data provided elsewhere in the consultation documentation clearly shows that only the eastern side of Luton is affected.

Regarding the issue of safety, the Airport are no long claiming that the new route is essential for safety reasons. They now appear to be relying on the Environmental Assessment as the primary justification, with 'enhanced safety' as a bonus. In reality it was not felt the crossover of the existing arrival and departure routes is a safety issue with current traffic levels, but it must put a limit on the amount of traffic that can use the Airport safely, which in turn must threaten their expansion aspirations.

On the face of things the proposed new route would not directly affect the Parish. The flight path over Dagnall would be very similar to the current one and neither Edlesborough or Northall are directly beneath it. What the Parish Council must appreciate however, is that if the new route is introduced and the existing bottleneck is removed, the Airport is more likely to be able to expand from the current 6 million passengers per year to the 30 million indicated in the recent white paper. That would mean a six-fold increase in incoming flights over Dagnall and a similar increase in departing Olney 1B flights over Edlesborough and Northall.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wilkinson for his report.

### **Aylesbury Vale Local Committee Report**

The meeting commenced with an open Forum followed by a series of presentations on topics felt to be of interest, concluding with a report on the Highways Dept local delivery plan.

#### **Open Forum**

The main topic of discussion was Luton Airport's Western Airspace Extension Consultation. Most of the opinions expressed were opposed to the proposal and it was agreed to try and set up a special meeting of the Local Committee during the first week of September to discuss this particular issue in detail. This was to give members the chance to hear all the pertinent arguments prior to the closing date for consultation responses.

#### **Presentations.**

**Aylesbury Transport Hub** – Plans for new bus routes and an upgrade of the bus station in Aylesbury.

**Shaping Health** – The concerns being expressed by the Patient & Public Involvement Forum in relation to the long term planning of health care in Aylesbury Vale.

**The future of Local Committees** – How local committees fit in with the decision makers and the service providers. (Flow chart)

**Highways on Call** – The latest initiative by the Highways Dept for handling and responding to issues raised by customers.

#### **Highways Dept Local Delivery Plan**

The only items relating to the Parish Council were:

An investigation to establish collision problems on the A4146 in Dagnall (Summer 2004)

Culvert replacement, Chapel Lane, Northall – February 2005.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wilkinson for his report.

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### **Scout request for funding Assistance**

The Parish Council would consider making a contribution for repairs to windows but would first wish to know as to whether an application has been made by the Scouts to AVDC for a grant, if Eaton Bray Parish Council or any other organisation has been approached, and the cost of the work involved. Clerk to action.

### **Matters to Report to the Police.**

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The Parish Council were very pleased to see the Police around the Parish. Clerk would inform Police accordingly.

## **Parish Review**

Cllr Cabbage proposed that the Clerk write to AVDC informing that the Parish Council do not wish to see any changes – seconded by Cllr Mrs. Ratheram - carried. The Chairman reported that Ivinghoe Aston wished to become part of the Parish.

## **Parish Plan**

The Parish Council agreed to hold this matter over and to be put on the Agenda in December for further discussion.

## **Edlesborough Village Hall**

Considerable discussion took place following receipt of a letter from AVDC stating that Rates have fallen due on the Village Hall of £1,600.00 and the Parish has been given until 30<sup>th</sup> September to consider it's options. If the Village Hall was managed by a Village Hall Committee rates would not be imposed on the Parish Council. An option would be to pay the rates and at the same time raise the hire charges and/ or form a Management Committee to run the Village Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Brown that the rates be paid but to continue to challenge the AVDC proposal – seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson. Approved – Clerk to action

Cllr Cabbage proposed that everything be done to form a Village Hall Committee – seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Ratheram. Not carried as Councillors felt that due to the pressure of time it would not allow the setting up of a Village Hall Committee prior to the payment of rates becoming due.

The GPC would continue to look at options to challenge the decision and arrange for a representative from AVDC to attend the next GPC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

It was voted to continue to look into the possibility of a Management Committee to run the Hall and if unsuccessful in challenging the Rating Officer then the Parish Council would agree to pay by Direct Debit, this being the cheapest option.

## **Parish Telephone**

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council pay for the installation of a separate telephone line and telephone/answering machine at the Clerk' home to be solely for Parish use enabling a separate telephone bill to be produced to the Parish Council each quarter – this was agreed by all Councillors

## **Items for the next Agenda**

General Precept – Councillors to consider items to be budgeted for the following year April 2005/06 to discuss in November.

GPC will be meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

The meeting closed at 10.52

**Next Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2004 starting at 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough.**