

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

16th December 2004

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 16th December 2004 at 7.45pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Vice Chairman Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr. Spencer, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Munday. Lin Sargeant (Clerk) District Cllr Mrs. P. Hannelly, her husband plus 11 Parishioners

Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Brown and County Councillor Avril Davies who had sent the following e-mail:

Thank you for your Christmas card and the Edlesborough magazine, with the minutes and agenda. Tonight my social life has a prior claim on me and I will be in London.

I would like to send all Edlesborough Parish Councillors my very best wishes for the season, and look forward to the New Year when I hope we will be working together on the county speed limit review, although I have not been given any dates or times other than 'January'. Best Wishes, Avril.

The Chairman welcomed all present and asked the Councillors and Clerk to introduce themselves.

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

None stated

The Chairman brought forward Item 9 on the Agenda – Traffic Calming.

It was reported that children were still having to stand on the School buses from Dagnall, The Clerk had previously written to Bucks.CC and would write again stressing the Parish Council's concern over this problem. The Chairman had recently had a meeting with Janet Hatfield, Headmistress of Edlesborough School who has agreed to take up the option of Safer Routes for Schools in an attempt to enforce more traffic calming in Edlesborough which has been a great success in Dagnall, and Mr. Brian White, in attendance at this meeting, would be taking this on board.

The Parish Council had received an e-mail letter from Mr. Peter Ashman, who introduced himself to the meeting, and the Chairman proceeded to deal with the points raised in his letter.

It was pointed out that the Parish Council has no control over articles appearing in 'Focus' as to which articles appear and when, and it was most unfortunate that the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Turner relating to their daughter's accident had appeared in the same issue as the Parish Council's report of a Parish Council meeting where the 'Duck' crossing sign had been mentioned. The Parish Councillors were distressed to hear of the accident and conveyed their sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Turner but were also shocked and dismayed to learn that parishioners did not consider the Council showed any concern over traffic calming which has always been it's top priority appearing on the Agenda at every Parish Council meeting. Cllr Wilkinson read out several items taken from previous Minutes of the Council Meetings where it was stated that a survey for additional footpaths had been carried out two years ago following an accident in Peblemoor the result being that residents were not in favour of extending the existing footpath. A Speed Indicating Device (SID) has been operating in the three villages over recent years and months the results of which are at present with Bucks. C.C. who will be holding a County Speed Limit Review early next year when the Parish Council will be pressing for more traffic calming measures for Edlesborough. There are currently several signs throughout Edlesborough outside the School and the Playground area warning motorists of children and the Duck crossing sign was not only erected, at the request of a parishioner, following the death of a swan but also as a means of slowing down traffic in the village. The Chairman reported that the money for traffic calming on the highways was the responsibility of Bucks. C.C. and although Edlesborough Parish Council apply for traffic calming measures to be installed all other villages throughout Buckinghamshire also apply and it is up to the County Council to establish which villages take priority of the resources available.

Prior to this Council meeting letters had been sent to Edlesborough School, FOES, Under 5's, the Police, Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council concerning the parking of cars outside the School which is becoming a major traffic hazard.

Mr. Ashman stated that he would retract his letter sent to 'Focus' and an open discussion followed with all parishioners present taking part, various suggestions and ideas were put forward. Bucks C.C. had been approached in the past to

install Pelican crossings but these had been turned down. A petition was handed to the Parish Council which Councillors would sign before sending onto Buckinghamshire County Council, other petitions were placed around the village and still being signed. District Councillor Pauline Hannelly spoke of the need of the parishioners to stand by their Parish Council and support their attempts at trying to get action from the County on all matters.

It was concluded that everyone should 'pull together' to make a greater impact and the Chairman invited the parishioners to remain for the remainder of the meeting and to come to subsequent Parish Council meetings in order that the Council can be made aware of any concerns throughout the parish.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2004 were agreed and signed with no amendments. .

Matters arising from the previous minutes

None other than arising later on the Agenda

Finance issues

Monthly Statements November/December 2004

The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a copy of the financial statement from 19th November to 16th December.

Authorisation of cheques

The Chairman referred the Councillors to the Clerk's list of cheques to be authorised. The Councillors unanimously authorised the cheques as set out below.

December

Category £

Street lighting repairs and electricity 1,225.95

The Green 292.50

Dagnall seats 784.90

Miscellaneous Memorial Hall, Pavilion and administration expenses 191.16

Administration 120.44

Salaries, PAYE, NIC for December 1,232.54

£ 3,847.49

Clerk's Report (Finance)

The Clerk reported that forms were awaited from Customs & Excise before submitting VAT claim.

General Precept/Budget figures

Cllr Cabbage produced figures prepared by himself and the Clerk giving more accurate details of income against expenditure. It was unanimously agreed that an **Extra Ordinary Meeting be held on Thursday 13th January 2005** to discuss the Precept in detail as the Parish Council's application has to be received by Friday 21st January 2005. The General Purpose Committee meeting to be held on 5th January will be 'held over' until 2nd February.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 16.12.04

APPEAL Re: 04/01451/APP	16 Slickett's Lane Edlesborough	Roof extension (retrospective)	Followed by revised application see below	Withdrawn
04/02619/APP 23rd September 2004	8 St. Marys Glebe, Edlesborough	New window to first floor extension (retrospective)	No Objections	Permitted
04/02808/APP	Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	Extension of roof line and conversion of existing garage to form new dwelling	No Objection * see below	
04/02992/APP 2nd Nov. 2004	26 High Street, Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and two car ports to front	No objection	Permitted

04/02998/APP 3rd Nov. 2004	1 Wren Walk, Edlesborough	First floor side and single storey rear extension	No objection	
04/02756/APP	Wards Coombe, Main Road North, Dagnall	Single storey side extension and front porch	Ivinghoe Parish	Permitted
04/02942/ACL 27th October 2004	Land off South End Lane, Northall	Continued use of land as residential curtilage	No objection	
04/02086/AOP 2nd Dec. 2004	Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall	Proposed demolition of existing dwelling, vehicle maintenance workshop and all other commercial buildings, and erection of three detached dwellings together with site landscaping and other incidental works	The Edlesborough Parish Council has no objection provided: 1. That the AVDC Planning Department can confirm to the Edlesborough Parish Council that the Application does not contravene the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan (January 2004) 2. That the overall height of the proposed 3 houses is 'normal' so as not to interfere with the views enjoyed by the local residents.	
04/02897/APP 25th Oct. 2004	Sparrow Hall Farm, Edlesborough	Change of use from barn to B1 and B8 use	Object, further commercial use inappropriate	
04/03125/APP 15th Nov. 2004	Lynwood House Leighton Road, Northall	Single storey side extension and erection of new detached double garage	No objection	
04/03181/ALB23rd Nov. 2004	Hill House, Church End, Edlesborough	Replacement windows on front, side and rear elevation	No objection	
04/03206/APP 26th Nov. 2004	The Grange, Studham Lane, Dagnall	Two storey front and side extension	No objection	
* 04/02808/APP 14th Oct. 2004	* Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	* Extension of roofline and conversion of existing garage to form new dwelling	*After careful consideration at the Council's meeting on 16.12.04 the Edlesborough Parish Council now strongly objects to the application as it clearly contravenes several sections of the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan (January 2004)	*
04/03224/APP 29th Nov. 2004	Beacon View, South End Lane, Northall	Erection of three detached dwellings	The Edlesborough Parish Council strongly objects to this application because: 1. It clearly contravenes the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan (January 2004) 2. The additional 2 houses (over and above the Approval given for a total of 5 houses on this site), would impose unacceptable levels of additional traffic on the single track South End Lane and the very restricted egress onto the A4146.	

Clerk's Report and correspondence received (copies of Report handed to Councillors)

The Clerk reported that cheques had been received from the developers of Beacon View as per Agreement. Further reports contained within the Agenda headings.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

Cllr. Prys-Jones reported on the recent GPC meeting where Mr. Andrew Lancefield had been in attendance applying for permission to have additional lighting, taken from the Pavilion, to enable football practice matches to take place after school hours. The GPC Committee wished to help in any way they could but were concerned regarding the possible overloading of the electricity supply to the Pavilion. It had been suggested that Mr. Lancefield approach the Tennis Club who may be able to allow power to be taken from their socket within the Tennis Courts. Mr. Lancefield would report back to the GPC Committee in due course. The Clerk has written to Structural Engineers regarding the Memorial Hall Floor.

Traffic Calming Report

This item took priority and has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

Dagnall

Benches have now been installed and work is to commence on the fence in January.

Edlesborough

The new cemetery gate will be installed next week.

Clerk to write to Tennis Club regarding a new Lease the cost of which should be borne by the Tennis Club.

Reported that pavement in Edlesborough where tree had been removed has been left very uneven, Clerk to contact AVDC to repair.

Northall

The 'water trap' at the junction of Eaton Bray Road and the main A4146 still causing problems, Clerk to take action.

Application to be made for a 'No Parking' sign to be installed at the passing place in Chapel Lane.

Allotments

Northall allotments to be placed on January Agenda.

Scout request for funding Assistance

Clerk to liase with Scouts on payment of donation.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Parish Council to request more Police action in Edlesborough

Edlesborough Village Hall

To be put on next Parish Council Ordinary Meeting agenda.

Items for the next Agenda

Precept/Budget

Northall Allotments

Edlesborough Memorial Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.50pm

EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2005 EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL COMMENCING 7.45pm

Next Parish Council Ordinary Meeting Thursday 20th January 2005 starting at 7.45 pm at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough.