

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2016 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
Open Forum	<p>Litter Picking – it was brought to the Council’s attention that we should consider a litter picking drive or “Clean for the Queen”</p> <p>A small working party/group is becoming established in Northall to deal with the litter on the sides of the road. It was suggested that Dagnall and Edlesborough try to do the same.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to share Clean for the Queen info with council. Information to be included in the next Focus report.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to contact Bucks CC to see if litter picking can be devolved to the Council and if so will any money be passed to the Council for taking this on.</i></p> <p>Cow Lane Tree – Council are still unable to plant this due to the requirements of Bucks CC.</p> <p><i>Action: Cllr Williams will contact Bucks CC to establish whether a licence is still required from 1st April 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Williams and Mrs Cabbage will liaise with the EDaN Beautification Team, NVH Committee and DVH Committee on the planting of Christmas Trees in Northall and Dagnall.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Williams will discuss the location of the Edlesborough Christmas Tree with the EDaN Beautification Team.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AW</p>
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm.		
Present:	Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Mrs Woodhouse, District Cllr Chris Poll, Penny Pataky (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.	
Apologies:	Cllr Mineikis & Cllr Pratt	
Declarations of Interest		
Minutes of previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 th February 2016 were ratified and signed with no amendments.	
Matters Arising		
Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)	<i>The Clerk, Manager and RFO had, prior to the meeting, provided all Councillors with detailed reports on the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green, Playground, Car Parks, Sports Clubs, Allotments, Cemetery, Churchyard, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters, Notice Boards and general Parish Council matters</i>	

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New Handyman	<p>The devolution working party proposed that Mr Darren Pearce of Northall is offered the position of “Primary Handyman” to the Parish Council with the proviso that MW Agri Ltd can be contacted should Mr D Pearce be unavailable or unable to carry out a specific task. All agreed. <i>Action: Clerk to confirm this in writing to Mr Pearce.</i></p>	Clerk
Memorial Hall	<p>SSE will be carrying out a site visit in April to change/repair the meter as it is currently not reading the day rate energy use correctly.</p>	Manager
Pavilion	<p>Reasonably priced replacement shower heads are currently being sought for the repairs to the showers. <i>Action: Manager to inform Council of costs via email.</i></p> <p>Pavilion Electrical Inspection Following ETC questioning the recent electrical inspection and invoice for the inspection of the ETC consumer board Cllr Williams proposed that in this single instance the Council absorb the cost of the inspection as a goodwill gesture to the ETC. Cllrs Nevard & Mrs Woodhouse declared an interest and abstained from the vote. Cllrs Cubbage and Wilkinson opposed the proposal and Cllrs Mrs Owen, Mrs Thomas and Mr Williams agreed to the proposal. <i>Action: Manager will write to ETC informing that in this single instance the Council will waive the charge. However future inspections will need to be paid for by the ETC. A copy of the report will be forwarded to ETC.</i></p> <p>Carnival Outside Power Point The Carnival Committee need to confirm what items are plugged into this socket on carnival day in order for the correct repairs to be carried out. <i>Action: Manager to obtain confirmation of usage. Manager to authorise electrician to carry out repairs.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Manager to obtain a second opinion on emergency lighting recommendations/improvements.</i></p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Manager</p> <p>Carnival Committee Manager</p>
The Green & Playground	<p>The new bark has been installed. Cllr Cubbage proposed that the Council revisit/add changing the play area surface to the Project List. <i>Action: Add play area surface to project list.</i></p>	AW/CN

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	<p>Following the disappoint with the previous company who carried out the play area inspections Council agreed to a one year trial with the Play Area Inspections Company. <i>Action: Clerk to arrange three accompanied inspections.</i></p> <p>The ECSC have indicated that they are considering holding a picnic/family fun day on the Green on the 12th June. Whist the Council supports this idea the group will be informed that ECC may have a cricket fixture on that date and that the event will also clash with Northall Village Family Fun Day. <i>Action: Cllr Williams to feed information back to Ken Holloway.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AW</p>
Sports Clubs	<p>ECC have paid their fees for the 2016 season.</p> <p>EB Lions will be refunded for the overpayment of their fees.</p>	
Allotments	<p>Repairs are needed to the posts supporting taps at both the Green and Cow Lane. <i>Action: Clerk to ask handyman to repair as necessary.</i></p>	Clerk
Cemetery	<p>There is one interment of ashes.</p>	
Churchyard	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
Bus Shelters	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
Litter Bins, Dog Bins & Car Parks	<p>The bin just inside the main entrance to Dagnall Allotments will be relocated to the entrance to the village on Main Road North, an exact location will shortly be agreed with the AVDC technicians who empty the bins. <i>Action: Clerk to arrange relocation once all is agreed with AVDC technicians regarding the new location.</i></p> <p>A new dog bin has been purchased for the start of the footpath on Eaton Bray Road. <i>Action: The clerk will arrange for its installation upon receipt and inform AVDC Community Spaces to add it to the emptying schedule.</i></p> <p>A replacement bin has been purchased for the faulty bin outside the green opposite Good Intent. <i>Action: Clerk to arrange for installation upon receipt.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
Noticeboards	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
Streetlights	<p>All new streetlights have been installed except for the light on the tennis courts. This will be completed once the ground has dried sufficiently to allow the cherry-picker to drive onto the Green.</p>	

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	<p>UK Power have now carried out repairs to the power supply for the light outside The Willows, CU Phosco have been asked to connect the light to the power supply.</p> <p>CU Phosco have been asked to adjust the angle of the light opposite the entrance to Kingsmead to the agreed 5 degree angle.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk and Cllr Cabbage to monitor.</i></p> <p>Streetlight Labels – Clerk has received one quote and is currently seeking another for comparison.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to share quotes and relevant information once received.</i></p>	<p>Clerk/KC</p> <p>Clerk/KC</p>																						
<p>Facebook Feedback & Comments</p>	<p>Facebook comments have focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chat about the new lights • Complaints about the increase in Dog Fouling on Waterside and the Central Beds amenity land (where the travellers parked). • Request from a Dagnall resident for a permanent Christmas tree in their village – <i>this will be passed to the EDaN Beautification Team.</i> • Compliments & message of thanks for Xmas Tree on the Green. 	<p>Clerk/AW</p>																						
<p>New Pavilion</p>	<p>The next fundraising quiz night will be held on March 18th.</p>																							
<p>FINANCE & PLANNING (Reported by Cllr Nevard and Clerk)</p>																								
<p>Accounts</p> <p>Authorisation of direct payments & cheques September (inc. VAT)</p>	<p>The Accounts for months ending 29th February 2016 having previously been circulated to Councillors were discussed and agreed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 959 1346 1390"> <tr> <td>Allotments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">148.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devolved Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDaN</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,990.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green</td> <td style="text-align: right;">594.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">740.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open Spaces</td> <td style="text-align: right;">306.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Amenities</td> <td style="text-align: right;">94.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pavilion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">559.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Projects</td> <td style="text-align: right;">18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">379.00</td> </tr> </table>	Allotments	148.00	Cemetery	26.00	Devolved Services	7.00	EDaN	1,990.00	Green	594.00	Memorial Hall	740.00	Open Spaces	306.00	Other Amenities	94.00	Pavilion	559.00	Special Projects	18.00	Street Lights	379.00	<p>Full Council</p>
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<p>Devolution of Services by Bucks CC</p>	<p>The working party proposed that the Council award the contracts for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery & Churchyard. • Grass & Hedge Cutting & Village Green Maintenance. • Bucks CC Devolved Services <p>To MW Agri Ltd. All agreed. It was agreed that the Council will meet with MW Agri for a review at the end of July and in October. A draft contract had been previously circulated to Cllrs for their approval. <i>Actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to notify other company of the Council's decision. • Clerk to notify MW Agri of the Council's decision. • Clerk to amend contract and send to MW Agri once amendments have been agreed. <p>Cllr Cabbage proposed that acceptance of the Bucks CC Devolved Services Contract; Cllr Wilkinson seconded the proposal. Full Council agreed the proposal. The contract was signed by Cllrs Williams and Wilkinson and the Clerk. <i>Action: The Clerk to forward the signed contract to Bucks CC.</i></p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk/AW Clerk						
<p>County & District Councillors Reports</p>	<p>District Councillor Chris Poll reported: The Economy Scrutiny Committee I attended recently received an update from the company set up by AVDC to deliver broadband in the harder to reach parts of the Vale.</p>							

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One consequence of this is that the existing two county delivery (BDUK) which has government funding have been given a push from its reluctant position. Disappointingly timescales have slipped and whilst BT have made commercial decisions to connect Edlesborough there are still important “not spots”. I will continue to ask for BDUK to press ahead with Fibre Optic delivery to all parts of the Edlesborough ward.

Whilst AVDC has been working in recent years to expect zero funding from central government we are hearing that there may now be an expectation from the treasury for Vale taxpayers to contribute to the tune of a possible £700k each year. Needless to say this has been questioned by our leader and discussions are ongoing with DCLG officials to clarify the position and lobby against any such action.

AVDC have set the standard for reducing costs and raising funds outside of local tax revenue and it is their stated aim of a future whereby no local tax is collected to pay for services which AVDC would deliver.

AVDC has been recognised nationally for their business-like approach to funding and delivery of services and are not resting on their laurels.

Planning

There were no new or amended applications but the following decisions had been received from AVDC

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	AVDC Decision
15/03951/APP 11 th Dec 2015	Plots 4 & 5, Threeways, Leighton Road, Northall	Erection of two single garages	No objections	Permitted
16/00113/APP 15 th January 2016	2 Swan Cottages, Leighton Road, Northall	Rear conservatory	OPPOSE	Refused

Notes:

1. Although application 15/02411/APP (57 houses on land off the High Street, Edlesborough) has yet to be formally approved, the application was deferred and delegated to the planning officers for approval at AVDC’s Strategic Development Management Committee meeting on the 10th March 2016.
2. An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application 15/01684/APP, relating to the conversion of an office building to create one dwelling at Primrose, Studham Lane, Dagnall.
3. The applicant for 2 Swan Cottages, Northall (see above) has reapplied for consent under the permitted development rights neighbour consultation scheme. The Parish Council is not a consultee for this type of application.

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	<p>Anglian Water Following the recent meeting about planning application 15/02411/APP (57 Houses off the High Street, Edlesborough) Cllr Wilkinson proposed that the Council send the previously circulated letter to Anglian Water regarding the issues with the village's sewage system. Council agreed. <i>Action: Clerk to send letter.</i></p> <p>Planning application 15/02411/APP (57 Houses off the High Street, Edlesborough) S106 Money Allocation. Council agreed that following a request from AVDC for an appropriate sport/leisure project that the £174,120.27 off-site financial contribution should be assigned to, the Clerk would respond with the following "the Council wish this S106 money (15/02411/APP - Land at High Street Edlesborough - 57 dwellings) to go towards improvements to the Pavilion and/or the Village Green and/or the Recreation Ground at The Green, Edlesborough, Near Dunstable, Beds, LU6 2JF." <i>Action: Clerk to respond accordingly.</i></p> <p>Cllr Cabbage proposed that the Council write to the case officer for Planning application 15/02411/APP (57 Houses off the High Street, Edlesborough) regarding the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of new streetlights, ensuring they match the Councils newly installed lights as the Council will become responsible for these. • Consultation over who will own, manage and maintain the open space and new play area. Again this has budget and staff implications for the Council. • Confirmation of who will be responsible for the vision splays around the junction. • Confirmation on the provision of and enforcement of the yellow lines especially as the Councils previous requests for these have always been declined on the grounds of enforcement. • Sight and consultation of the Section 106 agreement before it is agreed and signed off. <p>Council agreed to this proposal. <i>Action: Cllr Cabbage will draft and circulate letter for the Clerk to forward once agreed by Council.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KC & Clerk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>The next steering group meeting will be held on Monday 21st March 2016.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AW & Clerk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EDaN Report & Traffic Calming</p>	<p><u>Beautification Team</u></p>	

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	<p>The Car Boot Sale is planned for Monday 2 May. Council agreed to a charge of £1 for the vehicles of buyers who park on the Green.</p> <p><u>Friends Of The Church On The Hill Edlesborough</u> The Annual Festival is set for the weekend of June 24th-26th. The Burghope Trust has again granted permission for the use of the field behind the church subject to the agreement of Messrs Pratt. It was very successful last year and they hope that permission will be forthcoming. As part of the original agreement brokered by Cllr Cubbage, The Friends will now offer to put a permanent gate for access to the field. Access will still be subject to favourable weather conditions.</p> <p><u>Traffic Management</u> The Traffic Management Team having worked hard on the A4146 to 'B' road issue is now turning its attention back to speed monitoring. New volunteers have come forward for the new Sentinel system. They thank Bryan Daniels for agreeing to manage the loan of the equipment on behalf of BCC.</p> <p>Additionally they have asked to be part of the loan of BCC MVAS equipment to the parish. This equipment is managed by Cheddington Parish Council. It may involve the installation of posts in key positions around the parish. The positions have to be approved by TVP. Details to follow in due course.</p> <p>As a consequence of persuading BCC to buy the Sentinel equipment for our LAF group, the old Speedwatch equipment purchased by EPC some years ago is no longer needed and approval to dispose of this is required from EPC. Efforts will be made to sell the equipment to other potential parish council users.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to see if this can be advertised in the SLCC magazine.</i></p>	Clerk
Villages	<p><u>Cow Lane amenity land</u> – a response is still awaited from AVDC regarding the PC's offer to review the deeds on this land. <i>Action: Clerk to chase again.</i></p> <p><u>7.5T Restrictions</u> Advisory signs have been installed on the A4146 near the High Street, Edlesborough and Eaton Bray Road, Northall warning drivers of the 7.5ton restrictions.</p> <p><u>Slicketts Lane</u> Following the concerns raised at the February meeting regarding vehicles travelling in the wrong direction along Slicketts Lane it has been confirmed by Bucks CC that entry from the ford end of Slicketts Lane is prohibited. The road does not have a one way restriction on it.</p>	Clerk Clerk

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	<p><i>Action: Clerk to write to residents of Slicketts Lane to ask if they would like a one way restriction on the road or if they would prefer it to remain as it is.</i></p> <p><u>Summerleys Parking</u> Inconsiderate parking continues to be an issue in Summerleys with drivers continuing to ignore the white lines outside the shops and entrance to a driveway further down the road. A request for bollards to be installed has been refused by Transport for Bucks on the grounds of the pavements being too narrow. It has been confirmed that vehicles parking on the white lines blocking people from exiting driveways can be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Transport for Bucks will visit the site and confirm whether the white lines across the driveway can be extended (these usually allow 1 metre from a dropped kerb). <i>Action: Clerk to respond to resident and follow up extension of white lines with TfB.</i></p>	Clerk
Correspondence	The Clerk shared the concerns of a resident of Kingsmead who is concerned about the number of vans and lorries “attempting to use Kingsmead as a cut through to the High Street”.	
Items for Agenda 21st April 2016	Items for the Agenda for EPC Meeting to be held on 21 st April 2016 at Edlesborough Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.	
	The meeting closed at 10.50pm.	