

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
Open Forum	<p>A parishioner raised concern about the disposal of the spoil from the McCann development to the rear of Pebblemoor.</p> <p>Mr Inchbold from McCann homes assured parishioners and the council at the October 2014 meeting that all spoil would be re excavated and disposed of correctly.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to write to McCann homes requesting an explanation detailing the disposal of the re excavated spoil. If any spoil is still waiting to be disposed of can McCann please inform the Council as to how and when this will happen?</i></p>	Clerk
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 8:45pm.		
Present:	<p>Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, , Penny Pataky (Clerk), District Cllr Chris Poll, County Cllr Avril Davis and 3 parishioners.</p>	
Apologies:	<p>Cllr Pratt, Cllr Mrs Woodhouse, Lin Sargeant (RFO & Planning), PCSO Jackie Dodson & PC Joanne Newton</p>	
Declarations of Interest	<p>None</p>	
Minutes of previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2015 were ratified and signed.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p>None</p>	
Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)	<p><i>The Clerk and Manager, 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></p>	
Memorial Hall	<p>The Gas & Electricity fixed term contracts are due for renewal.</p> <p><i>Action: Manager to provide Cllrs with a detailed table of the options. KC to provide manager with details of a comparison website used by Northall Village Hall.</i></p> <p>Anglian Water will be carrying out a water inspection of EMH on 6th May 2015.</p> <p>Cllrs will discuss and agree EMH charges at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Manager</p> <p>Full Council</p>

Pavilion	The Manager reported that door handle was damaged and has subsequently been repaired. All sports clubs have been written to requesting that the manager is notified of any breakages/faults/issues regarding the Pavilion ASAP.	Manager
The Green & Playground	The company who supplied the basketball net confirmed that it can only be returned unused. The net has now disappeared from the ring. Cllrs agreed not to replace the net at this time.	Manager
Sports Clubs	Nothing to report.	Manager
Allotments	Anglian Water will be carrying out a water inspection on 6 th May at Northall Allotments.	Clerk
Cemetery	Works continues with the levelling and seeding of the graves. The posts to mark out the turning circle are now installed. <i>Moss Removal</i> Council discussed the removal of moss from the cemetery. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Malcolm Weaver for a quote for grass cutting in the Churchyard. Council to compare costs of all works at Cemetery and Churchyard .Chairman to look at total spend and discuss with contractors. Decision on moss treatment deferred to next meeting.</i> The request for an interment in a different location was denied, due to cost and management implications. <i>Action: Clerk to inform the relatives.</i>	Clerk/AW Clerk
Churchyard	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Litter Bins & Dog Bins	Nothing to report.	Manager
Car Parks	Nothing to report	Clerk/DT
Noticeboards	Nothing to report	
Amenity Land adjacent to Edlesborough Doctors Surgery in Cow Lane	The Council are currently awaiting a response from AVDC for permission to use part of this land to create additional parking for Parishioners using Edlesborough Surgery.	Clerk
Car Parking Outside Shops	Council acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Janes regarding the parking issues outside the shops. Council have yet to receive a response from Edlesborough Flowers and Edlesborough Stores. <i>Action: Clerk to write to Janes acknowledging receipt of their letter.</i>	Clerk

Streetlights	CU Phosco are going to place a larger shield on the new light on Main Road North, Dagnall.		AW KC/Clerk																											
Facebook Feedback & Comments	<p>Currently there is no Facebook feedback or comments to report.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed an offer from a Parishioner to help set up an email list and agreed to invite the Parishioner to give a short presentation about this to the Council at a future EPC meeting.</p> <p>There is currently a technical issue with the EPC website which Cllr Cabbage is working hard to rectify.</p>		KC/Clerk																											
New Pavilion	<p>The closing date for comments regarding the planning application for the new Pavilion was 14th April. Cllr Wilkinson reported that currently there were two letters of objection, a few letters in support of the new pavilion and a neutral letter.</p> <p>Council expressed their dismay that despite a communication from the Open Spaces Society requesting more information regarding this application from the Council before they submitted their opinion on 10th April; the OSS submitted an objection to the application before 10th April. Council have written to OSS sharing previous communications between themselves and the OSS requesting that they reconsider their letter of objection.</p>																													
FINANCE & PLANNING (Reported by Cllr Nevard and Clerk)																														
Accounts	<p>The March cheque run was ratified and agreed.</p> <p>The April cheque run was agreed.</p> <p>The council are still awaiting confirmation from Barclays PLC of the change of mandate and signatories on the account.</p>		Clerk/CN																											
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	Total:	4841.91	
Control Protocol for Online Banking	Deferred to next meeting.		Clerk/CN
Review Charges for 2015/16	Deferred to next meeting. <i>Action: JW to circulate recommendations to full council.</i>		JW/Clerk
Project List	Deferred to next meeting.		KC/CN/AW
County & District Councillors Reports	<p>District Cllr Chris Poll</p> <p>Reported that AVDC had contributed £10,000 to an investigation into mitigation measures surrounding the tunnelling of the HS2 railway through the Chilterns AONB. The investigation looked at the cost which has an implication of £400 million. He felt that whatever the mitigation proposed for Wendover and Stoke Mandeville one or both of them would suffer disruption during the construction phase and that this report was seeking to improve the plight of Wendover residents at the expense of Stoke Mandeville residents. His view is that whatever is proposed there will inevitably be some, quite possibly a substantial amount, of spoil being transported through the Edlesborough area on its way to the M1. He therefore abstained on the vote as in my view HS2 will do nothing for our area but the disruption and damage will be enormous. The vote was narrowly won and as such the petition for a “Long Tunnel” will be put to parliament shortly.</p> <p>The formation of a separate company has been approved which will deliver broadband in areas where the commercial provision is unlikely. This will be a partnership between AVDC and an existing provider that thus far has only made provision for larger settlements. The infrastructure will still be provided by BT but any contracts with residents will be through this new company.</p> <p>With the announcement of candidates for the District Council elections of May 7th Chris Poll is the only candidate nominated for the Edlesborough ward so is elected uncontested. He is delighted to be our representative for a further term but also disappointed. He realises not everyone would have voted for him and is genuinely sorry electors will not have a choice. With the Parish being uncontested as well as District and a restricted choice in the general election he would not be surprised if residents feel somewhat disenfranchised. All he can do is promise that he will continue to answer your queries and attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible during his next term as he has done over the last four years.</p> <p>AVDC’s Deputy Chief Executive is to leave his post in the next few weeks. It is with personal sadness that Jon McGinty has announced he is to leave his position. Jon is known to us all as the AVDC representative at the Local Area Forum. He will take on the role of Managing Director at another authority shortly and will be sadly missed by all.</p>		

	As this is the last meeting of EPC for this term of office, Chris thanked all members standing again and also those leaving the Council for their warm welcome they have extended to him over the last four years. Parish Councillors are not strictly volunteers but the time they give to the betterment of their respective communities without reward should be congratulated and acknowledged.					
Planning	The following applications had been received, were discussed and the following responses agreed to be submitted to AVDC				RFO/JW	
	Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response		
	15/00961/APP 26 th Mar 2015	Manor Farm, Pebblemoor, Edlesborough	Single storey side extension	No objections		
	15/00999/APP 24 th Mar 2015	12 Orchard House, Wren Walk, Edlesborough	Two storey and single storey front & side extensions and two storey rear extension	No objections		
	15/01021/APP 31 st Mar 2015	48 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No objections		
	15/01056/APP 13 th Apr 2015	The Waste Land, Dunstable Road, Dagnall	Single storey rear ground floor extension, raising of roof and first storey side extension	No objections		
	15/01154/APP 13 th Apr 2015	Land to the rear of 44 to 58 Pebblemoor, Edlesborough	Change of use from agricultural to residential garden	No objections		
Planning cont.	The following decisions had been received from AVDC				RFO/JW	
	Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response		AVDC Decision
	14/00625/APP April 2014	29 Nelson Road, Dagnall	Single storey rear and two storey side extension	No objections		ALLOWED ON APPEAL
	15/00337/APP 11 th Feb 2015	Northall Village Hall, South End Lane, Northall	Installation of 24 solar panels to south east (rear) facing roof	SUPPORT	Permitted	

	15/00529/APP 24 th Feb 2015	Lower Farm, Leighton Road, Northall	Conversion of existing stables to home business use including demolition of concrete block wall.	No objections	Permitted	
Employee Working Party	The Employee Working Party proposed that the Manager role receives a 2% increase in the hourly rate but with an increase in the number of hours per week from 4 to 5. All agreed. <i>Action: Payroll to be adjusted accordingly.</i>					CN/Clerk
Neighbourhood Plan	Council briefly discussed the benefits of a neighbourhood plan. All Cllrs were again encouraged to familiarise themselves with the process and benefits of a Neighbourhood plan. Council agreed to begin the process for developing a neighbourhood plan; this will involve a public meeting, questionnaire and application for funding. <i>Action: Cllrs to familiarise themselves with the idea of a neighbourhood plan. Obtain guidance from Community Impact for Bucks.</i>					Full Council AW/JW/Clerk
EDaN Report	Nothing to report					
Letter to John Bercow MP	Following a request from a parishioner who had spoken with John Bercow MP regarding the proposed McCann Housing Development on the High Street, Edlesborough Council agreed to write sharing information on the current position. Council reinforced that they are unable to support or object to the proposed new housing development until an application is submitted to AVDC. <i>Action: Clerk to draft letter for chairman to approve and send to John Bercow MP.</i>					Clerk/AW
Villages & Traffic Calming	<u>Edlesborough</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TFB gave permission for a parishioner to carry out any necessary work on two trees in the hedge in Brownlow Avenue which are suffering from Die Back Ash. 30mph sign on Church End is still leaning despite repeated reports to TFB <u>Northall</u> The hole/collapsed pavement near the 30mph VAS has again been reported to TFB and will be repaired this week. Speed delimiter sign (near Slapton turn towards Leighton Buzzard) has fallen from the pole. <u>Dagnall</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council request that the dragons teeth are relocated in the correct position on Main Road North <i>Action: Clerk to request work is carried out asap.</i> 					Clerk Clerk
Items for Agenda 21st May 2015	The May Meeting will follow the Annual Meeting of the Council. Meetings will be held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillator presentation will be the first item of the evening. 					
	The meeting closed at 10:52pm					