

**Edlesborough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013**  
**at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
<b>Open Forum</b>	Mr John Pratt (Jnr) attended the meeting to answer any queries the Parish Council might have on a recent planning application submitted to install ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Sparrow Hall Farm. The Council appreciated Mr. Pratt's attendance and would be sending a 'No Objection' response .to AVDC	
<b>The acting Chairman (Cllr Alan Williams) formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, District Cllr Chris Poll	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Wilson declared an interest on Agenda item concerning Luton Airport and Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones declared an interest on the item concerning Gypsy & Traveller Needs Assessment 2013.	
<b>Minutes of previous Meetings</b>	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved and signed by Cllr Williams.	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Any matters arising are referred to under the following agenda items.	
<b>Parish Amenities</b>	The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk 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. The following points were discussed:	
Memorial Hall	<p><u>New chairs</u>            It has now been confirmed that the Burghope Trust will fund 50 new chairs, the WI will fund 10 chairs and the Parish Council will fund the remaining 20 chairs required. It was suggested by the Burghope Trust and WI that the colour 'Rainforest' be chosen and this was agreed by Council. The chairs will be ordered at the beginning of March by the Hall Manager. The Clerk recommended that the monetary donations for the chairs and payment of Invoice take place in April at the beginning of the new financial year.</p> <p><u>Gas supplier</u>            The Parish Council have cancelled British Gas and will be commencing a new contract with E-On in April who also supply electricity to the Hall and Pavilion.</p> <p><u>Increase in Handyman's hourly rate</u>            A certain amount of discussion took place and the Clerk/Manager was authorised to obtain a written request to be presented to the full</p>	<p>PP/Clerk March/April</p> <p>CN/Clerk April</p>

	Council in March	Full Council/Clerk/Manager
The Green	The Assistant Clerk and Cllr Ratheram attended the Carnival meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> February. The Carnival Committee have worked very hard to create a bad weather contingency plan which will be sent to the Council in due course for approval. Quotations for grass and hedge cutting to be discussed at the March meeting	Manager/JR March Full Council March
Playground	The Assistant Clerk is liaising with prospective wet pour companies regarding resurfacing under the existing play equipment	Manager March
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Sports Clubs	Responses have been received from all Sports Clubs with suggested dates for a further meeting. Manager to organise a suitable date	Manager
Allotments	The Assistant Clerk has received one enquiry asking for a half plot in Edlesborough. Further to a request from Dagnall allotments to clear a large quantity of saplings/trees to create two new allotments the Council have asked to be informed of how many allotments are vacant at this time to establish whether clearing the area is necessary	Manager March
Cemetery	The new 'No Parking' sign has been installed on the bridleway gate. Quotations for grass cutting/strimming to be obtained and discussed at the March meeting.	Full Council March
Churchyard	Quotations for maintenance of the Churchyard to be obtained and discussed at the March meeting	Clerk Full Council
Street Lighting	Several faulty lights have now been repaired. The light situated adjacent to the Tennis Courts on the Green is malfunctioning and will be attended to.	Clerk
Bus Shelters	The Assistant Clerk shared a picture of the large crack in the brickwork of the bus stop at the top of the High Street, Edlesborough, and will obtain a quote for the cost of repairs	Assistant Clerk
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Litter bins	Nothing to report	
<b>Finance</b>	Accounts for the month ended 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2013 showed a small variance which was explained and were then approved.  The Parish Council's deeds have been retrieved from the Bank and are now retained in a digital safe	
<b>Authorisation of cheques (1-January incl. VAT)</b>	The following cheques had been authorised for payment:  Administration & Office expenses (inc.purchase of Safe) 106.50 Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc.cleaning 2 months & electricity) 672.84 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,220.90 Cemetery expense 143.09	Clerk

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<b>District Councillor's Report</b>	<p>On the Vale of Aylesbury Plan the 25th March is the date for the South East plan to be revoked. Shortly after that the AVDC plan will go out to consultation. One suggestion has been that in order to speed things up residents should refrain from commenting in the positive as this will entail consideration with little point. If residents are against the plan they may of course write in directly but it would seem preferable to be done through the Parish Council route. With so many Parish Councils in the Vale this process will take some time anyway.</p> <p>The introduction of a new recycling and food waste scheme has led to a dramatic increase in recycling rates in Aylesbury Vale.</p> <p>Latest figures show that recycling jumped to 54 per cent over the first four months of the new system, more than doubling how much recycling Aylesbury Vale District Council collected in 2011 – ahead of the current targets set by Government.</p> <p>In the first four months of the new service, nearly 9,000 tonnes of waste have been saved from going into landfill – equivalent to the weight of over a thousand double decker buses.</p> <p>With landfill tax currently standing at £64 per tonne, and set to rise again in April, this improved performance has already saved hundreds of thousands pounds in disposal costs.</p> <p>Residents who find their recycling bin filling up too quickly can apply for a larger, or additional recycling bin and an extra food waste bin too. People can help improve the district's recycling rates further by not putting non-recyclable items such as plastic bags, plant pots and polystyrene food trays in their recycling bins.</p> <p>So far over 2,000 tonnes of food waste has been collected from home and recycled into electricity enough to power over 230 homes 24/7.</p> <p>Residents interested in applying for a larger or additional recycling or food waste bin should go to AVDC's website <a href="http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk">www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk</a> and click on '@apply for it'. New garden waste customers can sign up online too the same way.</p>									

<b>Planning</b>	The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC				JW/Clerk	
	13/00348/APP 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	Sparrow Hall Farm Leighton Road Edlesborough	Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels	No Objections		
	The following decisions had been received from AVDC					
	12/02503/APP 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	Land at rear of The Bell PH, Church End Edlesborough	Erection of two semi-detached dwellings and creation of access through boundary wall to serve the two new dwellings (Revised scheme -10/02218/APP)	No Objections		Permitted
	12/02504/ALB 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	Land Rear to The Bell Ph, Church End Edlesborough	Demolition and repair of part of listed wall to create access to serve the two new dwellings (Revised scheme 10/02219/ALB)	No Objections		Permitted
	12/02500/APP 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	Plot 7 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Erection of one new detached dwelling with attached garage	No Objections		Permitted
	12/02414/APP 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	121 High Street Edlesborough	Two storey side extension and single storey attached garage to side	No Objections		Permitted
	12/02595/APP 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	Pinfield Leighton Road Northall	Erection of garage with store	No Objections		Permitted
	12/02594/APP 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	20 Good Intent Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension, erection of monopitched roof to garage to create first floor accommodation	No Objections		Permitted
	11/01315/APP 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	Scout Hall 71 High Street, Edlesborough	Single storey front extension and access steps and ramp MINOR AMENDED PLANS	No further comments		Permitted
	Information received from Thames Valley Primary Care Agency regarding applications for Pharmaceutical Services in Pitstone and Ivinghoe, comments to be forwarded by 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2013. The Council agreed to defer commenting until the Councillor dealing with planning aspects has studied the applications.				JW/Clerk March	
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	No further information				March	

<b>EDaN Report</b>	<u>Beautification</u> The planter around the Edlesborough Village sign is in place. Sponsorship for the existing planters needs renewal by May of this year. Work on renewals will start immediately. A reminder that the Car Boot Sale will take place on the morning of Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May weather permitting. The Villages Notebook is in preparation.	
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	<p><u>Cycleways</u> Alan attended the LAF sub-group on this topic. EdaN's plans have been submitted to the process for evaluation and potential seed funding. The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Alan has offered the Memorial Hall as a venue. Penny has this pencilled in.</p> <p><u>Traffic Management</u> The latest meeting took place on 12 Feb, minutes are not yet available.</p> <p><u>Friends of the Church on the Hill</u> Plans for the Edlesborough Festival are moving forward for the weekend of 7,8 and 9<sup>th</sup> June. The team is working with The CCT on opening the church. The CCT will probably opt for opening the church 24x7 unless a rota can be put together for formal openings or an electronic locking mechanism is installed(approx £3000) -to be paid for by the Friends. Based on the current situation it is likely that the church will be left open. There is an initiative from Buckinghamshire Community Foundation to enable groups not registered as charities to be able to get donations and have the tax provided via Gift Aid. If the 'Friends' open a bank account for this purpose they can take advantage of this facility via localgiving.com. This is under consideration.</p>	
<b>The Villages</b>	<p><u>Edlesborough</u> A decision as to whether the Council will be having a stall at the Carnival will be taken at the March meeting</p> <p><u>Edlesborough</u> Again Bucks CC have been prompted to deal with the pot holes in the village</p> <p><u>Dagnall</u> 2013/14 quotation for grass cutting at Recreation Field to be discussed at March meeting</p> <p><u>Dagnall</u> Clerk to request response from Bucks CC regarding white lining in Nelson Road/Dunstable Road</p> <p><u>Northall</u> A resident is meeting with Anglian Water to discuss the problems with flooding in Chapel Lane</p> <p><b><u>Gypsy &amp; Traveller Needs Assessment 2013</u></b> The Parish Council have completed and will be submitting answers to a survey</p>	<p>Full Council March</p> <p>Clerk March</p> <p>Full Council March</p> <p>Clerk March</p> <p>Clerk March</p> <p>March</p>
<b>Luton Airport</b>	Objection to the proposed Planning Application has been sent to Luton Borough Council by the Parish Council	March
<b>Traffic Calming</b>	<p><u>Dagnall</u> Traffic survey to be carried out on Dunstable Road by residents which will be submitted to Bucks CC.</p>	March
<b>Correspondence</b>	All important information previously emailed to Council	

Items for Agenda for meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	None referred to	
<b>The meeting closed at 9.00pm</b>		