

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2013 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
Open Forum	There were no questions from the Parishioners who were present. PCSO Jackie Dodson from Thames Valley Police gave a report on the higher number of burglaries which were taking place in the parish and neighbouring villages.	
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.50pm		
Present:	Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, County Cllr Avril Davies, District Cllr Chris Poll, PCSO Jackie Dodson (part of meeting) and 3 Parishioners (1 for part of meeting).	
Apologies:	Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones	
Declarations of Interest	Cllr Wilson declared an interest on Agenda item concerning Luton Airport.	
Minutes of previous Meetings	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 nd December 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman following one slight amendment to the EDaN report.	
Matters Arising	Any matters arising are referred to under the following agenda items.	
Parish Amenities	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	<u><i>New chairs</i></u> A letter had been received from The Burghope Trust concerning its offer of a donation towards the purchase of 50 chairs. Mrs Shipway explained that the chairs proposed by the Council would not be suitable as it would not be possible to put 3 chairs between the legs of the tables. She therefore proposed the purchase of 50 chairs of a different design which had light-weight aluminium frames, padded seats and backs which were all completely washable, and were also stackable in tens. This proposal was subject to the Parish Council agreeing to purchase a further 20 chairs with the intimation that another donor may come forward to purchase the remaining 10 chairs to make-up the total of 80 required. The Council thanked the Burghope Trust for their generous offer and agreed	MPJ; Manager & Mrs Shipway February/April

	<p>with the proposed type of chair. The Council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of 20 chairs in April, (the beginning of the next financial year). The colour of the chairs to be agreed between Cllr Prys-Jones, Manager and Mrs Shipway.</p> <p><u>Gas</u> The Contract with British Gas is up for renewal in April. Cllr Nevard volunteered to carry out a price comparison of several suppliers (gas and electricity) for both the Memorial Hall and Pavilion. The Clerk to provide the necessary usage and cost data over the past 12 months.</p>	CN February Clerk January
The Green	<p>The Meeting of St Mary's Village Carnival Committee had been cancelled and will be rescheduled. The Council has given permission for a seat, in memory of Terry Carlisle, to be positioned by the Tennis Courts.</p>	Manager/JR February
Playground	<p>The Manager is in the process of obtaining quotations for replacing the bark chippings with a 'wet pour safety surface'. The Manager will arrange the yearly RoSPA Inspections requesting that a representative accompanies each inspection of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall</p>	Manager February Manager February
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Sports Clubs	Council requested the Clerk to write to Dunstable Road Runners thanking them for their letter and explaining that Edlesborough Cricket Club would be playing on the pitch for the 2013 season.	Clerk
Allotments	Problems had occurred at Dagnall allotments with allotment tenants' debris encroaching on the adjacent farmland fence, this has now been resolved. 1 enquiry received regarding allotment availability in Edlesborough.	February
Cemetery	A further burial has taken place causing extensive damage to the surface of the Cemetery due to a Hearse driving to the burial plot. Council to inform Undertakers that they will be responsible for the reimbursement of groundwork required.	Clerk, February
Churchyard	Council agreed to replace the stolen bridleway gate sign.	Clerk February
Street Lighting	A vast number of streetlights have been repaired over the past two months.	
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report	
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Litter bins	Nothing to report	
Finance	<p>Accounts for the month ended 31st December 2012 were approved.</p> <p><u>Budget & Precept 2013/14</u> These matters had been the subject of much discussion by the Council over the past two months due to a number of factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cumulative adverse impact of having held its Precept at £64,000 for the past 3 years • the consequent forecast deficit of £3,000 for 2012/13 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Council's continuing aim of trying to keep the Precept as low as possible, compatible with providing Parishioners with well maintained – and where possible, improving – amenities bench-marking with other local AVDC parishes the uncertainty of the Government's proposals concerning fundamental changes in its 'Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) the Parish Council's Budget for 2013/14 requiring a total Council Tax income of £74,109, including Special Projects' allocation of £10,900 <p>After further discussion, the Council agreed to set its <u>Precept</u> at £68,000.00 for 2013/14 on the understanding that this would be topped-up in 2013/14 by £5,803 of LCTS and £306 from AVDC. It was understood that the Government's LCTS would probably be reduced in future years, and that the top-up from AVDC was for one year only.</p> <p>Cllr Nevard requested that 2 additional lines be included in the accounts in 2013/14 To show the LCTS and AVDC elements so that they could be separately monitored in future years.</p> <p>After having been informed by the Customer Service Department of the Council's Bank that the Leighton Buzzard branch could no longer hold the deeds, the Clerk was authorised to ascertain where the deeds would be kept, and what the cost would be and also if there would be any cost for accessing the deeds.</p>	<p>Clerk to advise AVDC on 18.1.13</p> <p>KJC/Clerk April '13</p> <p>Clerk</p>												
Authorisation of cheques (1-January incl. VAT)	<p>The following cheques had been authorised for payment:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Administration & Office expenses</td> <td>128.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. cleaning 2 months)</td> <td>441.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries (including PAYE/NIC)</td> <td>1,160.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery expense</td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Streetlight repairs</td> <td><u>717.50</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£2,483.14</td> </tr> </table>	Administration & Office expenses	128.81	Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. cleaning 2 months)	441.78	Salaries (including PAYE/NIC)	1,160.05	Cemetery expense	35.00	Streetlight repairs	<u>717.50</u>		£2,483.14	Clerk
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County Councillor's Report	<p>There will be a Sub Committee meeting held on 23rd January at Griffin Lane, Aylesbury commencing 10.30am to discuss the aftermath of the Speed Limit Review. Cllr Williams volunteered to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>A representative will be attending the Local Area Forum meeting to discuss the Luton Airport planning application.</p> <p>Children attending Cottesloe School will have free transport, those attending Aylesbury Schools will have to pay.</p>	AW February												
District Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr Poll informed the Parish Council that the government had offered a freeze grant equivalent to 1% (£84,000). Cabinet have reaffirmed the recommendation to refuse the freeze grant and ask for a 2% increase (£164,000) on its portion of council tax. This equates to £2.52 per year or 22p per month on a band D property. That recommendation will be voted on at the next AVDC full council meeting on 6th February.</p>													
Planning	<p>No applications had been received.</p> <p>The following decisions had been received from AVDC:</p>													

12/01887/ALB 23rd August 2012	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Demolition of single storey rear extension and replacement with a new single storey rear extension; internal alteration and external alterations and addition of a new front boundary treatment	No Objections	Permitted
12/02392/APP 26th October 2012	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and front boundary enclosure with wall/railings	No Objections	Permitted
12/02414/APP 29th October 2012	121 High Street Edlesborough	Two storey side extension and single storey attached garage to side	No Objections	Permitted
12/02500/APP 7th November 2012	Plot 7 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Erection of one new detached dwelling with attached garage	No Objections	Permitted

	A Householder at Church End had contacted the Council concerning a proposed application to AVDC to lower the kerb for vehicular access to their property from the A4146. The Council agreed for the Clerk to write to the Householder informing that similar applications had been submitted in the past and refused. It was suggested that neighbouring properties might look into the possibility of pooling their front gardens to create a joint in/out driveway and parking/turning area that would overcome the previous objections made by the Highway Department.	Clerk
Affordable Housing	Several sites have been identified and submitted to Community Impact Bucks and following consultations with landowners etc. a report will be submitted to the Council.	Full Council
EDaN Report	<p><u>Beautification</u></p> <p>The Beautification Team installed the planter around the Edlesborough sign last month, together with permanent and seasonal plants and bulbs. The Team has yet to order the green plaque similar to that on the Northall sign planter, but will be finalising the details for this at their meeting on the 24th January. The new sign will credit the Village sign to EDaN and EPC, and the planter to the Edlesbray Players.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum has set-up a Footpaths & Cycleways group meeting for 22nd January.</p>	AW
Friends of the Church on the Hill Edlesborough	Some of the Friends of the Church on the Hill, Edlesborough met with the AVDC Historic Buildings Officer at the Church on Tuesday 8 th January and had a very constructive meeting. The HBO was very supportive of the Friends' plans, and made some constructive suggestions on how and where to install a kitchen and toilets and took away some actions to provide more information on contacts and procedures etc. There are a lot of 'stakeholders' to satisfy to get anything done but the Friends were encouraged by the meeting.	MW

<p>The Villages</p>	<p>Following a request by the Parish Council 2 years ago, it appears that Pebblemoor is now on the road salting list and Eaton Bray Road, Northall is also now being salted.</p> <p><u>Edlesborough</u> Some burglaries had occurred in the village over the Christmas/New Year period.</p> <p><u>Dagnall</u> A request for white lining to be implemented in Nelson Road at the junction with Dunstable Road has been sent to Bucks CC and the Clerk will contact Thames Valley Police to ask for assistance in warning drivers not to park near to this junction. .</p> <p>Dagnall Village Hall Committee has requested that a School Crossing Patrol be provided on Dunstable Road. Clerk would contact Bucks CC Road Safety Team and Cllr Williams would raise this matter at the LAF Sub Committee meeting. Cllr Holt to liaise with Dagnall School to ensure that the Headteacher is aware of, and in agreement with, the Hall Committee's request and the Parish Council's support</p> <p><u>Northall</u> Waiting to hear from Bucks CC regarding the position of footpath across Northall Village Green and also waiting for a response from Anglian Water regarding flooding in Chapel Lane.</p>		<p>BH/Clerk February</p> <p>BH/Clerk February</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>Luton Airport</p>	<p>A planning application has been submitted for the expansion of Luton Airport and Cllr Wilkinson will be drafting a suitable response on behalf of the Council which, when approved by all Councillors, will be submitted.</p>		<p>JW/Clerk February</p>
<p>Traffic Calming</p>	<p>As reported by County Cllr Avril Davies, there is to be a meeting to discuss the recent Speed Limit Review and the question of getting the speed reduced on the A4146 from the Travellers Rest to Edlesborough will be an item on that Agenda</p>		<p>February</p>
<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>All e-mailed to Councillors except for: The Clerk magazine Which had been placed on the table for Councillors to review.</p>		
<p>Items for Agenda for meeting 21st February 2013</p>			
<p>Agenda items to be carried forward when more information is to hand</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Status on Registration of Green Communicating with Parishioners (website development/e-mail data base) Vale of Aylesbury Plan</p>	<p>Luton Airport Expansion Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting, April 2013 Dragons Teeth (to be repositioned when existing ones have worn out)</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 9.55pm</p>			

Next Meeting	Thursday 21st February 2013 at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL commencing 7.30pm	
Date of Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 18th April 2013	
Date of AGM	Thursday 16th May 2013	