

# Edlesborough Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
Open Forum	No questions were raised	
<b>The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.35pm</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson; Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, District Cllr Chris Poll and 2 parishioners	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Assistant Clerk: Penny Pataky	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None were expressed.	
<b>Minutes of previous Meetings</b>	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<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> These were in the process of being ordered in colour 'Rain Forest'</p> <p><u>Gas</u> National Grid have changed over the meter and the new meter number has been notified to E-On.</p> <p><u>New Hirers</u> Manager to report on progress with obtaining new hirers for the Hall.</p>	<p>PP/April</p> <p>Manager April</p>
The Green	<p>Cllr Ratheram gave a report from the meeting of the Carnival Committee which she had attended with the Manager. The Carnival Committee would be preparing a colour coded Contingency document setting out areas where stalls, vehicles, large items of equipment etc. would be positioned and taking into account weather conditions.</p> <p>It was agreed by Council that the seat in memory of Terry Carlisle will be positioned on the Green adjacent to the Tennis Courts in line</p>	<p>JR/Manager</p> <p>Manager</p>

	with the existing seat.	
Playground	Quotations for wet pour not yet to hand. To be chased.	Manager March
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Sports Clubs	A further meeting of the Sports Clubs will be held on 4 <sup>th</sup> April. Council agreed to support the proposal, made by one of the Clubs at the previous meeting on 31 <sup>st</sup> January, to continue using their existing individual Pavilion/Green fees as the basis for the future. In line with the Council's practice over many years, these would then each be increased by the same appropriate percentage for each year. The Council will not consider any change to the current basis for charging unless the proposal has the unanimous agreement of all the clubs using the Pavilion/Green, and that the total amount of all fees in no less than what the existing basis would have generated with annual percentage increases. The Manager is to speak to The Swan Football team regarding outstanding Green maintenance fees.	Manager/KC/ KC/CN April
Allotments	A new gate has been installed at the entrance to Dagnall allotments and further allotments have been let.	Assistant Clerk April
Cemetery	Work to commence on repairing the damaged surface of the grass when weather permits. The undertaker that caused the damage has agreed to reimburse the Council for the cost of the repairs. No burials have taken place this month	April
Churchyard	Nothing to report	April
Street Lighting	Council to consider the cost and benefits of more modern replacement lamp fittings	April
Bus Shelters	Quotation to repair the brickwork of the bus shelter near Church Croft was approved and work to be carried out.	Assistant Clerk
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Litter bins Dog Bins	AVDC has notified a significant decrease in the cost of emptying the dog bins. However, Parish Councils in the future have to purchase lockable dog bins	
<b>Finance</b>	Accounts for the month ended 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 were approved. <u>Budget</u> Council went through the final budget proposals, agreed amendments as necessary and then approved the overall outcome. It was agreed to go out to tender for 2014/15 quotes for the Green routine maintenance programme in the Autumn of 2013. Council recommended that the War Memorial area be tidied monthly. An additional sum of £1,000 would be set aside towards the replacement of streetlight lamps. Special Projects would be discussed and re-allocated at the April meeting	Clerk/KC  Full Council April
<b>Authorisation of cheques (March incl. VAT)</b>	The following cheques had been authorised for payment:  Administration & Office expenses 162.95 Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 207.00 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,159.25	Clerk

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<p><b>District Councillor's Report</b></p>	<p>It's official: Aylesbury Vale District Council is leading the way when it comes to being efficient with residents' money. The council scooped the bronze award in the 'Delivering Through Efficiency' category at this year's Improvement and Efficiency Awards.</p> <p>AVDC made it on the final shortlist of three after judges recognised the savings and efficiencies that have been achieved by moving the majority of staff into one building and transforming working practices.</p> <p>The move to the new offices at The Gateway, in Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, has enabled the council to transform the way it works. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing occupancy ratios by introducing hot-desking and flexible working practices</li> <li>• Implementing new, more cost effective, IT systems</li> <li>• Improving opportunities for collaborative working across teams in the council</li> <li>• Reducing storage and office space</li> <li>• Improving energy management (more than £170,000 per year is now being saved in utility costs alone)</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Neil Blake, Cabinet Member for Resources, said: "There were some very strong entries in this category so to have won bronze, from a list of 48, was a great achievement for AVDC. We are very proud that the council has been recognised in this way. When the office project was first mooted there were many sceptics but the massive savings that have been generated completely vindicate that forward thinking decision.</p> <p>The Improvement and Efficiency awards recognise innovation and efficiency and the transformation in local public services for councils, police and fire authorities and those in the private and third sector supporting local services.</p> <p><b>National recognition for work to save taxpayers money</b></p> <p>The awards are run by the Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (iESE) which is owned, led and governed by councils. iESE exists to help all UK public bodies continuously find new ways of delivering improved services at lower cost. More information on iESE and the awards is available at <a href="http://www.southeastiep.gov.uk">www.southeastiep.gov.uk</a></p> <p>£77k has been raised in the last year from hiring of the facilities at the Gateway Building.</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 April
	13/00372/ACL 12th February 2013	6 Swansons Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	
	13/00528/APP 27th February 2013	48 Summerleys Edlesborough	Conservatory at front of dwelling	No Objections	
	13/00448/AOP 20th February 2013	Land at Ivinghoe Way Edlesborough	Demolition of existing grain stores and erection of three detached chalet bungalows	Opposes	
	The following decisions had been received from AVDC				
12/02109/APP 24th Sept. 2012	Land adjacent to Little Orchard Chapel Lane Northall	Erection of detached dwelling and removal of outbuilding and shed	Opposes	Refused	
11/01645/APP 8th August 2011	Land Adjacent to 4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of one detached dwelling with vehicular access and garden shed	No objections provided that the officers consider that the spacing between the proposed house and No.4 Slicketts Lane would be sufficient	REFUSED  APPEAL REJECTED	
<p>Enforcement notice has been served in relation to the building erected in the front garden of 20 Pebblemoor to take effect on 9<sup>th</sup> April unless an appeal is made beforehand.</p> <p>Council have responded to applications for Pharmaceutical Services in Pitstone and Marsworth. Council is not opposed to the applications submitted by JT Heath or Day Lewis PLC but the application by Little Rothschild House Surgery could compromise the services provided by the Edlesborough Surgery which is associated with the Yardley Avenue Surgery in Pitstone.</p>					
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<p>Community Impact Bucks are currently in discussion with land owners.</p> <p>Cllrs Cabbage and Wilkinson had been very impressed with an affordable housing development of 8 houses at Mursley.</p> <p>Clerk to respond to letter from Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust regarding the proposed erection of a 4 bed roomed property in Chiltern Avenue, Edlesborough, stating that the Council would want to see a condition on the Planning Application that occupation would be limited to local people and asking them to demonstrate that there is a need for a 4 bed roomed house in this area.</p>				April

<b>EDaN Report</b>	<p>Elizabeth Braiden has tendered her resignation. The group recorded their thanks to Elizabeth for the great contribution that she had made from the beginning of the project.</p> <p><u>Traffic Management</u> The team will focus on two areas of activity going forward.</p> <p>1 The width of the A4146 road and the size of the vehicles using it.</p> <p>2 The Sentinel speed recording system. Dave is trying to locate a unit that is in use in Oxfordshire. Inspector Garside and Nigel</p>
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Spencer of Bucks CC Road Safety will be invited to view the unit together with members of the EDaN Traffic Management team. Funding is an issue to be addressed once all the technical issues have been answered. The point to note here is that EDaN is driving the initiative and not Bucks CC and the police!

#### Beautification

Car Boot Sale Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 8- noon (weather permitting)

Plan to mark out the sale area on the adult football field. £10 for cars -no commercial vehicles. The barrier to the Pebblemoor Car Park will remain in place. Use the junior field for buyer parking £1 per car. Open approx 7.30am. BBQ will be set up outside the Memorial Hall alongside Pebblemoor. Consideration to be given to table stalls in the Memorial Hall. Information is in Focus for April.

#### Parish Notebooks

Under development. Plan is to have them printed and available for sale in September.

#### Planters

The current sponsorship needs to be renewed by May of this year. Bucks CC have finally agreed to the enlargement of the planter on Dagnall roundabout. Cost of approx £500. Money to be used from sponsorship renewals.

#### Buses and Transportation

The team has considered seeking funding for a community bus to which 50% would need to be found by EDaN. It has been decided not to pursue this at present given the additional need to find people dedicated to drive the bus.

The community car scheme continues to thrive. Kathy shared some new promotional material to encourage new drivers and to make people aware of the service. The information will be put in appropriate places around the parish. Consideration is being given to extending the scheme to Eaton Bray. This will need to be agreed by the co-ordinator and the drivers.

The team is holding a thank-you meeting for drivers on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Red Lion. It was suggested that articles by drivers and/or passengers might be written to appear in Focus to give more visibility to the scheme to attract more customers and drivers.

#### Friends of the Church on the Hill

The Festival is set for 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June. Art classes and flower arranging classes form part of the Festival that will include a concert band, choirs, jazz, opera and folk music together with religious music from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. A Songs of Praise service will close the Festival on Sunday evening. Mr Speaker the Rt Hon John Bercow MP will attend to formally welcome the event on Saturday afternoon. The floodlighting project is moving forward. The CCT have written a list of requirements to be met to receive formal approval. The CCT plan to open the church 24x7 and will take responsibility for any consequences arising from this action.

#### Community Car Scheme

The Burghope Trust have offered to assist if there are people requiring this service who are in financial difficulties.

<b>The Villages</b>	<p>Council agreed to put forward PCSO Jackie Dodson again for a Police Award</p> <p><u>Edlesborough</u> The Council decided not to have a stall at the Carnival as previously experience showed that most of the people attending lived outside the parish.</p> <p>The Anne Thompson 'Cup for Excellence' will this year be awarded to a member of the Edlesborough Scout/Cubs group</p> <p>Edlesborough will again be entering the Best Kept Village competition</p> <p><u>Edlesborough</u> Clerk continuing to pressure Bucks CC to have the remaining pot holes repaired</p> <p><u>Dagnall</u> Bucks CC are currently considering the installation of white lining at the junction of Nelson Road and Dunstable Road. Still waiting for a response from Bucks CC regarding the proposed barriers on Dunstable Road opposite the 'Gadesden Walk'.</p> <p><u>Northall</u> Anglian Water are in communication with Bucks Highways regarding the flooding in Chapel Lane</p>	<p>Clerk April</p> <p>Clerk April</p> <p>April</p>
<b>Luton Airport</b>	No further information on the expansion proposal.	April
<b>Traffic Calming</b>	<p><u>Dagnall</u> A survey is being carried out on the amount of traffic using Dunstable Road when children are crossing to get to school between 8.20am and 8.50am. This will be sent off to Bucks CC to establish if a patrol crossing can be installed. Clerk to ascertain current position regarding the possible reduction in the speed limit on the A4146 Leighton Road between Edlesborough and Travellers Rest</p>	<p>April</p> <p>April</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	All important information had been previously emailed to Council	
Items for Agenda for meeting 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	Review fees/charges for Memorial Hall, Pavilion, The Green, Burials and Allotments Re-allocate Special Projects	Full Council April
<p><b>The meeting closed at 10.30pm</b> <b>The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall followed by the Ordinary Parish Meeting.</b></p>		