

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2013
at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 8.10pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
Open Forum	A comment was made at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting regarding the possibility of badgers and rabbits in the Churchyard. This would be investigated and dealt with.	Clerk
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 8.10pm		
Present:	Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson; Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk/Manager Penny Pataky, County Cllr Avril Davies, District Cllr Chris Poll, PCSO Tina Hobson and 2 parishioners	
Apologies:	None	
Declarations of Interest	None were expressed.	
Minutes of previous Meetings	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 st March 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
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	<p><u>New chairs</u> The chairs have been ordered and a deposit paid with a delivery time of 4 to 6 weeks</p> <p><u>Gas</u> The Council are unable to change gas suppliers until April 2014 but have managed to reduce the charges on a Fixed 1 year contract which expires on 29th April 2014. Council to discuss alternative quotations at the November 2013 meeting.</p> <p><u>New Hirers</u> A Folk Group who recently hired the Memorial Hall have made 3 further bookings.</p>	<p>Manager May/June</p> <p>Clerk November</p> <p>Manager May</p>

Pavilion	<p>It was agreed that the centre post supporting the canopy be repaired by installing into a metal box bolted to the concrete slab. Permission was given for the Edlesborough Cricket Club to have an additional door key A quotation is being obtained for fitting a coin operated meter for the heating and lights. There will be a Public Meeting to discuss the future of the Pavilion on Thursday 13th June (7.45 for 8pm start) at Edlesborough Memorial Hall. All four sports clubs have agreed to meet to discuss their ideas for a new charging process for the use of the Pavilion with their proposals to be sent to the Parish Council by 9th May 2013.</p>	<p>Manager May</p> <p>Manager May</p>
Playground	Quotations for wet pour not yet received	Manager May
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Sports Clubs	The Swan FC have paid their outstanding contribution towards the special maintenance of the football pitches in 2012. Edlesborough Cricket Club will commence the playing season on 22 nd April and will be fielding 2 teams – one on Saturday and one on Sunday.	
The Green	<p>One of the benches has been damaged and awaiting repair. Overflowing dog bins were reported to AVDC and have now been emptied.</p> <p>It was agreed that the whole of the Green should have the following treatment (in addition to normal grass cutting): April – broadcast fertiliser May – spray with selective weed killer</p> <p>With regard to the further maintenance of the football pitches, it was agreed that the proposed April work should proceed: April – verti-drain all 4 pitches - top dress and seed worn areas</p> <p>A decision would be made in July 2013 as to whether to proceed or not with the proposed football pitch work in October/November (spray with worm suppressant and verti-drain.</p>	<p>Manager May</p> <p>July Council Meeting</p>
Commons Act 2006 Section 38 outcome	<p>The Council has received the decisions of The Planning Inspectorate regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installation of further play equipment - Consent granted 2. Basketball stand and tarmac pad – Consent granted 3. Pedestrian exit/entry and facilitating tarmac extension strip to existing Pebblemoor car park – Consent refused. 4. <p>Accordingly, the Council agreed to take the following actions:</p> <p>With regard to item 1: a short-term Working Party to be set-up to consider the final detailed proposals, especially the fencing arrangements, and to liaise with the contractor, Morris Gordon Engineering regarding the time table for installation.</p> <p>With regard to item 3: to investigate Section 16 following the reference by the Planning Inspector.</p> <p>The Council will also continue its endeavours to investigate the validity of the original Common Land Registration.</p>	<p>KC/MP-J/CN & Manager Council Council</p>
Cemetery/ Churchyard	2 burials have taken place and repairs carried out to the surface of the grass.	

Allotments	It has been established that Dagnall School is responsible for repairing the fence between the School and the allotments	
Street Lighting	Further lights repaired. The public light by the Tennis Courts requires a different fitting which is on order.	May
Bus Shelters	Following a site meeting at the bus shelter located at the top of the High Street, it was found that the cracks in the brick work were much more extensive than previously realised. Consequently, the Council agreed for some extensive demolition and re-building to be carried out as soon as possible. The contractor would endeavour to source some reclaimed special bricks to match the existing ones.	Assistant Clerk May
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Dog Bins	Due to new AVDC contractors some of the dog bins were unfortunately not on the list for emptying, this has now been rectified.	
Review of Charges		
<u>Memorial Hall</u>	Local non profit regular users £7.00 per hr Regular Commercial users £10.00 per hr Ad-hoc rate/private hire £13.00 per hr 8 hour rate £65.00 Full Day rate £110.00	
<u>Pavilion & Green</u>	In the absence of the Council receiving any alternative, unanimously agreed proposals from the four sports clubs by May '13, and which would be acceptable to the Council, the following charges would be payable: Adult Football Local £28.50 per match for the 2013/14 season (Non Local £43.00) Edlesborough Cricket Club – annual fee £620.00 for the cricket season commencing 1 st April 2014 Tennis Club – annual fee £640.00 for the period April '13 to March '14 EB Lions – annual fee £340.00 for the football season commencing August 2013 Ad-hoc Pavilion Hire rate £5.00 per access session for toilets Pavilion Clean - £25.00 when left in unsatisfactory state Tennis Club -Ground Rent per annum £88.00 w.e.f. 1 st June 2013	
<u>Cemetery/Burial fees</u>	Child (0-12yrs) burial plot £85.00 Parishioners £340.00 Non Parishioners Child (13-16yrs) burial plot £115.00 Parishioners £460.00 Non Parishioners Standard adult burial plot £220.00 Parishioners £880.00 Non Parishioners Cremated Remains plot £110.00 Parishioners £440.00 Non Parishioners Memorials (to erect) £45.00 Parishioners £180.00 Non Parishioners Second burials £45.00 Parishioners £180.00 Non Parishioners	
<u>Allotments</u>	£1.60 per pole from October 2014	

Finance	Accounts for the month and year ended 31 st March 2013 were approved. The allocation of Special Projects will be discussed at the June meeting.	Clerk/KC Full Council May/June																
Authorisation of cheques (April inc.VAT)	<p>The following cheques had been authorised for payment:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Administration & Office expenses (inc. BALC membership)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">591.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. deposit for chairs)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,331.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries (including PAYE/NIC)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,158.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery expense</td> <td style="text-align: right;">219.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children's Play Area expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">23.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Hygiene Bin emptying</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,428.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,872.65</td> </tr> </table>	Administration & Office expenses (inc. BALC membership)	591.68	Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. deposit for chairs)	1,331.63	Salaries (including PAYE/NIC)	1,158.61	Cemetery expense	219.53	Children's Play Area expenses	23.18	Grass Cutting	120.00	Dog Hygiene Bin emptying	1,428.02		£4,872.65	Clerk
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County Councillor's Annual Report	<p>Austerity is the backdrop to everything, with the County Council having to manage within severely reduced financial limits. If current trends continue the outlook by 2030 will be very bleak with the cost pressures of continuing just the one service, adult social care, being predicted by some to consume 90% of council funding, unless services are radically transformed.</p> <p>Last year BCC proposed a big change for Adult Day Services, from 30 or more day centres, to just 6 day opportunity centres, at the hub of a diverse offer of community opportunities. These centres are now being built, thanks to an unexpected increase in capital grant from government.</p> <p>The Beacon Villages Community Library is another example of how changes must be made. There has been much goodwill from both the Council and all the communities to make a success of this library, with residents from all villages in the division taking part as volunteers or on the management committee.</p> <p>At a local level the Area Forum has continued to develop cooperative working between parish councils. The forum has prioritised work on footpaths and cycle ways and having achieved three major projects (Great Gap circular walk, Cheddington to Pitstone footpath, Aston Abbots footpath) combining funds from the parish, the forum, and grants, is on its way to repeat the success and fulfil, in time, other long held ambitions, such as Pitstone to Marsworth, Ivinghoe Beacon road to the windmill car park, feasibility for four cycle ways in Edlesborough, and others.</p> <p>The speed awareness sub group has also achieved success, with the loan of the Cheddington parish council equipment and help from the county road safety team and the police, groups of volunteers have identified four hot spots where further work will enable drivers to keep to the limits. These four parishes are meeting shortly to discuss this with Transport for Bucks.</p> <p>Networking prior to each Local Area Forum is a fruitful opportunity to speak to other parishes, council officers, and the police, and the forum meetings, with wide and varied district and county content and opportunities to question and debate issues such as speeding, are well attended, attesting to their value.</p> <p>The roads are the worst I can recall them after this winter of extremes. In November I inspected all the roads with our local area technician Paul Foot and we recommended our full quota of five locations for priority improvement, including the B489 to Leighton Buzzard, and the travellers rest roundabout. Since then the state of the roads has completely deteriorated, and the schemes put</p>																	

<p>District Councillors' Report</p>	<p>forward will be just a drop in the ocean to what needs doing.</p> <p>I and my group would like to see the roads invested in with capital borrowing, as in Sussex and other counties, instead of borrowing as planned for the Calvert waste incinerator. Our residual waste after recycling can be disposed of in waste plants already under construction just over the borders. Interestingly we have a lot of support for this from members of the ruling group, but not the leader.</p> <p>The energy from waste proposals have been robustly challenged and the judgement for judicial review is expected imminently. The County have also been party themselves to applying for judicial review against HS2 rail in conjunction with other local authorities, and were unsuccessful in 9 submissions, bar the HS2 consultation on compensation. One proposal of that group of councils is to upgrade the west coast main line, but even though Bucks have withdrawn from that position under duress at full council, I think they still believe this line should take the hit.</p> <p>Paying for travel from home to school is still badly affecting families who live in rural areas. The county officers have applied the new County policy to the letter, resulting in messiness in villages such as Cheddington and Pitstone, unfairness to families, and an unintended knock on effect on secondary school admissions, affecting their budgets. Because of an item brought to Bucks scrutiny committee, the cabinet have promised to review the application of the policy (not the policy) 'in the new year' but this is very slow in appearing and I fear is in the very long grass prior to the elections and may never emerge. Meanwhile I continue to battle. Not only does every grammar school place for country children have a cost attached, over £900 pa, so do many places at Cottesloe.</p> <p>As a member of the scrutiny committee (like a parliamentary select committee) I have led a review this year into the relationship developing between the County Council and the secondary school Academies to enable the County to meet its statutory duties, without statutory power, to ensure school for all children, particularly those difficult to place, continuing improvement of standards, and adequate school places in the future. I have also taken part in a review of the care of the elderly in Bucks hospitals, and the reconfiguration of the south midlands hospitals including the Luton and Dunstable and Milton Keynes. Other scrutiny groups have reviewed the readiness of Bucks for the Olympics, the 2013 - 14 budget, the contract with transport for Bucks, and the whole committee keeps a watching brief on policy development and service delivery within the county.</p> <p>The police and crime commissioner elections in November were just half of the changes to police accountability in England. At the same time police and crime panels were established to hold the commissioners to account. The maximum size of the panel, by law, means that each local authority in Thames Valley has only one representative, as there are 17 councils. The panel is chaired by Trevor Egleton formerly the chair of scrutiny at Bucks, and Bucks led on the formation of the panel, and the administration.</p> <p>And finally, Trading Standards in Bucks have been very active recently, with an unplanned activity, doing a great job within a very much reduced budget, establishing for Bucks consumers if horse is being traded as beef.</p> <p>Aylesbury ~Vale Safe Place Scheme AVDC Community Safety, working with Thames Valley Police and local vulnerable group organisations, launched a 'Safe Place' scheme in Aylesbury and Wendover last week through the local media.</p> <p>Successful schemes are already operating in Hampshire, Suffolk and Warwickshire – the Aylesbury Vale scheme forms part of a wider roll out across Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>Vulnerable people, such as individuals with learning difficulties, people who are visually impaired or the frail elderly sometimes need a safe haven when out in the community and feeling confused, scared or upset. The 'Safe Place' scheme provides venues such as</p>	
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	<p>local shops, cafes and restaurants, where they can go and be looked after and a telephone call made to someone they trust – who will come and collect them or advise them about what they should do.</p> <p>A Safe Place logo is put on the windows of participating premises to show vulnerable people that the venue is a member of the scheme – with a range of agency telephone numbers available inside. Some vulnerable people may also carry a card which shows their name and the contact details of their trusted person – the ‘safe place’ then simply telephones this number if the person needs help. The scheme provides reassurance to vulnerable people and to their families and carers, that they have a means to alert someone if they need assistance when out alone. Consequently having access to a ‘Safe Place’ will help these people lead more independent lives and feel safer in the Vale. A leaflet that explains the scheme in more detail is available from AVDC.</p> <p>Details of participating premises can be found on the AVDC website at the following link http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-safety/crime-disorder/crime-reduction-initiatives/safe-places-scheme/</p> <p>We are now starting to roll out the scheme more widely in the Vale, moving in to Aston Clinton, Buckingham, Haddenham, Waddesdon, Wng and Winslow, and would welcome your views as to any other areas that you think would benefit from the scheme. Locations should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be a clear shopping/meeting area and comprise of 6 or more shops/cafes/restaurants ▪ Contain premise that would be suitable for looking after vulnerable people until assistance arrives (betting shops and off licences would probably not fall into this category) <p>If you have any suggestions please contact Alan Garside, Community Safety Officer, 01296 585014 or email agarside@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk AVDC are going out to tender for faster broadband throughout Buckinghamshire.</p>	
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Planning	The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC				
	13/00995/ATP 12th April 2013	18 Eatongate Close Edlesborough	Reduce by about 10.5m in height and about 8.5m in spread of one Beech tree	No Objections	
	The following decisions had been received from AVDC				
	13/00348/APP 9 th February 2013	Sparrow Hall Farm Leighton Road Edlesborough	Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels	No Objections	Permitted
	13/00372/ACL 12th February 2013	6 Swansons Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No objections	Approved
Affordable Housing	A further site is being considered and a report should be available for the next meeting.				
EDaN Report	Beautification				

	<p>A reminder that the car boot sale will take place on Monday 6th May. 8.30 am for sellers and 09.00 for buyers.</p> <p><u>Footpaths and Cycleways</u> A new LAF sub-group was established and Alan attended the first meeting. The EDaN cycleways plan was submitted for evaluation by Transport for Bucks. Other parishes had fully developed plans. The TfB recommendation for our parish was to conduct a feasibility study. The cost is estimated at £3000 of which 50% will be funded by the LAF if EPC will fund the other 50%. Alan will circulate more information to councillors with a view to making a decision at the May EPC meeting.</p> <p><u>Traffic Management</u> A visit to the manufacturer of Sentinel is being arranged.</p> <p><u>Friends of the Church on the Hill</u> The Edlesborough Festival will take place on the 7th-9th June. All events will take place at the church. The Friends are pursuing registration for gift-aid that will require setting up a separate bank account and establishing trustees. The Friends have decided that this will be incompatible with the structure set up for EDaN as a sub-group of the Parish Council. They wish to keep a close relationship with the Parish Council but on more independent basis for decision-making and financial expenditures.</p>	AW
The Villages		
Edlesborough	Bucks CC has been informed regarding the remaining pot holes throughout the villages.	Clerk
Dagnall	Awaiting a response regarding the white lining in Dunstable Road/Nelson Road	
Northall	It has been confirmed by Bucks Rights of Way that the footpath across Northall Village Green was originally positioned in the wrong place and will be remedied in due course	
Luton Airport	No further information available	
Traffic Calming	<p>Waiting for results of the Dunstable Road, Dagnall survey</p> <p>County Cllr Avril Davies and the Clerk will write to Bucks CC regarding the possibility of a change in the existing 60mph speed limit between Travellers Rest and Edlesborough. Council agreed to pay BCC £300 for a speed assessment</p>	BH/Clerk May Cllr A Davies & Clerk
Correspondence	Thank you letter received from the Head Teacher at Edlesborough School regarding the Parish Council allowing the School to use the Memorial Hall in the unlikely event of them having to vacate the School in an emergency.	
Items for Agenda 16 th May 2013	Due to the AGM taking place in May, review of the Special Projects will be delayed until the June Parish Council meeting.	
	The meeting closed at 10.05pm	