

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th April 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th April 2012 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 8.10pm.

Present: Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk-Bev Sage, County Cllr Avril Davies, District Cllr Chris Poll and 2 parishioners.

Apologies:

Cllr Mrs Ratheram

Declarations of Interest – None declared

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2012

An inclusion, which was approved, had been added to the Open Forum report following which the minutes were signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

Luton Airport

Cllr Wilkinson informed the meeting that a further response was required regarding the LLAOL Consultation, a draft would be circulated to Councillors for agreement prior to submission.

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month and year end of March 2012 were presented. The Clerk explained that a variance had occurred in the final balance which was being investigated.

Authorisation of cheques (April including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (incl: telephone & website) 123.42

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (including electricity) 753.16

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,389.61

Cemetery expenses 295.90

Churchyard expenses (including seat repairs) 822.48

Children's play area 7.50

The Green expenses 63.31

The Green/Dagnall Recreation Field grass cutting 691.20

Subscriptions 375.16

War Memorial ground maintenance 75.00

EDaN expense (including seat for Northall) 400.15

Emptying Dog Hygiene bins 1,398.27

Taken from Donations to Dagnall Village Hall: 570.00

£6,965.16

County Councillor's Report

Speed Limit Review

I have received copies of all the legal documents required for the speed limit changes and works are scheduled to commence on the various sites Monday 26 March 2012 and are planned to be completed by April 13th. At the time of writing I have unfortunately seen no evidence of this, but I hope that by the time you read it everything will be in place!!? After an implementation period the new limits are formally reviewed again to assess their effectiveness, all as part of the due process, but I don't know when this will be. This review was first proposed in 2003, and begun about 2007.

Bucks introduces more charging for home to school transport

From September the County will introduce transport charges for any pupil not attending their nearest 'appropriate' school. This does not mean school which you have chosen or been selected for, but school which is capable of delivering you the required educational attainment. All upper schools are considered as being able to provide an education to a grammar school qualified pupil. (A grammar however is not deemed suitable for anyone who has not qualified)

In effect unless you need a special school, and live more than three miles from your nearest school, Bucks will only pay for you to go to your nearest upper school within the county boundary. Tring School and one or two others currently attended outside the county boundary are included in this arrangement, so those getting free transport to Tring already will continue to do so.

Last year far more draconian and inconsistent charges were proposed and withdrawn, except for sixth formers and out-of-catchment pupils who are currently paying large fares. This level of charging for younger pupils was reconsidered as a result of responses to those proposals, and some loud objections from people such as myself, but it is now proposed to phase in the charges, at a much reduced rate. Charges will be introduced at £10 per week to pupils about to start secondary this September, and £2 a week administration charge for pupils in years above already with travel places to schools not their nearest.

More on my council web page <http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/davies>

New arrangements at the household waste recycling site

Bucks County Council has awarded a new contract to operate these sites, with some changes.

From 1st April the sites will open an hour later and have fixed summer and winter opening hours. From 1 April – 30 September summer opening times will be in place and all the sites will operate from 9am – 6pm. From the 1 October – 31 March, winter opening hours will be in place and the sites will operate from 9am – 5pm.

The second change which will be introduced on-site is an improved reuse service, which is going to be phased in over the coming months from April 2012 – July 2012. This will include a shop at the Aston Clinton site. Materials suitable for reuse will be collected from the county's recycling centres and sold. These details are being finalised by the contractor and their partnering charity organisation and will be publicised as soon as completed.

The new contract will also provide enhanced customer experience with 'meet and greet' attendants available to help customers unload waste to ensure items are recycled and reused. Users of the site will also notice new signage and improved layouts of recycling containers.

Local Area Forum May 15th St Michaels School Stewkley

Agenda items for this forum (yet to be confirmed) are proposed to include the community environmental toolkit, developed by Community Impact Bucks and BCC, Luton Airport expansion proposals, and the annual report to the LAF from London Midland trains.

All BCC Committees now live webcast

This has been happening for some time, and has an amazing number of viewers. More than 500 for a scrutiny meeting. The recordings are available on the Bucks website, and helpfully can be viewed by member, or by agenda topic. <http://www.buckscc.public-i.tv/core/>

District Councillor's Report

Cllr Poll is to serve on the Local Area Forum Speed through the Villages committee and to stand as a member of the Noise and Track Committee regarding Luton Airport.

In response to a request from the Chairman, Cllr Poll undertook to provide him with information on how other Parish Councils organised their Annual Parish Meetings.

Planning

The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC

12/00389/APP 17th February 2012	24 Deans Meadow Dagnall	Replace flat roof of garage at front and side with pitched roof; single storey rear extension	No objections
12/00577/APP 13th March 2012	Peppimoor Leighton Road Northall	Erection of front porch, conversion of existing garage and erection of detached garage	No Objections
12/00598/APP 15th March 2012	Tall Trees Church End Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections
12/0387/APP 20th February 2012	8 Heather Mead Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections
12/00603/APP 15th March 2012	5 Knolls View Leighton Road Northall	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension and additional parking bay	No Objections
12/00687/APP 27th March 2012	9 Heather Mead Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

11/02477/APP MINOR AMENDED PLANS	43 Main Road North Dagnall	Single storey rear extension to garage	No further comments	Permitted
12/00080/ACL 16th January 2012	37 Cooks Meadow Edlesborough	Proposed Rear dormer	No Objections	Permitted
11/01645/APP 23rd Sept 2011 Amended Plans	Land Adjacent to 4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of one detached dwelling with vehicular access and garden shed	No Objections	REFUSED

Cllr Wilkinson would be representing the Parish Council at the AVDC Development Control committee meeting when The Bell Public House planning applications are being discussed.

2 enquiries have been received from representatives of land owners regarding the possibility of development. The Parish Council has replied setting out the conditions applicable to both sites.

Affordable Housing (Rural Housing Exception Scheme)

Councillors have looked at the model S106 Agreement and changes to the criteria, which they feel appropriate, have been passed onto AVDC.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Cabbage, Wilkinson and Holt attended a meeting with AVDC to discuss the implications of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council have agreed to defer any further action until the draft of Aylesbury Vale Development Plan is published. It was agreed to give information to parishioners via e-mails and the website.

EDaN Report

The Beautification Team are considering ideas as to what to place at the foot of the Edlesborough Village sign and to create a 'Then & Now' of Edlesborough parish.

Bus Transport team are investigating the acquisition of a Community Bus to be shared with other parishes.

The Traffic Management Team are continuing to discuss the option of replacing Speedwatch with a Sentinel device which does not require anyone in attendance.

The newly formed 'Friends of the Church on the Edlesborough Hill' are currently deciding on priorities such as a Manager/Key Holders, Cleaner etc. A meeting has been arranged with the Regional Director of The Churches Conservation Trust on 10th May. A concert by Dagnall Choir has been arranged for 30th June commencing at 7.30pm with West Gallery Quire in the morning.

A Volunteer is still required to run the Lunch Club at The Swan, Northall

EDaN are considering ways in which to improve the Pavilion

Status on Registration of Green

The Parish Council are to liaise with Open Spaces Society and County Cllr Avril Davies suggested that some information could be obtained via the LAF.

The Villages – (issues other than Traffic Calming and matters delegated to the GPC)

Edlesborough: Council agreed to man a stall at the May Day event on Saturday 5th May 12.00 – 4pm. The Anne

Thompson Cup for Excellence will be presented to a young EB Lions football player.

Edlesborough: Cllr Nevard had attended a Bucks CC Transport meeting and was informed that Arriva were

In the process of re-organising services.

Edlesborough: Permission was given by Council to allow 'Janes' the use of the Green for a picnic on Monday 4th

June to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

Dagnall The damaged 'Dagnall' sign in Ringshall Road has been replaced with a new speed limit sign.

Traffic Calming

The Speed Limit Review signs have now been installed, the VAS in Northall will be altered to 30mph and be functioning shortly and the road roundels will be remarked within a few weeks.

There has been a noticeable reduction in the speed of traffic through Northall.

Communication with Parishioners

Cllr Williams gave details of various newsletter magazines which are used by other parishes.

New Code of Conduct for Councillors

Cllr Cabbage reported on a meeting he had recently attended. A new Code will be coming in regarding the conduct of Parish and Town Councillors which will include keeping a register of members' interests together with their spouses and partners which are to be published on websites.

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – All Change for Buckinghamshire's Recycling Centres – Opening hours to be changed from 1st April to 30th September 9am -6pm and from 1st October – 31st March 9am – 5pm.

AVDC – Invitation to Chairman's reception Friday 4th May 7 – 9.30pm at the new office and conference centre at Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury.

Thames Valley Police

Clerk who gave a statement regarding the Rave at Ivinghoe has been informed that the person in charge pleaded guilty at the hearing on 3rd April 2012 and sentenced for 3 years under the Anti-Social Behaviour Order, ordered to pay £3,000 compensation to the National Trust, fine of £1,500.00 with £15 surcharge and £80 court costs.

Increase in shed break-ins with electrical gardening equipment and bikes being stolen.

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

Eaton Bray Parish Council Minutes of meeting held on 2nd April 2012

Hot Topics in Buckinghamshire – March 2012

AVDC – News for the Parishes

CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine Spring 2012

General Purpose Committee

Councillors had been given a copy of the draft Minutes of the April GPC meeting.

Items for the Agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 17th May 2012

The Meeting closed at 10.40pm

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 17th May 2012 preceded by the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall