

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2012

at Northall Village Hall commencing 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM

Open Forum

Cllr Cubbage welcomed everyone to the first Parish Council meeting to be held at Northall Village Hall and invited questions from parishioners.

Thames Valley Police Report

PCSO Jackie Dodson reported on an increasing amount of burglaries occurring throughout the parish and asked parishioners to be very vigilant and to report anything suspicious on the 101 telephone number. There has been a high rise in thefts of Catalytic converters and Edlesborough Autos would be signed up in 2 weeks time to mark cars with catalytic converters. Cllr Holt also recommended that the Police approach B & H Autos at Dagnall. A report had been received this evening of damage being caused to the Memorial Hall and Pavilion in Edlesborough and this was being investigated. PC Jared Levens has now returned to his normal duties.

The Chairman, Cllr Cubbage, congratulated Jackie on having received the award for Police Community Support Officer of the Year for the whole of Buckinghamshire and she was presented with a house plant as a mark of her achievement.

Several Northall parishioners were concerned regarding the difficulty in being able to gain access to and walk across Northall Village Green and the Clerk was requested to write to the owner of the land.

A parishioner raised the subject of her recent planning application and Affordable Housing which would be discussed under the 'Planning' agenda item.

Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Chapel Lane. This matter, along with other similar situations in the parish, would be raised at the next Local Area Forum.

**ACTION BY
WHOM &
WHEN**

Next TVP
report January
2013

Clerk

Clerk

The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.50pm

Present: Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, District Cllr Chris Poll, PCSO Jackie Dodson and 11 parishioners.

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest None declared

Minutes of previous Meetings The minutes of both the General Purpose Committee meeting held on 5th September 2012 and the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2012 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 provided all Councillors with a detailed report prior to the meeting on the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green, Playground, Car Parks, Sports Clubs, Allotments, Cemetery, Churchyard, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters and Notice Boards prior to the meeting. The following points were discussed:

Memorial Hall Cleaning Contract – Following the loss of the U5s, it was agreed that the cleaning contract for Edlesborough Memorial hall will be reduced by 25%. The assistant clerk will inform the company in writing with this to take effect from Monday 29th November 2012. Manager

New Chairs – it was clarified by the Clerk that the Burghope Trust has offered £1800 for the purchase of new chairs for the Memorial Hall. It was agreed that Councillor Marilyn Prys-Jones and the Hall Manager will investigate, liaise with a representative from the Trust/WI and then present the Councillors with a quote for appropriate chairs to be ordered. Points to consider; size, weight, ability to stack and durability. MP-J & Manager
Manager

Heating – the heating is now fixed and bookings will return to normal.

It was requested that the heating is set to come on 30 – 60 minutes before each booking now that Pre School have vacated the building; to ensure that the hall is warm enough for each booking.

Pavilion Councillor Alan Williams proposed that a Public Meeting is held in approximately three months time for all Parishioners to come and discuss the development/improvement of the Pavilion. It is hoped that we will be able to create a "Self Supporting Pavilion". AW & Manager
Jan/Feb 2013

The Green Dog Fouling – Dog Fouling Notices have been put up. PCSO Jackie Dodson informed the meeting that there were only TWO prosecutions for DOG FOULING in the whole of Buckinghamshire last year. Parishioners are asked to be vigilant and to report and if possible photograph any offenders. Parishioners
Manager

The remaining areas of damaged patches of grass are being reseeded.

Playground	Installation of the play equipment from the School; Cllr Cabbage informed the meeting of the continuing difficulties he had encountered in obtaining the necessary documents and ordnance survey maps to accompany a very detailed 'Section 38' Application to Defra for permission to install the equipment on that part of the Green which is registered as Common Land. He expected that the Application would be submitted by the end of October. As and when the Application had been finalised/accepted by Defra, Notices would have to be placed around the Green and advertised in a local newspaper.	KC/Clerk/Manager 31.10.12
Car Parks	Nothing to report	Manager
Cricket Club	Clerk to send letter with new Sports Agreement and accompanying documents	Clerk/Manager Oct '12
Tennis Club	<i>Invoice sent for bi-annual payment.</i>	Clerk
EB Lions & The Swan FC	The Clerk will send a <i>letter with the updated Sports Agreement and Policy Statement</i> and accompanying documents	Clerk/Manager Oct '12
Allotments	Rents were collected at the beginning of October, a good response from tenants paying rent on time but several letters to be sent to non payers. An up to date report will be given at the next meeting but it appears there are a few plots available at each of the allotment sites. Allotments available to be referred to in the December/January Focus.	Clerk/Manager Nov Mtg
Cemetery	The Clerk advised of one burial and one Memorial application	
Churchyard	Nothing to report	
Street Lighting	All reported faulty lights have been fixed apart from the light in Taskers Row which requires a new 'head' and will be repaired as soon as possible. Light in Cow Lane by the doctors' surgery to be confirmed. Clerk reported that as lights are repaired the top part is being replaced when it is deemed beyond repair. Many of the lights are very old and parts are increasingly hard to source. Concern was raised about the condition of the poles. At this time there is no plan to update them.	Clerk
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report	
Notice Boards	Nothing to report	
Finance	Accounts for the month ended 30 th September 2012 were approved.	
Authorisation of cheques (October incl. VAT)	The following cheques had been authorised for payment: Administration & Office expenses 89.02	

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 604.89
Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,309.50
Cemetery Expenses 70.00
Churchyard Expenses 180.00
The Green expenses (incl. grass cutting) 461.20
Dagnall Recreation Field – grass cutting 240.00
War Memorial & notice board maintenance 30.00
Insurance 2,588.43
Additional Litter Bin stickers 194.95
Allotment Tithe payments 12.38
Poppy wreaths, EPC, WI & Dagnall Church 110.00

£5,890.37

**County &
District
Councillors
Reports**

County Cllr Avril Davies' report

Police commissioner elections November 15th

Polling cards will be sent out shortly to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley on November 15th. The job of the Commissioner is to hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the voters. The Commissioner is also answerable to a Police and Crime Panel consisting of one councillor from each of the 18 local authorities in the Thames Valley area and two independent members. Prospective Commissioners need a £5,000 election deposit, which at the moment seems to be limiting candidates to the main political parties.

It has taken a long time to build up a local force of officers and PCSOs who are highly visible in our area and responsive to residents, and who regularly attend parish councils and the Local Area Forum. I hope that any new commissioner will still give the same priority to local accountability and policing in rural areas, and I hope if we get the opportunity we will be able to raise this with all the candidates.

Community Speedwatch.

As you know, this initiative has enabled local parishes wanting to tackle vehicle speeding concerns raised by residents, and I have found it very worthwhile going along to the various events which have also been supported by both the police and the county council. At the next LAF there will be a 'wash up' session with all the relevant officers to take forward any actions that may need to be taken as a result of the exercises held so far. If your Speedwatch group has any views, proposals, or actions that need to be taken, it would be a good idea to bring them to the next LAF or speed awareness sub group to see how they can be developed. The speed awareness group is on Monday 14th October (bit short notice I'm afraid) and the LAF is on November 20th.

61 bus changes.

On 6th November new(ish) buses will run on the 61 route at long last. The reason this route has suffered such old buses for so long is because the new ones cannot make it over the canal bridges without grounding. The new route will be along Westfield Road, Pitstone. I am still in negotiations about routing the early and late buses via Tring Station. There will be some adjustment to the 164 Cheddington buses to compensate for the changes affecting Marsworth.

Community Leaders Fund.

So far I have had three bids for the fund this year. The main ones were from Slapton PC and Pitstone PC towards their skate parks. Unfortunately the Slapton scheme has hit the buffers, but the Pitstone one is, after a decade, about to be realized. The third bid is for £50 for the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cubs to visit the Milton Keynes Materials recycling Facility.

Please let me know as soon as possible of any active projects, where the money can be spent this year, that would benefit from a small injection of cash. Small amounts of money can often help local clubs and societies get a small venture off the ground quite quickly.

Re the MK recycling facility

Strictly a District Council responsibility, so I hope Corry and Chris will forgive me for mentioning this. Previously our District recycling collection was processed at MK, but now goes to Shotton, in North Wales, and is sorted by lasers and air jets!

This is a video of how it's done. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T37lg3JAgEc>

If anyone would like to go to Milton Keynes to see the same process in operation, please contact me and I will arrange a group visit, meeting the charge from the County Community leaders' fund.

District Cllr Chris Poll's Report

My report this month consists mainly of items which were discussed and voted upon at the AVDC full council meeting last night.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan: This was approved. This plan will see the infrastructure and housing development figures of 6,000 homes and 6,000 jobs over the next 20 years. Whilst the government have not yet abolished the old South East Plan, which made provision

for 26,000 homes, the fact remains that this was a democratic decision from the bottom up. Most parishes proposed their own figures for future development which broadly agree with the new plan. The figures for Edlesborough parish are for 10 new dwellings in each of the three villages over the next 20 years. It is hoped the new plan will be approved at sometime early in the new year.

Central government will for the next financial year cut the amount it gives local authorities for Council tax relief by £1,000,000. It will fall upon AVDC to either raise revenue or cut benefit to claimants to make up this shortfall. Pensioners are excluded from any changes to the relief they receive. Out of work benefit claimants will be asked to make a higher contribution to their council tax in future. There will however be a discretionary fund of £50,000 for any hardship in transition to the new system. This is not something that is being imposed on local authorities but AVDC have allocated this money in order to alleviate exceptional hardship on a case by case basis.

I attended Development Control today where the application for the Ha-Ha-House in Dagnall was refused.

I have approached the Contract Services department to ensure the villages litter bins are emptied. AVDC refuse and recycling teams no longer empty the bins after the introduction of the new recycling scheme. As yet I have had no formal response but I will pursue this matter again.

With regard to the problem of dog fouling, it was stated at full council that only 2 prosecutions were recorded last year in the whole of the Vale. If you see a dog owner failing to clear up after their dog then please report it.

Planning

The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to 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
12/02113/APP 24th Sept 2012	13 St Mary's Glebe Edlesborough	Erection of Conservatory	No Objections
12/02210/APP 8th October 2012	Threeways Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing two cottages and replacement with three detached dwellings and two semi-detached new dwellings with associated detached garages and new vehicular access	No objections
12/02229/AOP 8th October '12	Land at Chapel Lane Northall	Erection of 4 detached dwellings with vehicular access to Kircutt Farm Close	Opposes

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

12/01530/APP 10th July 2012	20 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of single storey outbuilding (retrospective)	Oppose	Refused
12/01434/APP 27th June 2012	4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	First floor rear extension	Oppose unless the planning officers can assure the Council that the amenity of the occupiers of No. 3 Slicketts Lane would not be adversely affected by the proposal	Withdrawn
12/01441/APP 27th June 2012	Land adjacent to 4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of end of terrace dwelling with vehicular access and shed	Oppose on the basis that it fails to address the failings of the earlier application as identified by the Development Control Committee	Withdrawn
12/01617/APP 18th July 2012	4 Dagnall Road Edlesborough	Single detached garage: hardstanding and new access	No Objections	Permitted
12/01857/APP 22nd August 2012	11 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted
12/01251/APP 6th June 2012	Land adjoining 3 & 4 Leighton Road Northall	Erection of two storey detached dwelling with associated garaging	No Objections	Permitted
12/01336/APP 14th June 2012	Land fronting A4146 Main Road North Dagnall	Erection of single below ground dwelling and detached ancillary building with access	The view of the Parish Council is that it is not sufficiently qualified to decide whether or not the scheme is sufficiently innovative to warrant being an exception to the usual presumption that residential development in the green belt should not be allowed. It is therefore prepared to leave that decision to the Local Planning Authority but with the following provisos if the officers are minded to approve the application: 1. That the site must retain its current green belt designation and not be downgraded as a consequence of this development being permitted. 2. That permitted development rights are removed to avoid any subsequent above ground construction of ancillary structures such as garages, summer houses, sheds etc. 3. That the plans are modified to identify a vehicle turning area to ensure that vehicles can enter and leave the site in a forward gear. There is clearly adequate space to enable this to be achieved so it should not be a problem, but it needs to be identified to ensure that it is incorporated in the final implementation of the scheme.	Refused

Code of Conduct	Cllrs were requested to include land on which their residential property was situated in their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests then forward to the Clerk prior to forwarding onto AVDC and updating EPC's website.	Clerk/KC
Affordable Housing	Jean Fox, Rural Housing Enabler for Community Impact Bucks would be looking at potential sites in Edlesborough, the ultimate outcome might be a scheme of 8 houses in Edlesborough.	Full Council
EDaN Report	<u>Parish Plan</u> progress review meeting will take place on 23 October. We will identify achievements to date, what remains to be done and any new project proposals. We will also consider preparing an update for parishioners and possibly a new questionnaire.	AW
	<u>Traffic Management</u>	

A Speedwatch test will be conducted on the 60mph stretch of road from Church End to Pine Road

This was agreed at the meeting between Kevin Cabbage, Dave Gravestock and Bucks CC personnel that took place at Dan Crookes house on that stretch.

The team is keen to replace Speedwatch with Sentinel. They will try to borrow a Sentinel system to ensure it meets expectations. The team has had problems with the Police being unable to identify a significant number of offending cars due to false number plates and wrong colour descriptions. 'Silver' is not good enough it has to be the manufacturer's fancy name for it e.g. 'cloud'!

Beautification Team

The team is working on a design for the planter to surround the sign on The Green. They have received a donation of £250 from the local panto group to pay for it. *Council agreed to this proposal.*

They are also working on a notebook with old photographs of the parish and blank pages for use as notes/ information. The notebooks will be sold to the public and also sold to the schools (at cost) for geography/history projects based on Edlesborough Parish.

Beautification
Team
Nov/Dec

A further trip to Westminster is being planned. Members of the Parish Council are invited to express an interest in joining in a tour of the Palace of Westminster courtesy of John Bercow

The Friends of the Church on the Hill Edlesborough

On Saturday October 20th the Friends are organising a clean of the church in readiness for a special opening on Sunday 21st. On Sunday the church will be open from 14.00 to 15.30 to all and will be staffed by volunteers from the Friends. Visitors are invited to view the church and then to join with the Friends at the Memorial Hall for refreshments from 15.00 to 17.00. The Friends plan to talk about what has been achieved so far and what is planned.

MW

In conjunction with Karen Fishwick the Churches Conservation Trust Volunteering Officer for the South East a comprehensive plan for the church is being prepared. It will include what conservation work will be required over the next 10 years together with plans for the development of community involvement, income streams, tourism, education and the visibility of the church in its environment.

MW

The Villages

Edlesborough

Clerk

There was concern about the parking problems at Cow Lane Surgery. Clerk to approach AVDC to make enquiries regarding the possibility of using the adjoining amenity land.

Nov

Transport for Bucks to be chased up to deal with the pot holes.

Clerk

Dagnall

BH

	Cllr Holt was not obtaining any response to his emails about the siting of the Noise Monitor		Clerk
	A public consultation had been held to discuss the opening up of the footpath between the Recreation Ground and Dunstable Road. Majority of villages wished the path to be opened up with either a hinged gate or kissing gate to be erected at the Dunstable Road end. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed under a separate Agenda item at the next meeting.		Clerk/BH
	Clerk to apply for Licence to plant a tree on land adjacent to the Dagnall village sign.		Clerk
	<u>Northall</u>		
	Clerk to write to Anglian Water regarding the foul sewerage and flooding in Chapel Lane.		
Traffic Calming	No noticeable effect has been made since the VAS equipment was installed in Dunstable Road, Dagnall. Clerk to enquire of Bucks CC as to whether a survey has been carried out since they were installed and what the solution would be, then to involve Safer Routes to School.		Clerk Nov
	<u>Speed Limit Review</u>		
	Bucks CC to be chased up to re-paint the roundels through Northall, to reposition the 'dragons' teeth' near Sparrowhall Farm, to get the VAS working and to remove the redundant posts etc around the villages.		Clerk
	An additional quantity of Litter Bin Stickers have been received for distribution.		KC/MW/ BH/CN Clerk
	A meeting has taken place with Bucks CC regarding the change of speed limit on Leighton Road between the Travellers Rest and Edlesborough.		
Correspondence	Dacorum Borough Council – Grovehill Future Project Proposed Neighbourhood Plan area.	CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine	Clerk
	SLCC – Pensions and Pay	Bucks Playing Fields Association magazine	
	The Chilterns Conservation Board Annual Forum	Insurance Company – Parish Matters magazine	
		Eaton Bray Parish Council – minutes of 1 st October meeting	
Items for Agenda for meeting 15 th Nov '12	Dog Bins	Dagnall Allotment Gate	
	Pavilion	Anglian Water update	
	Precept	Playground	
	Dagnall Footpath – Special Projects	Car Parking – Surgery/Cow Lane	

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Neighbourhood Plan

Agenda items to
be carried forward
when more
information is to
hand

Status on Registration of Green

Communicating with Parishioners (website development/e-mail data base)

Luton Airport Expansion

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting , April 2013

Next Meeting

Thursday 15th November 2012 at DAGNALL CHURCH (due to election in Memorial Hall) **commencing 7.30pm**

Future Meetings

Thursday 20th December 2012 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm