

## Edlesborough Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 8.05pm.

#### **Present**

Cllr Cabbage, (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt; Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Councillor Chris Poll, Mr. Wilson, 2 parishioners and one visitor

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance . The meeting unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Wilson back onto the Parish Council.

#### **Apologies:**

There were no apologies

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

#### **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes**

#### **Affordable Housing Survey**

Councillors had studied the results of the Survey carried out by Community Impact Bucks and put forward various questions that would be discussed when Jean Fox attends the June meeting.

**Declarations of Interest** – None declared

**Open Forum** – Parishioners were invited to speak but no questions arose.

#### **Police Matters:**

No reports made and Parish Council waiting to hear from Bucks CC to arrange a site meeting to discuss the white lining in Edlesborough High Street.

### **Finance Reports:**

Accounts for the month of April were presented explained and approved.

All relevant documents have been prepared ready for the internal audit of the 2010/11 Accounts. The 2010/11 Annual Return to be presented for approval at the June meeting.

### **Authorisation of cheques (May including VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 223.56

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 532.77

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,497.52

Installation of Litter Bin, Moor End 120.50

Cemetery and War Memorial expenses 174.75

Churchyard expenses 280.00

Children's Play area expenses 11.25

Insurance 2,283.11

Grass cutting Edlesborough & Dagnall 657.72

EDaN expense 6.55

Wheelie Bin 30mph/40mph stickers 492.93

Reimbursement of cheque paid to EPC in error 39.65

**Total £ 6,320.31**

**Planning**

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

11/00637/APP	43 Main Road North Dagnall	Construction of two off street parking spaces and relocation of oil tank	Oppose
11/00589/ALB 21st March 2011	38 Main Road South Dagnall	Cladding of south wall with waney edge weatherboard, extension of roof over and replacement cast iron drain pipe	No Objections
11/00066/APP 13th January 2011	Hall Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Two story side extension and insertion of windows	No Objections
11/00746/AOP 11th April 2011	Yew Tree Malting Lane Dagnall	Site for one new dwelling and alterations to existing access	No Objections
11/00837/APP 21st April 2011	Ivanhoe 7 Eaton Bray Road Northall	Two storey front bay extensions and part two storey, part single storey rear extension	No Objections
10/02595/AOP 27th April 2011	Manor Farm Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Residential development comprising of 3 converted stables and 3 new dwellings	No objections provided AVDC can assure the Parish Council that the application conforms with RA14 and gives an undertaking that any damage to the road will be repaired by the Contractor. The Parish Council would also seek an assurance that AVDC would make it a condition of any outline approval that the details regarding the type, scale and number of houses must not differ from the scheme described in the final application

11/00908/APP 3rd May 2011	3 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension with green roof terrace and first floor bay	No objections subject to a condition that the flat roof must not be used as a balcony or terrace.
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The following decisions had been received from AVDC

11/00517/ACL 9th March 2011	The Grange Studham Lane Dagnall	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conservatory	No Objections	REFUSED The development  does not constitute permitted  development
11/00408?APP 28th February 2011	12 Church End, Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted
11/00175/APP 28th January 2011	Brooklyns Cow Lane Edlesborough	Demolition of stable block and barn and erection of replacement stable building	No Objections	Permitted
11/00399?APP 28th February 2011	5 Moor End Close Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	No Objections	Permitted
11/00067/APP 13th January 2011	Hall Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension	No Objections	Permitted

Greenacre, Studham Lane, Dagnall – Decision awaited

**The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson and the Clerk to attend a meeting with Aylesbury Vale representatives.

**County & District Councillors Reports**

County Cllr Avril Davies was not in attendance

Newly appointed District Cllr Chris Poll gave the following report:

Firstly I would like to say a few words about the election. The votes cast were as follows: Chris Poll (Con)

560, Kevin Cabbage (Ind) 489, Bob Kempster (Lab) 102 and Emma Griffin (UKIP) 62. Turnout at 52.7% was slightly higher than the average across the vale which was 45.5%. The campaign in Edlesborough ward was an entirely positive one.

It is clear that the result show many voters expressed a preference for a local candidate. Although not from one of the villages myself I have many links to the ward and as my election literature stated it is my belief that working from within the largest group on the council will be of benefit to Edlesborough, Dagnall, Northall and Ivinghoe Aston. I will work closely with both Parish Councils and will always make myself available upon request. As I stated at the Ivinghoe meeting on Tuesday I will endeavour to attend every Parish Council meeting over my four year term. I am confident in making this declaration as I do not take long holidays and instead have shorter weekend breaks within the UK. I will always be available by email and will do my utmost to respond in a timely fashion. If an AVDC meeting clashes with an Edlesborough Parish Council meeting I will try to attend both or at the very least send my monthly report to the clerk.

I have been re elected to serve as a Parish Councillor in Cheddington, although I have reduced my commitment there somewhat. I will continue to serve as vice chair, represent them at the Freight Quality Partnership and on the newly reconvened Youth Council. In particular the latter will, I hope, bring mutual benefit to Edlesborough as the experience gained will be shared with yourselves, Ivinghoe and Pitstone. The youth of Cheddington and Pitstone already have a good relationship and I will endeavour to encompass Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall into the shared projects. I will however prioritise my commitments to my role as District Councillor which of course must take precedence over my other roles. I will also share best practice between the various Parish Councils in order that we may all improve our methods of conducting business.

Since the election I have spent time attending inductions and seminars at AVDC and also worked with the Save the Bell campaign. I am disappointed that the EPC and STBC objections were rejected at the Dev Con meeting today and planning permission granted but will make myself available to them in future if and when the need arises. As of yet I do not have my email account within the AVDC system but the chairman and clerk have my personal email address and I will be happy to receive your messages.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Poll and hoped that he would be able to help make AVDC and its proceedings more transparent and to prevail upon AVDC to listen more positively to the Parish Council's submissions.

### **Correspondence received**

Customer Contact team at Bucks CC have won the Government's seal of approval for excellence.

Local Transport Plan now published and available to view at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3)

Bucks average Band D charge remains below the national average and charges less than neighbouring County Councils.

County Youth Services set to join the Big Society

Changes to subsidised evening and Sunday bus services

Decision on future of Day Centres in Buckinghamshire

Thank You e-mail from parishioner Edna Ward for AVDC not having cut the Cow Parsley in Chapel Lane.

CPRE – Consultation meeting dates for HS2

Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils – Invitation to nominate a member of the Parish Council to the AVALC Executive. 4 evening meetings per annum commencing 6.30pm at venues across the Vale plus AGM during November on a Saturday morning.

Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils – Information & Discussion Event, Rights of Access, Parish Footpaths and Bridleways – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8pm The Old Gaol, Market Hill, Buckingham

Notification of various meetings for new Councillors, details were handed to Cllr Holt.

**List of items which were placed on the Councillors table**

No relevant SBDC applications

The Chiltern Society –May 11 Newsletter

Details of final decision on The Future of Day Services in Buckinghamshire

CPRE Fieldwork Spring 2011 magazine

Clerk & Councils Direct magazine May 11

The Voice of Local Councils Spring 2011 Magazine.

**EDaN Report**

The recent May Day event held on the Green had been a great success.

The Village signs for Northall and Dagnall were almost ready to be installed. It is proposed that the unveiling of the Village signs will be coupled with the opening of Phase 2 of the Northall Play area on either 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Work to commence on the Dagnall planter very shortly.

The Traffic Management team have increased their activity on Speedwatch.

Safer Routes to School have approached EDaN to operate the scalextric at the Edlesborough School Fete and at the Carnival.

The voluntary car scheme is now up and running.

Further work being carried out on the changing of post codes.

Cycle racks are being installed outside Edlesborough Surgery.

Cycleways, Pavements & Footpaths a) a meeting has been arranged regarding the footpath from Eaton Bray Road and Cow Lane b) as reported in last month's minutes the condition of pavements and overhanging hedges will be reported to Bucks CC and AVDC.

The Churches Conservation Trust wish to carry out a Health & Safety inspection of the Churchyard.

### **Anglian Water – sewerage problems in Edlesborough**

A meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May to discuss Anglian Water's response to AVDC that the Edlesborough system had adequate spare capacity to accommodate additional flows from a proposed new development in Pebblemoor. The Anglian Water representative agreed to go back to the department that made the statement and advise them that there are unresolved problems with the capacity of the Edlesborough system.

Other recurring sewerage problems in the Parish were also discussed, in particular those in the Jacksons Close/Good Intent and The Pastures areas of Edlesborough and also in Eaton Bray Road in Northall. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to collate a list of houses that were regularly suffering loss of service after heavy or continued rainfall and Anglian Water agreed to investigate some preventative maintenance regarding the Jacksons Close/Good Intent problems. Anglian Water advised that The Pastures problem was currently a private rather than a public sewer problem and therefore not Anglian Water's responsibility. However Anglian Water did advise that if the anticipated legislation comes into effect later in the year as expected, private sewers will become the responsibility of Anglian Water. Anglian Water advised that they were well aware of the problem in Eaton Bray Road, Northall and were actively seeking a solution.

Anglian Water agreed to send to the Clerk details of items that should not be flushed away which cause blockages in the system. These details will be added to the Focus report.

### **Traffic Calming:**

The 30mph and 40mph bin stickers have been received. It had been previously agreed that we should distribute the 30mph stickers asap to all the houses in Eaton Bray Road, Northall (where the existing 30mph limit is being ignored by many motorists), and also to all the houses in High Street and Pebblemoor, Edlesborough. This will then enable the awareness benefits to begin to be achieved, along with the EPC (& Police), being seen to be doing something.

### **Speed Limit Review**

A site meeting has been arranged with Bucks CC to discuss the positioning and design of the new speed limit signs in Northall. Initial information from Bucks CC was that the existing 'fence' signs would be removed and the Clerk was authorised to point out to Bucks CC that these were originally purchased by the Parish Council and should remain but required extensive refurbishment.

### **General Purpose Committee report**

Changes to some of the charges for Sports Clubs, Memorial Hall, Allotments and Burials have been referred to in the AGM Minutes.

In order to complete the refurbishment of the existing Memorial Hall Car Park the contractors are to return to adapt the pathway to an 'L' shape and install the guardrail. It was recommended not to proceed with the suggestion of using grasscrete at this stage.

Due to there not being a GPC meeting in June the Clerk raised several matters as follows:

Permission would be given to the Methodist Church to hold an event on the Green. Clerk to establish whether or not this would be a fund raising event. If participants were paying then a charge to be made for the use of the Green.

A request had been received to reduce the height of the hedge on the Green abutting No. 11 The Pastures. On receiving the Contractor's recommendation that the trees were dying and the remainder was Elder it was agreed that the hedge/trees be cut down completely and replanted later in the year with quick growing hedging.

A request for flying electric model aircraft on the Green was denied.

Letter of apology to be sent to a parishioner for planting which was removed to enable infilling of grave to be undertaken as part of the procedure to maintain a Lawn Cemetery.

Council agreed to one of the Yellow litter bins being reinstated near the Memorial Hall Car Park.



Following a request for a further set of keys to be cut and given to the Carnival committee the Parish Council felt that this was not necessary as it had coped with the keys given to them in previous years.

Clerk to inspect Dagnall footpath which had become overgrown to establish whether or not this was a Rights of Way responsibility or that of the Parish Council.

Cllr Wilkinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams that a letter be sent to the Tennis Club regarding their Lease.

**LTP3** (this item to remain on the Agenda)

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

*Edlesborough/Dagnall/Northall:* Schedule of work received from Bucks CC informing Parishes that the

Community gangs would be in the Parish once a month to carry out small repairs etc. Also the A4146 from Edlesborough to the County Boundary in Northall will be closed from 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July for road surface dressing.

*Edlesborough:* Council agreed that the Annual Charity football match should take place

*Dagnall:* The proposed Cyclette meeting has been postponed.

*Edlesborough/Dagnall:* Quotations are being sought from two other companies for the refurbishment of the War Memorials

*Dagnall:* The required cutting back of overgrowth of grass to the pavement and cutting back of the hedge on Dunstable Road has been reported to Transport for Bucks.

**Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Affordable Housing

The Meeting closed at 10.50pm

**NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall**