

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 15th September 2011 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk-Beverly Sage, District Cllr Chris Poll, Mr. C. Nevard, and 5 parishioners.

Apologies:

There were no apologies

Co-option of Councillor

Chris Nevard was co-opted onto the Council to represent Edlesborough Ward

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

Rural Acceptance Scheme which would be discussed under the Planning agenda item.

Declarations of Interest – None declared

Open Forum

Dagnall proposed Build-Out/crossing in Dunstable Road.

Cllr Holt raised the concerns of Dagnall residents regarding the future outcome of this project insisting that the recommendation from Bucks CC to install 2 VAS machines and not a crossing was not the outcome that both the Parish Council and residents had envisaged. A meeting has been arranged for 19th September when Councillors and the Clerk will meet with representatives of Bucks CC to emphasise the need for a crossing.

Proposed extension to Memorial Hall car park

A parishioner asked if the Councillors had seen all the objection letters which had been sent to the Parish Council prior to responses being sent to which the answer was 'yes'.

Questions were raised regarding the proposed de-registration of the Common Land part of the Green and re-registering as Village Green to which full explanations were given.

Parishioners in attendance urged that this matter should be discussed at a separate 'Open Meeting'.

It was suggested that copies of the Agendas for both Parish Council meetings and General Purpose Committee meetings were in future put on the website.

Finance Reports:

Combined Accounts for the months of July and August were presented and the variance which had occurred in June was explained and had been rectified. Following a query from Cllr. Wilkinson, Clerk to prepare a schedule of Hedge Cutting cost on Edlesborough Green from April 2011 to date.

The Annual Return had been approved by the External Auditors and copies given to each Councillor, this has also been put on the website.

As at 1st September 2011 Beverly Sage was appointed Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council to initially take on full responsibility for all matters covered by the General Purpose Committee. Beverly will continue to manage the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green and playarea and act as Booking Secretary for the Memorial Hall until such time as a replacement becomes available. The Clerk's working hours will be reduced accordingly.

Council ratified the signing by the Chairman and Clerk of the Licence between AVDC and the Parish Council regarding the amenity land at Knolls View, Northall to enable this to become the location for the Northall Village sign with accompanying planter and an area of wild flowers.

Authorisation of cheques (September including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (incl telephone and new line for the Assistant Clerk) 197.54

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas, new Water Softener,

servicing boilers) 1,220.85

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,418.66

Cemetery and War Memorial expenses 337.87

Churchyard expenses 470.00

Grass cutting Edlesborough & Dagnall, hedge cutting Edlesborough 548.10

EDaN expense (Northall planter) 412.12

The Green expenses (repairing seats) 299.10

Childrens' play area 60.00

Traps for Mink in brook 234.00

May election expenses 264.00

Auditor's fees 480.00

Design fees for Northall Play area Phase 2 (funded by AVDC S106) 878.39

Total £ 6,820.63

Planning

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

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

11/01575/APP 18th July 2011	The Golden Rule PH Main Road South Dagnall	Change of use from public house and flat to single dwelling	No objections
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11/01576/APP 19th July 2011	The Bell Restaurant Church End Edlesborough	Security gate (retrospective) for temporary period of 12 months	OPPOSES that the gate is less than 6mts from the edge of the carriageway and spacing is even more important on the brow of a hill on the busy A4146 than it is on the High Street.
11/01549/APP 19th July 2011	The Pines, Church End Edlesborough	Second storey rear extension	No Objections on condition that the extension to the adjoining property is also built simultaneously
11/01574/APP 19th July 2011	Chiltern Cottage Church End Edlesborough	Demolition of garage and rear extension, erection of replacement part two storey, part single storey rear extension	No Objections on condition that the extension to the adjoining property is also built simultaneously
11/01667/APP 2nd August 2011	1 Main Road North Dagnall	single storey side and rear extensions and insertion of rooflights	No Objections
11/01707/APP 8th August 2011	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Change of use of restaurant to single dwelling (C3) alterations to listed building and demolition of single storey extensions	OPPOSES The Bell is an important village amenity and the applicant has failed to demonstrate that its previous use as a pub/restaurant is no longer viable
11/01744/APP 8th August 2011	3 Church End Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	Objections, AVDC to determine whether or not the extension would contravene the 45deg rule.
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
11/01708/ALB 8th August 2011	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Change of use of restaurant to single dwelling (C3 and alterations to listed building	OPPOSE The Bell is an important village amenity and the applicant has failed to demonstrate that its previous use as a pub/restaurant is no longer viable.
11/01868/APP 19th August 2011	12 Heather Mead Edlesborough	Single storey side and rear extension and garage conversion-Amendment to planning permission 11/00130/APP comprising relocation of chimney to opposite side elevation	No Objections

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11/01544/APP - 07/02028/APP	Chiltern Farm Barn Main Road North Dagnall	Application for extension of time limit for extant permission 01/02028/APP change of use of agricultural barn to B1/B2/B8 use with formation of new access	No Objections	Permitted
11/01141/APP 2nd June 2011	10 Good Intent Edlesborough	Extension to front dormer window	No Objections	Permitted
11/01278/APP 20th June 2011	55 Cooks Meadow Edlesborough	Conversion of garage, demolition of conservatory and single storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted
11/01322/APP 24th June 2011	Butlers Manor Cottage South End Lane Northall	Insertion of two rear and one front dormer windows	No Objections. However if the original Velux windows were specified to avoid overlooking and the occupants of Butler's Manor object to the added intrusion that would result from the proposed dormers, then the Parish Council would support the neighbour's objection.	Permitted

Krippa, Ringshall Road, Dagnall going to Appeal on 26th October 2011.

Rural Housing Exception Scheme

Cllr Wilkinson expressed the need to pursue this further and to go back to Jean Fox regarding the details of the scheme including numbers and qualification criteria. Cllrs Holt and Williams would join Cllr Wilkinson in setting up a working party.

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

Dagnall: Cllr Holt requested information regarding the cutting back of growth over pavements and cutting down of Sycamore tree. Clerk had reported these to Bucks CC sometime ago to be put on the list of works to be carried out and would raise the matter again at the LAF meeting.

Dagnall: Requests received for a seat to be placed at the northern entrance to the village and adjacent to one of the proposed positions of the Village sign. Further copies of Grass cutting maps to be obtained from AVDC.

Dagnall: The recent Cyclette event had been successful

Other issues raised concerning Dagnall would be taken to the GPC meeting

Northall: Request for seats at Knolls View where Village sign is to be placed.

The question of seats, type, cost etc.to be discussed at the GPC meeting in October.

County & District Councillors Reports

Report from District Cllr Chris Poll

August is a very quiet month at AVDC with no planned meetings being held. My time has been occupied by various planning issues and I have had meetings and communications with constituents and officers as required.

At the end of August there was an economy scrutiny committee meeting and it was decided that broadband would be the most important issue for us to cover. There was a widely reported fund available to eliminate "white" areas of broadband coverage and that Aylesbury Vale has been awarded £17k of government grant towards the elimination of these blank areas.

The first full council meeting was held last week in which we were informed of the level of savings AVDC need to make. The amount is £2.6m, much of which will come from reduced staff costs and, as I reported to you some months ago, a reorganisation of refuse collection. At the economy scrutiny meeting we were informed that in the last year staff sickness has been reduced by some 70%. Naturally with this level of saving required there will be some tough challenges to meet but as yet no firm decisions have been taken and once proposals are put forward these will come to the various scrutiny groups.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan

Discussion took place regarding the distribution and collection of Questionnaires. It was agreed to deliver to each house and to return to collect. Proposal that people would be asked to provide their e-mail address on the strict understanding that it would only be used by the Parish Council - and in the first instance, to communicate information about the Plan, was carried 5 to 2. A bid can be made for a contribution from AVDC towards the cost of consultations. Cllr Williams would endeavour to get volunteers to help deliver and collect the questionnaire. Councillors have yet to agree the precise wording of the questionnaires to incorporate the above.

Correspondence received

AVDC High Speed Rail Final Response available on website: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/high-speed-rail-link website address of 51M www.51m.co.uk

AVDC Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places – Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall remain unchanged.

Royal Horticultural Society – opportunity to get involved in RHS Britain in Bloom

AVDC – Toolkit available for organising and getting involved in multi sport games events

Chilterns Conservation Board – Invitation to 9th Annual Planning Conference Wednesday 5th October Berkhamsted Civic Centre 9.30 – 4.30m

Bucks CC – Have your Say on Buckinghamshire's Minerals and Waste Core Strategy online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwccsconsult

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

CPRE -Countryside Voice & Fieldwork

Chilterns Conservation – News of the Woods magazine

Community Impact Bucks – Impact magazine

Bucks Playing Fields Assn – Newsletter

The Chilterns - Archaeology & History Newsletter

SLCC – The Clerk magazine

AVDC – The Vale of Aylesbury Plan Newsletter

SLCC – Buckinghamshire Branch Newsletter

Thames Valley Police – Wing South Neighbourhood Newsletter

General Purpose Committee report

Several letters received and responded to regarding Memorial Hall Car Park extension.

Proposed that the EPC go ahead with re-registering the Common land portion of the Green but excluding the tennis courts and withdraw the offer of paying up to £250 towards any legal fees the Tennis Club might incur in taking legal advice regarding the consequences of changing the status of the land leased for the tennis courts. This would enable the whole of the Green (with the exception of the tennis courts) to be registered as Village Green. The tennis court land would thus remain as common land. Cllrs voted in favour with one abstention.

EPC gave approval for 2 signs for the Pavilion car park and 1 for the Memorial Hall car park to be erected stating that they were not to be used after 11pm. The proposal to install 3 large litter bins, 2 at the Pavilion car park and 1 at the Memorial Hall car park was approved. To be discussed at the GPC meeting to decide which type would be most suitable.

Proposed transfer of the surplus Multi-Play unit from Edlesborough School to the playground on the Green. Council approved the cost of £600 for installation layout drawings to be prepared and for these to be assessed formally by RoSPA..

Council gave approval for £150 to be spent on materials to improve the condition of the football pitches, work will be carried out by sports club volunteers.

Council agreed to accept a quote of £3,600 for the refurbishment of both Edlesborough and Dagnall War Memorials which will be carried out prior to this year's Remembrance Services.

The cost of the cutting back the Dagnall allotment hedge as necessary to reinstate footpath 14 was approved. Quotation to be obtained. Also Dagnall Allotment Warden to be asked to look into the apparent encroachment of some allotments onto the designated footpath.

A letter to be sent from the Council to a hirer of the Memorial Hall following a confrontation with the Booking Secretary.

The GPC has agreed to grant a further 12 months extension to Road Runners for cricket to continue next year.

EDaN Report

Community Transport is receiving several more enquiries

Traffic Management continue to communicate with Bucks CC regarding the A4146

Cycle racks are to be installed at the Travellers Rest and contact to be made with Bucks CC regarding the installation of 2 cycle racks on the grass verge at Brook Street/High Street.

The Churches Conservation Trust are dealing with the electrics at Edlesborough Church and reinstating the Organ.

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

This should be in place by year end and the recently painted 40mph road markings will be altered to 30mph.

Anglian Water

An email from a parishioner complaining about continued flooding of the main sewer in the vicinity of Good Intend during heavy rain to be forwarded to Anglian Water. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should seek confirmation that the preventative maintenance of the main sewer as discussed at the meeting between Anglian Water and the Council last May had now been introduced and how frequently it is being conducted.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 20th October 2011

The Meeting closed at 10.35pm

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 20th October 2011 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall