

## Edlesborough Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 8.25pm.

#### **Present**

Cllr Cabbage, (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson. Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, Chris Poll Conservative candidate for Aylesbury Vale District Council representing Edlesborough Ward, prospective Parish Councillor Brian Holt and one parishioner

The Chairman welcomed those attending.

#### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Brown and Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones

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

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

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

##### Affordable Housing Survey

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Affordable Housing Survey had been completed, copies having been e-mailed to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the May Agenda and that Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks be invited to attend the June Parish Council meeting.

**Declarations of Interest** – None declared

**Open Forum** – No questions raised.

#### **Police Matters:**

Cllr Wilkinson reminded PC Jared Levens about the recent discussion concerning white lining in the High Street. Clerk to contact County Councillor Avril Davies for more information

**Memorial to Anne Thompson** - In the absence of Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones this item was not discussed.

### **Finance Reports:**

Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were presented. The Chairman explained the final figures and balances for year end and the accounts were approved.

### **Insurance**

Councillors agreed to accept a new 3 year Long Term Agreement benefiting from a one-off 4 months free cover renewal premium to cover 16 months instead of 12 months and a fixed premium for 3 years. It was not considered necessary to meet with a representative of the Insurance Company and to pay the premium in June 2011.

Internal Auditor. The Chairman proposed that this matter be discussed at the July meeting.

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

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 248.65

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 572.76

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,497.40

The Green expenses (installation of 4<sup>th</sup> seat and paving) 1,223.46

Cemetery and War Memorial expenses 448.00

Churchyard expenses 560.00

Children's Play area expenses 105.00

Entrance fee for Best Kept Village competition 10.00

Streetlight repairs 484.75

River Ouzel drainage charge 3.99

Dog Hygiene Bin emptying 1,892.16

BALC – 2011 membership 352.90

EDaN Expenses: May Day 2011 551.11

Northall Village Sign 925.20

Dagnall Planter 75.90

Speedwatch expenses 6.55

Cycle racks 414.00 1,972.76

**Total £ 9,371.83**

### **Planning**

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

11/00346/APP 21st February 2011	12 Good Intent Edlesborough	First floor front extension
11/00399?APP 28th February 2011	5 Moor End Close Edlesborough	Single storey front extension
11/00517/ACL 9th March 2011	The Grange Studham Lane Dagnall	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conservatory

11/00462/APP 7th March 2011	Collyers Main Road North Dagnall	Single storey front extensions and raising roof of existing single storey	
10/02219/ALB 30th March 2011 Further Amended plans	The Bell Restaurant Church End Edlesborough	Demolition of single storey rear extensions, internal alteration and replacement windows and doors at rear and creation of access through boundary wall to serve two new dwellings	Further comments forwarded to AVDC by the Parish Council stating that AVDC could have refused to allow the Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use under article 4 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995 but allowed the applicant to circumvent GP32 protection of the site. The Parish Council reluctantly now accepts that legally The Bell is no longer a public house and that GP32 unfortunately does not apply and planning officers are now apparently prepared to overlook major factual errors and shortcomings in an application that blatantly seeks to circumvent the spirit of established planning policies to the detriment of the local community.

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

11/00040/APP 10th January 2011	Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Two detached dwellinghouses	OBJECT on the basis that the two plots are outside the built area of the village and would only be permissible under policy RA14 if they constituted rounding of the existing boundary, which they do not. Beacon View was originally permitted even though it was in open countryside outside the village boundary, because it was classified as a brownfield site due to its previous commercial use. The site was therefore not required to comply with RA14. The plots for the two proposed houses are not part of the footprint occupied by the previous industrial buildings and as such are not brownfield and are therefore subject to RA14.	REFUSED
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11/00130/APP 21st January 2011	12 Heather Mead Edlesborough	Single storey side and rear extension and garage conversion	No Objections	Permitted
11/00257/APP 10th February 2011	6 Church End Edlesborough	Vehicular access and hardstanding	No Objections	REFUSED

Greenacre, Studham Lane, Dagnall – Parish Council waiting result of Appeal held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### **The Vale of Aylesbury Plan**

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

### **County & District Councillors Reports**

Both Councillors left during the meeting. County Cllr Avril Davies had sent a previous report to Councillors and prior to leaving referred to the Freight Quality Partnership Working Party and Steering Group which has recently been set up. Cllr Williams would represent Edlesborough Parish Council. The Travellers Rest would be the starting point for measuring freight traffic.

### **Correspondence received**

AVDC – Response on Involvement in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan

NALC – Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity

Various e-mails relating to HMRC new rules for Clerks

AVDC – Licensing Policy and Procedures

Bucks CC – Parishes – working together

AVDC – Orchard Pruning Course – Edlesborough, (23 Leighton Road) Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am-3.30pm

Bucks CC – Crack Congestion - Join Bucks CarShare Scheme

Bucks CC – notice of lower speed limits in Aylesbury

Bucks CC – Details of how to apply for permission for street parties for the Royal Wedding

Bucks CC – New cycling scheme launching at Green Park Centre

Bucks CC – New County and Community Model for Buckinghamshire Libraries

Bucks CC - Phased approach to school transport policy changes.

Bucks CC – VAS proving very effective

Bedfordshire Police – Luton Airport Anti Terrorism Strategy. Assessment of risk survey being carried out to identify a boundary stretching for several kilometres in all directions around Luton Airport.

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

No relevant SBDC applications

Eaton Bray Parish Council draft Minutes of April Meeting

SLCC – Buckinghamshire Branch Newsletter

Pitstone Parish Council – Time to Volunteer

The Chiltern Society Newsletter – April 2011

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Biodiversity News

The Chilterns Conservation Board Newsletter

Adult Social Care – The Future of Day Services in Buckinghamshire – Final Decision

Wing South Neighbourhood Team – April 2011 Newsletter

The Chilterns Conservation Board – Chilterns Historic Landscape Characterisation Project & Buildings Design Guide

The Chilterns – Chalk & Trees magazine

Thames Valley Police – suspicious incident at Slapton and burglary in Dagnall

### **EDaN Report**

The Beautification team were well prepared for the May Day event to be held on the Green, The Great Horwood Silver Band and Dagnall Choir would be performing. Sales on E-Bay were proving lucrative. The Village signs for Northall and Dagnall are in production.

Materials for the Dagnall roundabout planter have been ordered and work to commence shortly.

The first pair of Cycle racks to be installed soon outside the Surgery.

Co-operating with Thames Valley Police to endeavour to establish a Youth Council

Concert to be held at St. Mary's Church, Edlesborough on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July commencing 7.30pm.

Cllr Wilkinson queried the EDaN finances and was assured that sufficient 'ring-fenced' EDaN funds are available for the current expenses being incurred.

Cycleways, Pavements & Footpaths a) Clerk to arrange meeting with Mr P and R Pratt, Mr. Wood and Bucks CC re proposed cycleway from Eaton Bray Road to Cow Lane b) team to finalise a prioritised schedule of pavements which require BCC to carry out long overdue cutting back of over grown grass turf. BCC would be asked to give written completion dates for each section.

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

Response received from Anglian Water who are prepared to have a site meeting with Councillors, Clerk to arrange suitable date and time. Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams and the Clerk to attend.

### **Traffic Calming;**

Winter Salting

A favourable response had been received from Bucks CC regarding the inclusion of Pebblemoor in future Winter Salting schedules which would be considered when the schedules are prepared later in the year.

#### Speed Limit Review

A letter had been received from Bucks CC indicating that the gates to the entrance of Northall would be removed and alternative 30mph or 'Kill your Speed' signs installed. The Parish Council requested the Clerk to respond informing Bucks CC that the gates were originally paid for by the Parish Council and to ask them to remain in situ and to be refurbished, also the proposed new signs were not considered to be acceptable.

Northall VAS BCC has confirmed that a) there is an electrical fault which would be repaired shortly, and b) that the equipment will be adjusted to suit the new 30mph limit as and when appropriate.

**General Purpose Committee report** – No meeting had been held in April

#### **LTP3**

All documents relating to the Local Transport Plan 2011-2016 have been received and passed to Cllr Williams. A consultation is being held to decide on the implementation of the Plan.

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

*Edlesborough:* Clerk to contact Bucks CC regarding a meeting to discuss the white lining in the High Street

*Dagnall:* Clerk to contact Bucks CC and AVDC to cut back hedge and verges abutting Dunstable Road.

*Northall,:* No reports given of any problems.

#### **Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Affordable Housing

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm

**NEXT MEETING**



**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011 commencing at approx 8pm preceded by the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING commencing at 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall**