

## Edlesborough Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

#### **Present**

Cllr Mrs Thompson (Chairman) Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Cllr Terry Jones and 24 Parishioners.

**Apologies:** Cllr Wilson

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the Parishioners attending the meeting.

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

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record

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

There were no matters arising other than under Agenda headings

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

#### **Open Forum**

The majority of the parishioners present were extremely concerned that The Bell Public House, being the only Public House in the village of Edlesborough, would be closing with a possible sale taking place in September and it being converted into a private residence. The Chairman informed those present that the Parish Council was not able to intervene with individual sales or purchases of this nature and it was suggested that Parishioners could form a Co-operative, as in the case of Ivinghoe Aston, and it was suggested that they may be able to assist a Co-operative. The Parish Council would give its full support if a Co-operative were to be formed. Cllr Wilkinson stated that no planning permission for change of use had been registered but the Parish Council could approach the Planning Authority to see if there has been an application for change of use and would it be necessary, if yes, then the Parish Council

could then express concern about the loss of the last public house in the village and question the Planning Authority as to whether or not the applicants had adequately demonstrated that the pub is no longer commercially viable. Clerk was authorised to contact the Planning Authority. The Chairman informed the meeting that the same problem was occurring at Dagnall with the possible loss of The Red Lion Public House also being the last Public House in Dagnall. EdaN would give support to a Village Community Public House and the parishioners present were urged to make a decision as soon as possible. Mr. Holloway was prepared to get things moving by holding an urgent meeting and to then contact EDaN.

A Parishioner then raised the question of a proposed Kick Wall to be positioned on the Green, and was informed that the GPC were preparing an analysis of responses so far received. Several other issues had arisen from the responses including the anti-social behaviour and vandalism occurring in both the Memorial Hall and Pavilion car parks and the GPC would be taking all these matters into consideration and consult more widely with parishioners before any decisions were made.

### **Resignations:**

Cllr Tim Jones had tendered his resignation which was regrettably accepted by the Parish Council. Notices have gone out for a replacement Councillor for Dagnall Ward.

Cllr Mark Wilson had tendered his resignation from the General Purpose Committee due to work commitments but would wish to remain on the Council. The Chairman was asked to contact Cllr. Wilson. It was confirmed that a Councillor was not expected to exceed non-attendance for 6 consecutive meetings.

### **Finance Reports:**

The accounts for the month ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 were approval.

### **Special Projects and on-going development**

Council agreed to make this a regular item on future Agendas and to consult with parishioners during the year.

### **Precept – Benchmarking**

Information received had not been particularly helpful and the Clerk was requested to obtain an up to date copy of Good Councils' Guide.

### **Budget**

Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones that the budget for 2010/11 be ratified.

### **Authorisation of cheques (January 2010 including VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone & Gifts etc. to volunteers) 180.34

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas & electric) 328.26 Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,503.57

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses 55.00

Edlesborough Children's play area 30.00

Public Footpath at Dagnall – clearing debris & hedge cutting 150.00

Donation to Taskers Row Social Club Fund for garden works 200.00

EDaN – bulbs for Planters 58.85

**Total £2,506.02**

### **Planning**

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 21.1.2010

|                                    |   |  |                         |           |
|------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| 09/02385/APP 10th<br>December 2009 | Tythe Lodge High Street<br>Edlesborough | Erection of 2.1m high fence with lamp<br>on brick pier                         | No Objections           |           |
| 09/02045/APP 13th<br>October 2009  | Village Hall Dunstable<br>Road Dagnall  | Erection of single storey extension,<br>porch, and alterations to fenestration | Support the application | Permitted |

Application 09/02011/APP Ringshall Hall Farm, Ringshall Road, Dagnall going before Development Control Committee

## **Planning Issues**

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Proposed letter not yet sent

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

County Cllr Avril Davis' report had been circulated to Councillors

District Cllr Terry Jones reported that AVDC Council Tax would rise by approximately 1.9%. AVDC would be introducing a charge for anyone wishing to meet with Planning Officials to discuss planning applications.

Medical checks to be carried out on Taxi drivers.

## **Local Development Framework – Core Strategy**

Cllr Williams gave a report from a recent Pre-Hearing meeting. Cllrs Williams and Wilkinson would attend a further Hearing Session 01-Overview of the Core Strategy on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and possibly the Hearing Session 02 – Housing Policy on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to contact Andy Barton to see whether or not we could establish any common ground regarding the Parish Council's objections prior to the hearings.

## **Correspondence received**

Rural Services Network newsletter

PC Jaren Levens – Thames Valley Police Wing South January Newsletter

NALC's Local Council Awards 2010 – no nominations from the PC

BRAG/Bucks Community Action – Post Office Banking; A consultation on developing the banking and financial services available at the Post Office

AVDC – Monthly Crime Reduction

Bucks Community Action – Proposals to amend Licensing Act 2003

Rural Services Network – A new free service for Community Groups. (Asset Transfer Unit)

Request for donation to Coombe Hill Monument Appeal

AVDC – Aylesbury Vale Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation – extension of deadline to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

BALC - Parish Liaison Project

Citizens Advice Bureau – Fund Raising Concert

AVDC Workshop Invitation – New Play Spaces

Chilterns Building Design Awards 2010

Bucks Community Action – Wheels to Work launch invitation

**Bucks CC – Freight Strategy Consultation dates 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

Chilterns AONB Access Conference – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Ballinger Memorial Hall, nr Gt. Missenden £15.00

AVDC Theatre in the Villages – Promoters Evening, Bledlow Ridge Village Hall 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8pm – 10pm

AVDC Consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Documents plus DVD

AV Association of Local Councils – Meeting of AVALC on Development of Aylesbury Town Centre 16<sup>th</sup> February 8pm

**List of items which were available on the Councillors table.**

No relevant SBDC applications.

SLCC – The Clerk magazine

Bucks Voluntary and Community Sector News

AVDC – Economy Watch produced by the Economic Development Team

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Biodiversity News Bucks & Milton Keynes Biodiversity Partnership

Eaton Bray Parish Council Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010

CPRE – Notice of Branch Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> February at Princes Risborough

Bucks Community Action – Change of Name to Community Impact Bucks.

### **EDaN Project**

Cllr Williams gave an update on Speedwatch which require more volunteers. Unofficial data to be submitted to Thames Valley Police.

Beautifying the Villages Team have requested permission to hold a May Day event on the Green from 12noon – 4pm. Council were concerned with condition of the Green if wet weather was forecast and confirmation required to be obtained from regular sports users that matches would not be affected. In the past Car Boot Sales had been prevented from using the Green in bad weather to safeguard the surface. The Team also requested permission to go into funds available to install a Village sign on the Green in Edlesborough. The planning permission aspect of the position of the sign would require further investigation. In principle the Parish Council agreed.

Another attempt is being made to 'beautify' Dagnall roundabout.

It was proposed that EDaN and the Parish Council hold a Social Evening sometime in March.

### **Traffic Calming;**

#### **Speed Limit Review**

No further information received, Clerk to contact Bucks CC to ascertain present position.

No further information on possibility of having to alter the VAS sign from 40mph to 30mph if Speed Limit Review request is agreed.

#### **Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146**

No further information

### **General Purposes Committee Report**

Councillors had been handed draft minutes of the meeting held earlier this month. A specification was being prepared to be submitted for quotations to redecorate the main hall of Edlesborough Memorial Hall. GPC recommended paying outstanding Rent Charge for Northall allotments and to arrange a meeting with the owner to discuss possibility of a 'one-off' payment settlement. Parish Council agreed to these measures being taken.

Further discussion to take place at GPC regarding the Kick Wall and to discuss this with the young people of the village. Other issues relating to the Pavilion, car parks, litter picking etc. required more discussion and investigation.

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

*Edlesborough:* EB Lions' request to temporarily store floodlights in the Pavilion for approximately 6/7 weeks was approved by the Parish Council. Council to notify EB Lions lack of use of Pavilion toilets.

*Edlesborough:* Clerk authorised to send copy of a Parishioner's letter regarding Buses to Bucks CC.

*Edlesborough:* Following request for improvements to Brook Street parking the Council agreed to extend the existing parking bay down to the bottom of Brook Street. The question of funding would now be looked into.

*Northall:* Concerns were expressed regarding the recent water problems in Leighton Road. Clerk had reported this to Bucks CC who had been and dealt with the initial problem but as water is continuing to flow along the road it has again been reported.

### **Freedom of Information Act**

It was understood that this item had been passed to the GPC for attention, Clerk to check the minutes.

At the request of the Council Cllr Cabbage agreed to put the accounts under this heading on the website.

### **Items to Report to Police**

None at present.

**Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

Allow 10 minutes to discuss Special Projects

Jean Fox of Affordable Housing to be invited to attend (cancelled this month due to illness)

The Meeting closed at 10.21pm

**NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall**











