

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on
17th September 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 16th September 2009 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson (Chairman) Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Williams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, District Cllr Terry Jones, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, 2 Visitors and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr Brown

The Chairman welcomed District Cllr Terry Jones, visitors and all Councillors back after the summer recess.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

None other than under Agenda headings

Declarations of Interest – there were none declared at the commencement of the meeting.

Open Forum

Affordable Housing development was raised by one of the visitors which the Council would consider at its next meeting.

The second visitor had concerns regarding the unsatisfactory surface of the new bridleway from Edlesborough to Ivinghoe Aston for, in particular, horse riders and cyclists. It was recommended by Council that she joined the EDaN Rights of Way, Footpaths & Cycle Paths team who are dealing with these matters.

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the months ended 31st July and 31st August 2009 were explained and approved.

Following discussion it was agreed to allocate balances of Special Projects reserves to a proposed Kick Wall.

Fencing around The Green to be added to the Special Projects for next year

The Annual Return is currently being discussed with the External Auditors.

Authorisation of cheques (August 2009 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 170.64

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas & electric) 641.07

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,443.81

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (including grass cutting,

Strimming graves, tidying War Memorial, cutting down shrub bushes, removing wasp nest 881.47

Children's' Play Area expenses 489.83

Dagnall Multi-purpose Recreational Track 126.50

Seminar expenses 96.00

Grass cutting Edlesborough & Dagnall 888.95

Dagnall Cup – Best in Show 57.99

Streetlight repairs 1,055.68

Total £5,851.94

Authorisation of cheques (September 2009 including VAT)

Administration & Office expenses 226,65

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (inc. removing graffiti) 479.97

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,443.81

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses 429.09

Children's' Play Areas expenses 116.90

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough & Dagnall 563.50

Dagnall Multi Purpose Recreational Track 6,000.00

Streetlight repairs 1,076.25

Total £10,336.17

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 17.9.09

09/01218/APP 3rd July 2009	48 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of part two storey, part first floor, part single storey extensions with balcony, porch and insertion of windows into first floor side elevation	No Objections	Permitted
09/01234/APP 6th July 2009	Reeves Cottage Kircutt Farm Close Northall	Erection of detached garage	No Objections	Permitted
09/01290/ACL 15th July 2009	41 The Pastures Edlesborough	Provision of block paved driveway with drainage channel to soak away	No Objections	
09/01321/ACL 20th July 2009	37 Summerleys Edlesborough	Single storey side and rear extensions	No Objections	
09/01375/APP 24th July 2009	60A Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	OPPOSE on grounds that the application does not comply with the AVDC design guidelines for front extensions to residential properties. The Parish Council are not opposed in principal to a single storey front extension but believes that the design should be more sympathetic to the character of the existing building	
09/01406/APP 27th July 2009	Ashton House 2 Beacon View South End Lane Northall	Conversion of garage into pool room and erection of replacement double garage	No Objections	
09/01447/APP 5th August 2009	53 Cooks Meadow Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	
09/01514/APP 17th August 2009	1 Swansons Edlesborough	Single storey rear and two storey side extensions	No Objections	
09/01074/APP 10th June 2009	15 Nelson Road Dagnall	Single storey front and two storey rear extensions	No Objections	Permitted
0900904/APP 28th May 2009	24 Main Road South Dagnall	Single storey side extension	No Objections	Permitted

09/00970/APP 27th May 2009	Ashpools Chapel Lane Northall	Pitched roof over garage to provide ancillary accommodation in roof, enlargement of single storey side extension (retrospective), pitched roof over and replacement porch	No Objections	Permitted
09/01122/APP 12th June 2009	Telecomms Mast RAF Edlesborough Tring Road Edlesborough	Replacement of two omni telecommunications antennas with three 2G/3G antennas and replacement equipment cabinet	No Objections	Permitted
09/01188/APP 26th June 2009	5 Wren Walk Edlesborough	Conversion of garage into ancillary living accommodation	No objections	Approved Certificate of Lawfulness
09/01151/APP 22nd June 2009	5 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Erection of rear Conservatory	No Objections	Permitted
09/01212/ACL 2nd July 2009	Whistle Brook Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Continued use of dwelling house without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 87/01699/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	OBJECT If the agricultural restriction is lifted what is to stop the land being sold off and the next owner applying for yet another farmhouse in exactly the same way that happened in 1988.	REFUSED

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Council agreed that the Clerk should again write to AVDC regarding the removal of the safety fencing and making good the roadway

County & District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Terry Jones reported that a meeting is to be held on 1st October to discuss the Speed Limit Review prior to going out for Public Consultation, the Clerk would let Cllr Jones have a copy of the Parish Council's letter of 11th June 2009 addressed to Pat Francis at Bucks CC. No Incinerator plants proposed for Buckinghamshire. Details of additional grants available from AVDC. Parishioners who may be experiencing financial difficulties paying their council tax should contact the AVDC Financial Department for help. Small businesses would be able to apply for rate relief.

EDaN Project

Terms of Reference approved by EDaN Steering Committee and would be made available to the Parish Council.

Financial requests were put forward for various projects, namely:

Parish Plan Update - approximately £350.00

Village Beautification - up to £150.00 for bulbs to go in the planters

- up to £500.00 for food and materials for Firewalk night

- approximately £360.00 for CCT surveyor

Transportation - up to £50.00 for printing survey inserts to Focus

Postcode - up to £25.00 for questionnaire printing

The Council approved the above expenditure.

Clerk requested to write to The Churches Conservation Trust regarding Invoice being raised for Surveyor's expenses.

Correspondence received

East of England Regional Assembly – Invitation to attend first stage of public consultation on its review of the East of England Plan on 22nd September from 7.00pm at Luton Borough Council, George Street, Luton. Booking can be made on line at <http://events.eera.gov.uk/conferences>. consultation documents can be downloaded at www.eera.gov.uk

E-mail: More Powers for Parish and Town Councils. Requesting that Cllr write to their MP's asking them to 'Please sign Early Day Motion No. 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill – sample letter available on www.localworks.org.

E-mail: Rural Services Network – Help shape your own rural manifesto

E-mail: Rights of Way and Access Group.

Bucks CC - Emergencies in the Community

E-mail response from Bucks CC on Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy

Calor Village of the Year Competition

Letter from Dagnall Village Hall thanking Council for cooker for the Village Hall

Bucks CC letter re Bus Services in the Cheddington, Leighton Buzzard & Stewkley area. Details passed to EDaN

Letter from St.Mary's Village Carnival 2009 plus list of possible beneficiaries. Clerk to reply that consideration be given to the Kick Wall project.

Request to assist in a dissertation regarding Town & Country Planning

AVDC – Thames Valley Police NAGS questionnaire

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council –Annual Awards 2009

Age Concern request for donation.

Bucks Community Action – invitation to attend Reception Tuesday 13th October 6.30pm at Bledlow Village Hall –Representatives from EDaN will be attending

Letter from Burghope Trust requesting access for elderly to drive along bridleway to the Cemetery. Enquiries to be made and taken to the next GPC meeting.

Invitation to Bucks Playing Fields Association AGM Monday 5th October at Aston Clinton Bowls Club 7.30pm

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

There were no Central Bedfordshire District Council Planning applications affecting the Parish

The Clerk magazine

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

Chiltern News

CPRE – Fieldwork magazine

Chiltern Woodlands Project – News of the Woods magazine

Special Trees and Woods of the Chilterns

Biodiversity News from Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Biodiversity Partnership

Chiltern Commons Network newsletter

Eaton Bray Parish Council draft Minutes 7th September 2009

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

The Council has received no further direct information from Bucks CC.

Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146

A further meeting is to take place at Gt Gaddesden in October

General Purposes Committee Report

Councillors had received copy Minutes of the meeting held in September. The main discussion had been on the cleaning and rising costs of The Pavilion and hire charges for the Memorial Hall. Further advertisements for hiring the Memorial Hall have been placed around the villages. Improvements carried out to the Memorial Hall as requested by Under 5's. Repairs to be carried out to the Play area equipment by Wicksteed Leisure. GPC currently considering quotations for a new Bridleway Gate. Road/pavement repair works reported to Bucks CC and AVDC. Wasp nests are to be professionally removed from the relevant Churchyard/Cemetery areas.

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

Edlesborough: New Moor End and High Street signs being erected in Edlesborough

Edlesborough: A previously donated Litter Bin for The Green has been vandalised and removed for safety reasons.

The Clerk was authorised to write to the Parishioner pointing out that permission should have been obtained from the Parish Council before donating the bin

A public consultation was held prior to the Council installing the Basketball Goal on The Green and

parishioners will be asked their views prior to erecting a kick wall

Clerk was authorised to contact Bucks CC to discuss increasing the hard standing in Brook Street using Grasscrete, as laid in the Cemetery turning circle, and it's views on installing bollards near the junction with the High Street.

The Certificate for runner up in the Best Kept Village Competition will be hung in the Memorial Hall.

Response from Bucks CC that the Council's request for Dropped Kerbs at Church Croft will be reviewed by the Traffic Management Team

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Cabbage for the hedge around the Pastures to be tidied up and brambles removed

Dagnall: A successful meeting had recently taken place with Bucks CC regarding the Build Out and further traffic calming. Bucks CC would come back to the Council with a proposed scheme so that the Council could submit a Bid for the Bucks CC Delegated Budget.

General Purpose Committee to deal with requests for more litter bins throughout the Parish.

P.A.I.N Report (Cllr Wilson declared an interest)

The Parish Council are in possession of a copy of the Luton Airport AMR for 2008 published by Luton Borough Council and London Luton Airport Operations Ltd. The annual report gives detailed statistics relating to aircraft movements, passengers carried, runway usage, noise level monitoring, complaints, employment and surface access.

Notable changes since the 2007 Report are:

In 2008 the Airport handled 10.2 million passengers compared with 9.9 million in 2007 an increase of 2.5%

The number of commercial passenger aircraft movements increased by almost 3% but the total number of aircraft movements decreased by 2% primarily as a result of fewer cargo and general aviation movements.

The proportion of scheduled flights compared with charter flights continues to increase. Easyjet remain the biggest operator, Ryanair next biggest followed by Wizz Air.

There was a decrease of 4% in night movements.

The number of complaints were reduced but with slightly more complaints from the Parish in 2008, 5 from Dagnall and 2 from Edlesborough compared to 1 from Dagnall in 2007.

The split of Westerly to Easterly operations in 2008 was 70% to 30%, similar to previous years. During Westerly operations approximately 20% of departing aircraft use a flight path that nominally overflies the Parish (Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall). During Easterly operations, 100% of arriving aircraft overfly Dagnall.

Details of the NTS TCN consultation should be available shortly to which the Parish Council will be responding.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 17th September 2009

The Meeting closed at 10.09pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 15th October 2009 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall