

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

20th November 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20th November 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Jones, Lin Sargeant – Clerk

Apologies Cllr Mrs Thompson. Cllr Williams

In the absence, due to illness, of Cllr Mrs Thompson, Vice-Chairman Cllr Cabbage chaired the meeting

The Council wished to place on record its sadness on the recent death of Cllr Conacher, and the grateful thanks for his contribution since he became a Councillor in 2004

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Council had received minutes of the Eaton Bray Parish Council meeting and a suggestion was put forward that EPC should in future allow time at the beginning of the Agenda for parishioners attending to put forward any questions.

There were no other matters arising which are not covered in the following Agenda items.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports for the periods ended 31st October 2008 were presented to the Council explained and duly approved. Cllr Cabbage apologised for 2 small errors on the Special Projects page of the accounts which were rectified.

Authorisation of cheques (November 2008)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 150.75

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (including electricity) 289.04

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,841.16

Grass/hedge cutting, strimming,(Cemetery, Wildflower bank in Churchyard, raking

Play area, Dagnall & Cow Lane allotments 627.00

Clearing debris and tidying War Memorial & bank for Remembrance Sunday 45.00

Cemetery expenses: clearing bins, top soil for infilling sunken graves 431.62

Streetlight repairs including hire of cherry picker 1,750.50

Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths (incl. Parish Council, Dagnall and W.I. donations) 112.50

EDaN Project – purchase of bulbs 100.00

Green Sack purchase 180.01

Authorised at meeting: SLCC membership 133.00

Seminar 5.00

Total £ 5,665.58

EDaN

Mrs Christine Yates and Mrs Karen Coppen - representatives from the EDaN 'Beautifying the Villages' project attended the meeting to discuss the location of proposed Planters around the villages. It was agreed that 10 Planters would initially be purchased, 1 each to be installed at Good Intent, Edlesborough Memorial Hall, opposite Edlesborough Church, Cock's Close, and at Sparrowhall Farm, 3 at the entrances to Dagnall, and 2 at the entrances to Northall. It was not considered appropriate to install planters at the approaches to the Travellers Rest roundabout due to the danger of ongoing maintenance on busy roads. The Clerk to write formally to AVDC and Bucks CC, as appropriate, to obtain their approval for the respective planter locations. EDaN have obtained grants and donations for the installation of the planters.

The next project would be floodlighting of Edlesborough Church. Estimates have been received and discussions taken place with the Churches Conservation Trust. The Project Team will come back to the Parish Council when final details are available to discuss maintenance

and electricity costs. It was recommended that full details be sent via e-mail to all Councillors prior to a Parish Council meeting.

Budget/Precept

Councillors discussed the provisional budget figures for 2009.10 together with items required to be included within the Precept. Possible reallocation of current Special Projects and other items to be included will be discussed and approved at the December meeting Cllr Cubbage was thanked for the preparation of the outline budget figures.

In the next report for 'Focus' the Clerk to seek comments on a parishioner's suggestion for the Council to provide a bus shelter near the Methodist Chapel. This article to make it clear that there are no funds available currently to provide such a shelter.

It was unanimously agreed to put in a 'bid' to Buckinghamshire County Council's Local Area Forum Delegated Budget Schemes 2009-10 for work to be carried out on the Dagnall 'Build Out'.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 20.11.08

08/01769/APP 20th October 2008	Springwood, Ringshall Road Dagnall	Demolition of existing house and erection of No. 1 dwelling, detached garage and stable block	No Objections	
08/02482/APP 16th October 2008	41 The Pastures Edlesborough	Construction of front block paved driveway	No Objections	
08/02534/APP 23rd October 2008	29 Brownlow Avenue Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	OBJECT on the basis that the current on road parking at the premises is woefully inadequate and any enlargement of the premises would only exacerbate the problems	
08/02296/APP 9th September 2008	15 Eatongate Close Edlesborough	Two storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted
08/02308/APP 9th September 2008	13 St. Mary's Glebe Edlesborough	Replacement of a section of existing roof to single storey element from hipped end to gable end	No Objections	Permitted
08/02241/APP 8th September 2008	Hazeldene, Leighton Road Northall	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3no. two storey dwellings	No Objections	Permitted

Planning issues

S106 Agreements

Knolls View, Leighton Road, Northall

Further correspondence taking place between AVDC and the Council who wished to express their thanks to District Cllr Terry Jones for his input.

Complaints have been received from residents in South End Lane, Northall, and from users of Northall Village Hall, about the very muddy verges and road caused by the Developer of the houses being built at the rear of The Swan. The Clerk has asked AVDC if the Developer could be requested to carry out the construction of the new Tarmac pavement and other improvements as soon as possible.

Freedom of Information Act

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and carried unanimously, that the Council should adopt the 'Model Publication Scheme' as recommended by BALC. Cllr Cubbage undertook to circulate a revised Paper by the next meeting showing the final details.

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – Private Foster care posters put on Notice boards

Bucks Fire Brigades Union – requesting support against cuts mentioned in Bucks Fire & Rescue service new 3 year draft integrated Risk Management Plan.

Bucks CC – update on Bucks CC Energy from Waste Initiative

Bucks CC – Revised Order for Remembrance Day road closures which now includes closure of Edlesborough High Street from Peblemoor to the A4146. – Clerk enquiring as to availability of Diversion signs for next year.

Consultation on The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws

Communities and Local Government – Consultation: 'Communities in control' Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees.

AVDC re Vital Villages grant scheme – The scheme aims to provide funding to support community life and protect local services such as village stores, pubs, post offices and other economic initiatives in rural areas.

AVDC – Consultation on options for direction of housing growth at Aylesbury – This does not affect the Parish

AVDC Regional Spatial Strategy – the report gave no mention of the Council's suggestions.

List of items which will be placed on the Councillors table

SBDC Planning applications

Vale of Aylesbury Housing – various documents (Accounts/residents News)

Dacorum Borough Council – Site Allocations Development Plan document & Supplementary Issues & Options Paper, Supplementary Schedule of Site Appraisals, Frequently Asked Questions on Gypsies and Travellers.

Clerks & Councils Direct – magazine November 2008

CPRE – Stop the Drop litter & fly-tipping campaign – Information/poster pack

NALC – November 2008 magazine

Standards Committee Agenda for 17th November plus minutes of previous meeting.

Buckinghamshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Review of the year 2007/08 booklet

CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine – Autumn 2008

Minutes of Eaton Bray Parish Council's meeting in October

Traffic Calming

Edlesborough: As Safer Routes to School have been able to get warning triangles on the High Street by Edlesborough School it was considered not appropriate to proceed at present with the proposal to turn off certain streetlights to enable further traffic calming measures to be undertaken.

General Purposes Committee Report

No meeting had taken place in November but it was understood that Under 5's would be interested in being involved in any possible extension to The Pavilion. Clerk to chase Solicitors for an update regarding registration of The Green.

Cemetery Access

Council is in the process of looking again at an alternative route, obtaining estimates etc.

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

Edlesborough: A parishioner has raised various questions which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Clerk to enquire of EDF the saving cost if streetlights were to be switched off overnight.

Items for the Agenda for the next Ordinary Parish Meeting

Precept/Special Projects

The Meeting closed at 10.20pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER 2008 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall