

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

19th June 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th June 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Lin Sargeant – Clerk; District Cllr Terry Jones and 18 parishioners comprising adults, teenagers and children

Apologies Cllr Cabbage

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

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

Chairman, Anne Thompson, informed the meeting that there had been protests regarding the proposed Multi Purpose Recreational Track to be formed on Dagnall Recreation Field coupled with the opening up of Gadsden Walk and with Council's permission brought this item to the front of the Agenda.

A letter handed in prior to the commencement of the Parish Meeting and signed by 13 households protesting against the Multi Purpose Recreational Track and Gadsden Walk (one of which had been withdrawn prior to the meeting) was read out by the Chairman who explained that the Multi Purpose Recreational Track was nothing to do with the Parish Council as Dagnall Recreation Field belongs to the Village of Dagnall and is managed by the Dagnall Village Hall Committee. However the Gadsden Walk is a Parish Council issue. The Chairman explained that at the request of Dagnall Village Hall Committee a piece of land 1200mm in width, as authorized by Buckinghamshire County Council, was leased by the Council so that Deans Meadow residents had access to the playing field without having to go right round the village thereby completing a circular walk, and later this was to be classified as a designated route by Safer Routes to School for children in Dagnall to keep them off the A4146 and to enable children from Nelson Road to walk down Gadsden Walk and cross over Dunstable Road. This process took 4 years before the legal documents were signed. Traffic has trebled over those 4 years and the Gadsden Walk footpath cannot be opened until there is traffic calming in Dunstable Road. The Parish Council have been in discussion with Buckinghamshire County Council since 2004 to create a 'Build Out' to slow traffic in Dunstable Road and this has been referred to in the Agendas, in the yearly Chairman's Reports and in Focus reports over this period of time. The proposed Multi Purpose Recreational Track will be funded by proceeds received from a Section 106 Agreement between Aylesbury Vale District Council, the owners of Dagnall Farm and Edlesborough Parish Council as a result of development at Dagnall Farm, Main Road North, Dagnall. The Agreement states that the Section 106 monies are to be paid to the Parish for the provision of a multi-purpose recreational track around the Recreation Ground. The Chairman read the minutes of a Dagnall Village Hall meeting where it had been stated that it was the Village Hall Committee's wish to create the Multi Purpose Recreational Track and all present at that meeting had agreed to this proposal. The Chairman of the Parish Council informed the meeting that funding could only be spent on Sports and Recreation and the installation of the track and the opening up of Gadsden Walk would create a link around Dagnall and be an asset to the village. The Chairman of Dagnall Village Hall Committee confirmed the Chairman's remarks.

The Chairman allowed the parishioners the opportunity of putting forward their protests and then due to a conflict of interest handed over the meeting to Cllr Wilkinson who stated again that the Multi Purpose Recreational Track is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and should be discussed with Dagnall Village Hall Committee. The question of whether or not the Track required planning permission would be investigated but it was felt that this was not required.

As regards Gadsden Walk Cllr Wilkinson stated (with the agreement of the Council) that as the path had originally been requested by the Village Hall Committee, and it was the Council's policy to support the Committee wherever possible, the Council would continue to pursue the necessary traffic calming to enable the path to be opened unless the Committee come back in the meantime with an alternative proposal.

The protesters requested Dagnall Village Hall to hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting to discuss this matter further.

Cllr Wilkinson handed back the Chair to the Chairman.

EDaN – Footpaths

Discussion took place between parishioners present at the meeting and the Parish Council regarding footpaths which had been previously discussed at an EDaN meeting. The footpaths in question were the general footpaths in Dagnall and the parishioners were informed by Cllr Brown that Highways/By-ways and Footpaths are dealt with by the General Purpose Committee and any complaints or queries relevant thereto should be addressed to the General Purpose Committee through the Clerk. The Clerk reported that Buckinghamshire County Council had been informed of all problems with footpaths, potholes etc. and that 'repair gangs' are visiting each Parish throughout the County in rotation to carry out repairs. Members of the Public are entitled to attend any General Purpose Committee Meeting or Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman thanked the parishioners for attending and invited them to attend the rest of the Parish Council meeting if they so wished and also thanked the children and young people for their petition in favour of the Multi

Purpose Recreational Track which would be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

A letter of support for the Multi Purpose Recreational Track received at the meeting was read by the Chairman to the Council.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports to 31st May 2008 were presented, various explanations given by the Clerk and approved.

The 2007 accounts are currently with the Internal Auditors

VAT refund has been received for the period 1.1.08 – 31.3.08

Authorisation of cheques (June 2008)

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone ` 108.36

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. fire inspection & new extinguisher, repairs to vandalized

Guttering & roof tiles at Pavilion, Insurance premiums, cleaning materials) 1,964.46

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,382.07

Tidying War Memorial 30.00

Parish Insurance 1,105.41

Grass cutting, strimming, Edlesborough and Dagnall (incl. Churchyard & Cemetery & Cow

Lane allotments and Dagnall Play area 1,493.78

Raking & cultivating Edlesborough Play area 75.00

Repairs to Brownlow Avenue street sign (reimbursed by Bucks CC) 146.86

Donation to Methodist Flower Festival for flowers 42.29

Agricultural drainage rates 3.86

CPRE subscription 28.00

Total £6,380.09

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 19.6.08

08/01102/APP 23rd April 2008	Cross Keys Farm 18 Main Road South Dagnall	Slurry Silo	No Objections	
08/01320/APP 16th May 2008	116 High Street Edlesborough	Single storey side extension and front porch	No Objections	
08/01333/APP 19th May 2008	6 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	First floor front extension and pitched roof incorporating dormer window	No Objections	
08/01445/APP 30th May 2008	15 Eatongate Close Edlesborough	Two storey rear and first floor side extension	No Objections	
08/01450/APP 2nd June 2008	2 Pine Road Edlesborough	Erection of replacement garage/store and addition of pitched roof to front dormer	No Objections	
08/01104/APP 23rd April 2008	Ivydene, 7 The Green Edlesborough	Two storey detached garage/store/workshop with ancillary accommodation above	No Objections	WITHDRAWN
08/01178/APP 1st May 2008	4 Good Intent Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted
07/03200/APP 21st November 2007	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Conversion of first floor of garage to living accommodation including insertion of windows (non-compliance with Condition 4) - Retrospective	OBJECT in the strongest possible terms to this application as it is a flagrant breach of the original planning permission imposed and are very concerned that the District Council do not appear to be inclined to enforce their own planning conditions	Permitted

Planning issues

S106 Agreement -Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall – Monies received by AVDC

The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall – Monies received by AVDC

Dagnall Farm, Dagnall – S106 monies, original Agreement payment received by Parish Council, balance due received by AVDC

Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall

Planning Permission has been granted by AVDC. The Parish Council would write to AVDC Planning Department for an explanation of it's decision and to enquire as to how the Parish Council can stop this apparent circumvention of the planning regulations happening again.

Knolls View, Leighton Road, Northall – Site meeting arranged for 16th July with representatives from AVDC Planning Department

Correspondence received

SBDC Planning applications

Conference – The Making of the Chilterns Landscape – 21st June at Buckinghamshire New University, Chaltont St. Giles cost £25. incl. lunch.

Chilterns Conservation Board – Conservation Award 2008

South East England Regional Assembly – Review of sub-regional allocation of primary Land-WON Aggregates on the South East – Consultation document & The South East Regional Sustainability Framework

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council – membership paid

Cheque received in reimbursement for cancelled Flower Festival at St. Mary's Church, Eaton Bray

Thank you letter from Methodist Church for donation towards the Flower Festival

Chilterns Conservation Board – Launch of Chilterns AONB Parish Fund

AVDC Response to Core Strategy and Aylesbury Allocated Sites Preferred Options Consultation

Play Around the Parishes dates of visits

Bedfordshire County Council – Survey on Dunstable Downs

Bucks CC – Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework – Adopted Statement of Community Involvement

Bucks Locality Strategy – responses have been collated and will be considered by Council on 10th July after which a response on Council decision will be sent to all who participated.

Avril Davies – works listed for this area Cocks Close, Edlesborough – now carried out

Community Action – Post Office closure programme: Dates of Meetings –Council Chamber, Council Offices, Amersham Monday 30th June 7pm (refreshments from 6.30) Area for Herts & Beds. Tuesday 22nd July Winslow Centre, Winslow 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm)

List of items which will be placed on the Councillors table

CPRE – Fieldwork Magazine

The Chiltern Society – Chiltern News Magazine

NHS Primary Care Trust leaflets

Community Action 'In Focus' magazine

AVDC Standards Committee Annual Report for 2007/8

Bucks Playing Fields Association Newsletter

Report from Wing & Ivinghoe Local Forum

A4146

County Cllr Avril Davies summarised the efforts being made by both Bucks CC and AVDC to reduce the number of waste lorries using the road.

BCC to look at re-marking the road at Dagnall to give a greater impression of narrowing, in an attempt to slow the traffic at that point. If successful they will try a similar approach in Edlesborough. The alternative of widening the road at the two pinch points would be much more costly and would obviously need to wait until funds were available. Also slowing the traffic rather than enabling it to speed up is more desirable. The Parish Council again raised the issue of possibly repositioning the speed camera at the bottom of Edlesborough hill in an effort to slow the southbound traffic before the hill instead of as now, where the traffic users the hill to slow down ready for the camera. This suggestion would be referred to the appropriate person at Bucks CC to discuss with Thames Valley Police.

Road Maintenance

The road maintenance teams are expected to be in the Edlesborough area in September. The two sections of road in the Parish currently expected to be included are Main Road South in Dagnall and Ford Road in Edlesborough.

VAS Costs

The question was asked on behalf of the Parish Council if Bucks CC could advise the Parish at the next Forum meeting what the latest cost of a Vehicular Activated Sign is if provided by Bucks CC and what the parameters are for justifying one if funded by the Parish.

Dagnall Build-out

The Parish Council raised it's concerns regarding the extreme delay in getting agreement for the positioning of the build out. This matter will now be brought back onto the Local Area Forum Agenda.

Residents Survey Results

Trevor Boyd from Bucks CC presented the results of the Residents' Survey that was carried out in 2007, showing how the responses for the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Area compared with the other areas.

Community Information

Bucks CC website now includes pages for each of the 19 community areas listing useful information for that area.

Area 13 Speed Review

Madeline Howe from Bucks CC read out Bucks CC's response to the Northall petition organised by Marily Prys-Jones concerning the delay in investigating the request for the reduced speed limit through Northall. As expected the response was that individual cases could not be dealt with in advance of the scheduled speed limit review as they would simply delay the overall review. However, in response to pressure being applied to expedite the review, additional resources had now been made available. Consequently the Area 13 Consultation has now been brought forward to Spring 2009 with implementation expected in Autumn 2009.

This meeting was well attended and well supported by Bucks CC Officers and it was felt very worthwhile as far as Edlesborough Parish was concerned. Probably more so than the Aylesbury Vale Local Committee that it has replaced.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at Great Brickhill on 30th September.

Traffic Calming Reports

Edlesborough: – Following the power connection to the new streetlight column in Cow Lane steps to be taken to switch off various streetlights to seek parishioners views on whether they require the streetlights or more traffic calming in the High Street. At present no further traffic calming measures can be implemented unless various streetlights are made redundant.

Dagnall: The footpath works have been completed apart from the gates.

Northall:

Community Speedwatch – No further information

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

Edlesborough: A letter was read from a parishioner regarding inconsiderate parking near to or across the newly installed 'dropped kerbs'. This would be referred to in the next Focus issue.

Northall: Request from Northall Village Hall Management Committee for Council to give authority for contract to carry out extension works to be signed. The Council required more information and this item would be put on the General Purpose Committee Agenda to be further discussed.

P.A.I.N (London-Luton Airport)

Letter received from NATS confirming the Parish Council's views have been logged as part of the consultation and its comments, alongside other issues raised during the process, will help to form the Consultation Feedback Report. This will be published on the NATS website by 22nd July 2008 and submitted to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams, Chairman of the EDaN Project, produced quotations for printing the Parish Plan. Various aspects of how the finished article should look are being further discussed. The Council agreed that every household should have a copy of the finished Plan.

Rural Strategy Report

No further information

Tennis Club Lease

Parish Council waiting for outcome of meeting with the Tennis Club

Cemetery Access - awaiting feedback from The Churches Conservation Trust on revised specification.

Items for the Agenda for the next Ordinary Parish Meeting

None specifically mentioned

The Meeting closed at 10.32pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 17th July 2008 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall