

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 3rd September 2008 at 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Item	Content/Decision	Next Review Date
<u>Present</u>	Mr. Brown (Chairman) Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Prys-Jones, Clerk - Lin Sargeant,	
<u>Apologies</u>	Mr. Cabbage	
<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	None declared at commencement of meeting	
<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> <u>Held on 2nd July 2008</u>	Signed by the Chairman as a true record	
<u>Under 5's</u>	The letter received from Under 5's regarding the increase in hall charges was fully discussed by the Committee who considered that with the rising energy costs the Parish Council had no alternative but to increase the hire charges for all Memorial Hall users. An appropriate reply would be sent to the Under 5's.	Oct 08
<u>Edlesborough Memorial Hall</u>		
Clerk's Report	Replacement Exit signs have been installed and a further coat of paint applied to the internal walls. The 2 boilers have been serviced together with the carrying out of the annual Electrical Test. A replacement photograph had been put on the notice board advertising the Memorial Hall for letting.	
Gas/Electricity	The Clerk has not been informed of any further increase in the Council's direct debit payments to British Gas but had received notification of a further rise in electricity costs.	Oct 08
Fire Risk Assessment	The Committee wished to thank Beverly Sage, the Manager, for having carried out a thorough Fire Risk Assessment of the Memorial Hall and The Pavilion.	Oct 08
<u>Memorial Hall Car Park</u>	2 broken car park bollards have been replaced and the vandalised car park light will be repaired this week.	Oct 08
<u>Edlesborough Green (including play equipment, car parks, Sports activities etc.</u>		
Goal Posts	The new goal posts will be re-erected following the Carnival and will remain in position (minus nets) for a period of time as an additional play attraction.	
AVDC Play Scheme	The visits by Aylesbury Vale District Council during the School Summer break have all gone very well and have been much appreciated by parents and children of all three villages in the Parish. This scheme is run entirely free of charge by Aylesbury Vale District Council throughout the County and the Clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to AVDC.	Oct 08
Replacement Practice Goal/Kick Wall	Information on the costings, usage, maintenance etc. had been received from Pitstone Parish Council. It has been ascertained that a certain amount of funding is available particularly for play areas and the General Purpose Committee will be submitting requests for Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall playgrounds with the possibility of being able to provide a kick wall on Edlesborough Green and to increase play equipment at Dagnall and Northall.	Oct 08
<u>Dagnall Playground</u>	The Clerk was requested to order further bark for the swing area of the playground.	Oct 08
<u>Grass Cutting</u>	Discussion took place regarding the increasing cost of grass cutting throughout the Parish following additional quotations that had been received. The Clerk was requested to accept the new quotations for the 2009 Season.	Oct 08
<u>Edlesborough Green Pavilion</u>		
Clerk's Report	Broken and removed vent pipe repaired and replaced. Broken glass from bottles is constantly having to be swept up around the front of the Pavilion. Electric Test due to be carried out on 5 th September.	

Canopy Roo/Pavilion Extension	Edlesborough Cricket Club have requested the Council to 'revisit' the possibility of an extension to the Pavilion to accommodate storage etc. The General Purpose Committee have recommended that this project should be considered and a meeting is to be arranged between the Parish Council and all Sports Club users of the Pavilion. As a temporary solution the Clerk was authorised to arrange for shelving to be erected in the existing storage room. The canopy roof would prove difficult to replace as this is built into the existing roof of the Pavilion and further discussion will take place regarding this matter.	
<u>Tennis Club Lease</u>		
Clerk's Report	A round of applause followed the announcement that the new Lease has been signed and exchanged.	
<u>Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Allotments</u>		
Clerk's Report	Several enquiries received for allotments, Clerk to ascertain who may be giving up their allotment when rents are collected in October. Notices referring to the Rent collection dates to be posted on gates of allotments.	Oct 08
<u>Dagnall Allotments</u>		
	New fencing to be installed shortly. A suggestion was made that the Parish Council present a Cup or other type of trophy for the winner of one of the classes at the Dagnall Annual Show. At present there is no award given for The Best in Show.	Oct 08
<u>Edlesborough Chuchyard/Cemetery</u>		
Clerk's Report	1 Memorial application received. A ramp has been installed to the gate in the bridleway to enable easier access to the Cemetery which will receive a top layer of tarmac.	Oct 08
Access	A further site meeting is to be arranged to discuss this matter in more detail.	
<u>Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Street Lighting</u>		
	Several faulty lights will be repaired during the current week.	
<u>Highways/byways/footpaths</u>		
	Missing railings at the Ford are the responsibility of Bedfordshire County Council who have been informed.	
<u>AVDC & BCC responsibilities</u>		
	Further pot holes have been reported to Bucks CC requesting urgent repairs.	
	The meeting closed at 9.56pm	
	As from October GPC meetings will take place on Thursdays not Wednesdays	
	Next Meeting: <u>THURSDAY</u> 2nd OCTOBER 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm	