

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

20th April 2006

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April at 8.10pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman, Mrs Thompson, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Munday, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Coppen, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, District Councillor Pauline Hannelly, Lin Sargeant Clerk, and 8 parishioners

Apologies – County Councillor Avril Davies

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

Cllr Brown declared an interest in the Tennis Club

Minutes of Previous Meeting

There had been amendments to the draft Minutes submitted to Councillors prior to the meeting under Matters Arising – AVLC, Submission of Draft Statement of Community Involvement and Luton Airport issues. Amended Minutes were presented to the Councillors and the amendments were confirmed. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None other than under Agenda headings

Finance Reports:

Clerk presented the March accounts which included Year End figures and were approved. The Clerk thanked Cllr Cubbage for his invaluable assistance in preparing the year end figures and informed the meeting that all financial papers were now with the Internal Auditors in preparation for completing the Annual Return. Itemised expenses for Cow Lane allotments requested at the previous Parish Council meeting had been presented to the April GPC meeting.

Authorisation of cheques (April 2006)

The following list of cheques were authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses incl. new Burial forms 311.60

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses inc. electricity 156.96

Dagnall Village Hall donations 2005/6 & 2006/7 1,945.22

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,301.55

Disconnection of streetlight supply (reimbursed to PC) 336.05

Basketball Goal for Dagnall 616.88

Misc. maintenance for Cemetery, The Green etc. 384.58

Total £5,052.84

The Clerk explained that the Dagnall Village Hall donations had been expended on electrical repairs necessary to have been carried out, the VAT aspect of this Invoice would be reclaimed by the Parish Council.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 20.4.06

			No Objection
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06/00279/APP letter 15th March 2006	7 Kings Mead Edlesborough	Minor Amended Plans - Erection of first floor and 2 No single storey rear extensions		
06/00547/APP 3 rd March 2006	9 Swansons Edlesborough	Conservatory	No Objection	
06/00632/APP 10th March 2006	19 Brook Street Edlesborough	Rear conservatory	No objection providing planning officers are satisfied that the side wall of the proposed conservatory will not significantly obstruct light from the ground floor windows at the rear of the adjoining house.	
06/00739/APP 20th March 2006	Tannenhof Leighton Road Northall	Erection of detached double garage to front of property	No Objection	
06/00778/ACL 22nd March 2006	9 St. Marys Glebe Edlesborough	Certificate of lawfulness for the conversion of integral garage into an extended lounge	No Objections subject to the planning officers being satisfied that the property will still comply with off street parking standards	
06/00779/APP 22nd March 2006	9 St. Marys Glebe Edlesborough	Single storey rear infill extension and new bay window to front	No Objections subject to the planning officers being satisfied that the property will still comply with off street parking standards	
06/00828/APP	2 Church Croft Edlesborough	Two storey side and part single storey rear extension. Erection of new pitched roof over existing single storey front elevation	The Parish Council have raised it's concerns to AVDC regarding the off street parking aspect of this application	
06/00829/APP	35 The Green Edlesborough	Addition of rear dormer window	No Objection but Parish Council raised concerns regarding the height and appearance of the new dormer window	
06/00831/APP	58 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of first floor rear extension	The Parish Council have raised it's concerns to AVDC regarding the off street parking aspect of this application	
06/00192/APP 24th January 2006	Beaumont Church End Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	SUPPORT the application	Permitted
06/00206/APP 25th January 2006	27 Dunstable Road Dagnall	Two storey side and rear extension	No objection but request that the applicant provides details regarding current/proposed parking provisions as a condition of any permitted development.	Permitted
06/00279/APP 2nd February 2006	7 Kingsmead Edlesborough	Construction of first floor and 2 (no) single storey rear extensions	No Objection	Permitted
06/00387/AGN 13th February 2006	Hall Farm Main Road South Dagnall	Agricultural storage building	No Comment	Permitted
06/00395/APP 14th February 2006	Home Farm Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Conversion of garage roofspace to living accommodation, insertion of dormer window and construction of external staircase	No Objection	Permitted
06/00519/APP 27th February 2006	Ringshall Hill Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Erection of agricultural building for cattle	Referred to Policy RA10 which states that Permission will not be granted for large-scale farm buildings, unconnected with the agricultural use of a substantial area of adjoining open land, that adversely affect the natural beauty of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The building would be obtrusive in AONB area and in close proximity to neighbouring property.	Refused
06/00279/APP letter 15th March 2006	7 Kings Mead Edlesborough	Minor Amended Plans - Erection of first floor and 2 No single storey rear extensions	No Objection	Permitted

Planning Issues

Knolls View, Northall

The Public Open Space at Knolls View was transferred to AVDC on 29th March 2006. Clerk to contact AVDC Leisure Services Green Spaces Team stating that the Parish Council has a legal obligation to the community and request that this land be sold and the proceeds be used within the community.

Correspondence received

E-mail received by various Councillors and County Council Councillor Avril Davies regarding closure of Car Wash at Edlesborough roundabout. The e-mail was replied to by County Cllr Avril Davies as no e-mail had been directly received to the Parish Council by the Clerk.

EDF have disconnected the supply to a redundant streetlight in Dagnall sited on private property. The Invoice has been paid by the Parish Council but reimbursed by the residents.

AVDC letter 'Buildings at Risk Survey' concerning listed buildings. Clerk to write requesting that the Dovecot, moated island and the fishpond in the School grounds in Edlesborough be included in the survey as these form part of an Ancient Monument.

AVDC reply stating that Parish Council comments on the Statement of Community Involvement Reg.28 have been logged. All comments received will be considered by the independent Inspector at the Examination which is due to take place in July 2006.

Letter from defra –Guide to Getting to grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Thames Valley Police – Community Policing Awards 2006. The Parish Council agreed to nominate PC Rob Barker who has been most supportive and helpful to the Parish Council and residents of the parish over the past months.

AVDC – Responsible Dog Ownership – Promotional materials. The Parish Council agreed to obtain a supply of 'poop scoop' bags which would be available on the Parish Council's stall at the Carnival.

Bedfordshire County Council – Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – submission draft. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Mobile Library Service – Unfortunately the visiting dates to Northall and Dagnall have reverted back to Tuesdays making it difficult for Parishioners wishing to travel to Leighton Buzzard to get to the mobile library. Clerk has been informed that Parishioners not able to attend the mobile library can arrange for home delivery of library books once a month via WRVS by contacting Sue Jones on 01296 382033.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

Cllr. Brown reported on items discussed at the GPC meeting held on 5th April, namely EB Lions request for a second football pitch, the siting of same and possible siting of a Basketball Goal taking into account the proximity of the playground, fall in ground levels and position of the Cricket pitch. The Caretaker continues to give full reports each month concerning litter, graffiti and general items that have either been attended to or require attention at the Memorial Hall and Pavilion.

The GPC made recommendations for actions during the Clerk's absence as follows:

Chairman, Anne Thompson, would receive post and deal with Parish telephone calls, Mr. and Mrs. Parker would oversee interments at the Cemetery and Cllr. Wilkinson would make responses to AVDC on planning applications. These recommendations were proposed by Cllr. Conacher and seconded by Cllr. Munday. Councillors to be furnished with all GPC draft Minutes. The next GPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th June.

Concern was raised regarding the Parish Council's intention to erect a Basketball Goal on The Green and it had been felt that the original Notice Board notice had not made it specifically clear as to whether this was to go ahead or not. Cllr Brown informed the meeting that it was imperative that the GPC Committee had feed back from Edlesborough Parishioners, including the younger generation, as to whether they wished to have a Basketball Goal on The Green or not and any responses that were received from Parishioners to Councillors or the Clerk should be directed to the GPC Committee by 7th June when a decision will be taken from comments made by Parishioners as to whether this project will be implemented.

Traffic Calming Reports

Edlesborough: Clerk to request quotation from Bucks. CC regarding the yellow backed signed and roundels *Dagnall:* Waiting response from Bucks. CC re survey for a Vehicle Activated Sign for Dagnall

Northall: Clerk to write to Bucks Transportation department stressing the need for the 40mph signs in

Northall to be reduced to 30mph and extended to bottom of Slapton Lane to be included

in the Speed Limit Review of Area 13

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

Dagnall : Fete 20th May 2006. Schools and playgroups to take part in drawing competition. Councillors reminded to pass Quiz questions to the Chairman

Bucks CC have confirmed that damage to Malting Lane footpath has been caused by vehicles and is the responsibility of the residents to pay for the surface to be improved and that this is a private road and does not belong to the Parish Council, Clerk to respond accordingly.

Edlesborough:. Carnival 1st July 2006. Schools and playgroups to take part in drawing competition. Councillors reminded to let Clerk have Quiz questions. Clerk had attended Carnival meeting and requested road closure, arranged for grass cutting/strimming etc.

Mrs. Cabbage thanked the Parish Council for their help in getting the Tasker's Row pavement

repaired

Pine Trees Garage – No further news on Enforcement Notice date.

Northall: Nothing to report

Land Registry Registration

Registration to be re-considered when agreeing terms of Tennis Club lease

Tennis Club Lease

Clerk has written to Tennis Club requesting action on the draft Lease

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Parish Plan

Funding has been confirmed by Bucks. CC. A Public Meeting date will be arranged at the next Parish Council meeting.

Aylesbury Vale Local Committee

A comprehensive report was read to the meeting on matters including Vehicle Activated Signs, Aylesbury Transport Hub Presentation, Delegated Budget, Waste Recycling and Parish Plan. In the Open Forum the following questions were raised by our representative:

1. Is there any difference in law between highway and footway lighting, especially regarding how the lighting system qualifies the road as "restricted" under the 1984 Road Traffic Act?
2. Does the Parish Council have the autonomy as the local lighting authority to rationalise the existing street lighting provisions where it considers that road safety will not be adversely affected?
3. If this rationalisation results in the street lights on a 30mps "restricted" road being more than 200 yards apart, will the Highways Authority make the necessary legal and signage adjustments to retain the legality of the speed limit?

The response given appeared to suggest that although the street lighting in the Parish is classified by Bucks CC as footway lighting and as such the maintenance responsibility rests with the PC, as far as the Road Traffic Act is concerned, the street lights in the Parish are classified as highway lights and as such cannot be altered without the consent of Bucks. CC. It is hoped that a meeting will take place between Bucks. CC and the Parish Council to clarify this apparent anomaly.

The meeting agreed to judge all future bids against it's worth and to put a ceiling on the value of bids, all bids are rated on assessment and smaller bids would be more favourable.

Luton Airport Issues

A report was read regarding the receipt of a copy of the Luton Airport AMR for 2005, a 73 page document published jointly by Luton Borough Council and London Luton Airport Operations Ltd. detailing statistics relating to aircraft movements, passengers carried, runway usage, noise level monitoring, complaints, employment and surface access.

In 2005 the Airport handled 9.1 million passengers compared with 7.5 million in 2004 which has almost tripled in 8 years. The Airport forecasts that the number of passengers will double again by 2013 and more than triple by 2020. Scheduled flights continue to increase mainly due to the rapid growth of low cost airline operations in particular by Easyjet and Ryanair. Total aircraft movements increased by 14% from 2004 to 2005 and night flights increased by 18%. The split of Westerly to Easterly operations in 2005 was very similar to previous years. During Westerly operations approx. 20% of departing aircraft overfly the Parish (Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall), during Easterly operations 100% of arriving aircraft overfly Dagnall. The number of complaints rose by 184 in 2005 of which 2 were from Dagnall.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

No Police report had been received for this meeting.

Thames Valley Police have confirmed they will be siting a Crime Prevention vehicle at both the Dagnall Fete and Edlesborough Carnival and running a recruitment campaign.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 18th May 2006

None reported

The Chairman gave the opportunity for Parishioners present to raise any questions.

A Parishioner requested permission for the public to enter the Allotments during the proposed 'Walk the Villages'

Event to take place on 11th June. The Chairman explained the 'No Access' signs erected at the entrances to the allotments but stated that this request would be discussed at length at the GPC meeting.

A question was raised as to why the allotments were shown on the latest map as common land. The Chairman explained that this was a complicated issue and that if land is cultivated as in the case of the allotments, that land is exempt from being common land.

A concern was raised regarding donations from the Carnival and as to why the majority of the proceeds go to the fabric fund of Eaton Bray Church and why this could not be utilised to help fund the access problems to the Edlesborough Church at Church End. The Chairman pointed out that Eaton Bray Church was also the Edlesborough Parish Church and many local charities benefit from the proceeds of the Carnival. The Chairman appreciated the question being raised which would be discussed by the Parish Council

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm

NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -THURSDAY 18th MAY 2006 7.30pm followed by Ordinary Parish Meeting
at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL

Apologies for next meetings: David Brown, Pauline Hannelly