

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

21st April 2005

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 21st April 2005 at 8.15pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall preceded by Annual Parish Meeting.

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs.Thompson, Cllr. Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Spencer, Cllr, Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Brown, Cllr Conacher, Mrs. P. Hannelly (District Councillor) Mrs. A. Davies (County Councillor) Sgt. Gregory (Thames Valley Police, Lin Sargeant Clerk and two Parishioners

Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Munday

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

Cllr Brown declared an interest when discussing the Tennis Club Lease.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

None

Finance issues

The Clerk reported that the VAT repayment had been received for the period January – March 2005.

Cllr Cabbage explained to the meeting the problems that had occurred over the past few years due to Government change of policy for submitting accounts from Income and Expenditure to Receipts and Payments which had accounted for the 'historical discrepancy' of £1,143.00. This has now been satisfactorily resolved and rectified and approved by the Auditors. The accounts for the year to 31st March 2005 are 95% complete and these together with Budget figures will be issued at the next meeting.

Authorisation of cheques

The Chairman referred the Councillors to the Clerk's list of cheques to be authorised. The Councillors unanimously authorised the cheques as set out below.

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Category

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 282.80 Electricity 111.76

Grass Cutting 370.13

Open Spaces expenses 2,810.10

Website 176.25

Salaries, PAYE, NIC & Expenses 1,402.92

Street Lighting 91.95

£ 5,245.91

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 21.4.05

05/00793/AOP	Deans Poultry Farm, South End Lane, Northall	Site for five houses	Object. The proposed application is outside the AVDC Local Plan. In the interests of local residents the Edlesborough Parish Council would like to see the whole of the site cleared-up and consideration given to a maximum of 5 Affordable Housing units.	
05/00821/APP	Unit 2 Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	Erection of Stable Block	Object. The scale of the proposed development would appear to be too large.	
05/00901/APP 6th April 2005	8 Chiltem Avenue, Edlesborough	Front Porch	No Objection	
05/00925/APP 8th April 2005	Stonycroft, Studham Lane, Dagnall	Demolition of existing and erection of detached dwelling with annexe and garage	No Objection	
05/00939/ALB 12th April 2005	1 Good Intent. Edlesborough	Alterations to Bathroom	No Objection	
05/00254/APP 28th Jan. 2005	Hillwood Lodge, Studham Lane Dagnall	Erection of single storey side double garage extension with workshop above	No objection but to ensure this further extension conforms to AVDC Local Plan	Permitted
05/00246/APP 27th Jan. 2005	8 The Green, Edlesborough	Single storey front and side extensions	No objection	Permitted
05/00433/APP 16th Feb. 2005	68A Moor End, Edlesborough	Single storey side extension and rear conservatory	No objections	Permitted
05/00491/APP 23rd Feb. 2005	30 Dunstable Road, Dagnall	Single storey rear extension and front porch	No objections	Permitted
05/00594/APP 4th March 2005	19 Leighton Road, Northall	Erection of double detached garage	No objections	Permitted

Clerk's Report and correspondence received.

The Clerk reported on letters/E-mails received as under:

Fire Authority –Introduction and offers of help. Clerk to request an inspection of The Pavilion.

Thames Valley Police – Breakdown of crimes for the Parish of Edlesborough over the past 12 months, Edlesborough (130) an increase of 8, Northall (31) same, Dagnall (25) a reduction of 19 compared to the previous year. A Meeting between Police and Parish Councils will be held in May, representatives from Edlesborough Parish Council will be attending. The new non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police is 0845 8 505 505.

AVDC Parish Review – boundary changes not affecting Edlesborough Parish

Request to place a bench seat on The Green – Parish Council approved.

AVDC Road Sweeping/Cleaning routines - Highway channel sweeping is carried out three times a year and a litter pick occurs monthly. Details of this and verge grass cutting will be placed on the Parish Website in due course.

Bucks.CC – Work has commenced on the replacement of the existing brick arch culvert in Chapel Lane, Northall and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete during which time a temporary access road will be constructed for residents.

Carnival/Fete -The Parish Council will be having stalls at the Eaton Bray Carnival and Dagnall Fete. The Council approved the purchase of a Gazebo.

The first Burial Ground Survey is being undertaken throughout the UK and the Clerk will return a survey appertaining to Edlesborough Churchyard and Cemetery.

Football -The Parish Council had received a request for an additional Football Team to play on The Green. A proposal was put forward that "The Green could be used for 2 football teams" which was seconded and agreed. A subsequent proposal was then put forward "The Green is not specifically a Sports field but is for the benefit of all the Parishioners therefore should we should only make it available to Football teams who are based within the Parish or the majority live in the Parish" This proposal was seconded and passed by 6 votes for and one abstention.

Clerk to have Kingsmead road sign re-instated.

Clerk reported that a survey was in the process of being carried out throughout the Parish on the condition of roads/footpaths etc.

Two applications for Memorials to be placed in the Cemetery were approved.

P.A.I.N

Cllr Wilkinson reported on the Luton Airport AMR for 2004 issued by Luton Borough Council and London Luton Airport Operations Ltd. which gives detailed statistics relating to aircraft movements, passengers carried, runway usage, noise level monitoring, complaints, employment and surface access. The average passenger load per passenger carrying aircraft has not changed significantly in recent years. In 2000 the figure was 114.0 and in 2004 it was 115.5 giving no indication that the increased passenger numbers are being achieved by using fewer, newer aircraft with higher passenger loads. The London Luton Airport's application for its proposed new flight path should be submitted to the Directorate of Airspace Policy shortly.

Aylesbury Vale Local Committee

A report was given following a recent meeting where it had been reported that Bucks. C.C. had received bids totalling over £250,000 for schemes against a budget of only £125,000. The scheme from Edlesborough Parish Council for the proposed extension of the footway from Chapel Lane to the Slapton Turn in Northall had been costed at £60,000 being half the delegated budget. This application was considered as category 2 to be reviewed later in the year if further funds become available or carried over into next year.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee reported that the meeting held on 6th April had only taken 2 hours which is indicative of the progress being made to tie down outstanding matters.

Various jobs around the Parish, the Cemetery, Green and Pavilion are being carried out without delay, thanks are expressed to the Clerk and all of the contractors and caretakers. The Tennis Club Lease still remains to be resolved.

A major concern is the amount of vandalism and graffiti occurring at The Pavilion which is extremely time consuming to remove and proving very costly to the Parish.

New User Agreements for Sports Clubs using The Green and Helpful Hints for Users relating to The Pavilion have been prepared. User Agreements are to be distributed to Sports Clubs as soon as the lock on the Pavilion has been changed and keys forwarded to authorised users only.

A review has taken place of Burial/Memorial fees which the GPC Committee have agreed to double to bring the Parish in line with other Parishes throughout the area. The increase to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

Traffic Calming Reports:

Edlesborough:

The AVDC Local Committee meeting had included a report in response to the petition relating to speeding in Edlesborough village that had been presented to the County Council meeting in January. The report stated that Edlesborough did not appear on the list for investigation from the County's Local Safety Schemes budget and referring to the deployment of SID within the Parish in 2003, 2004 and 2005 together with the recent 'Make the Commitment' campaign it pointed out that all the built up parts of the village were already within a 30mph speed limit and the village roads were unlikely to meet the criteria necessary to qualify for a safety camera or a vehicle activated sign. The Safer Routes to School team had met with Edlesborough School and are looking into the development of a travel plan for the school. The Parish Councillor who attended the meeting was given the opportunity to respond to the report. He confirmed that the Parish Council's main concern of the petition was speeding on the village roads as opposed to the main A4146 which was a separate concern and was surprised that the recent accident record was not sufficient to register on the County's Local Safety Schemes list. It was acknowledged that all the built up part of the village was within a 30mph limit but pointed out that what was required was greater awareness and enforcement of the existing speed limit and requested that a study be carried out to determine the true extent of speeding on the two principal roads within the village, the High Street and Peblemoor. A request by the Parish was made to a senior Thames Valley officer attending the meeting that random mobile speed checks be carried out for a period to enforce the speed limit. A traffic management officer at the meeting pointed out that there are strict criteria laid down relating to the deployment of mobile cameras. He stated that Edlesborough might not meet those criteria but he was prepared to look into the situation on a 'Community Concern' basis. On the question of 30mph roundels painted on the road surface as a means of traffic calming the Parish Council's representative was informed that roundels are only permitted where there are repeater signs and that repeater signs are not permissible where the speed limit is delineated by street lamps. The Chairman thanked the Councillor for his report.

Dagnall:

A meeting has been held with Bucks CC who had agreed in principle to a barrier being erected at the end of Dagnall Footpath to bring it into line with traffic calming. A report will be given at the next meeting.

Northall:

The hard standing at Knolls View has been completed.

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

Dagnall

An acknowledgement has been received from the Enforcement Officer regarding Primrose, Studham Lane, Dagnall.

Dagnall Playground maintenance to be deferred to next meeting.

Dagnall Fete 21st May – Chairman requested support.

Edlesborough

Edlesborough Parish Councillors will be available at the Carnival to talk with Parishioners'

Northall

Street light on A4146 still malfunctioning and receiving inspection.

Dog Fouling is occurring at the Northall allotments and Parishioners are requested to take more care when walking dogs and to use the Dog Hygiene Bin which is on the allotment site.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Nothing to report.

District Councillor Mrs. P. Hannelly gave an update report on Chiltern Avenue.

Items for the next Agenda

Tennis Club Lease

Dagnall Playground

Dagnall Path

Dagnall Allotments

Allotment Report

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7.30PM FOLLOWED BY THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2005 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, EDLESBOROUGH