

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on  
Thursday 19 February 2004 at 8pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.**

**Present**

Mrs A Thompson (Chairman), Mr Spencer, Mr Cabbage, Mrs Ratheram, Mr Munday, Mr Brown, Mr Atherton, Mrs Kerr (the Clerk), Mrs Hannelly and three parishioners.

**Apologies**

Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Prys-Jones.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 15 January 2004 were agreed and signed with the following amendments:-

Page 4, item 19, four lines down: delete manoeuvring, replace with transferring.

Page 4, item 20: delete £41,333.00 and replace with £14,000 earmarked for specific projects, and £26,000 for contingency. ?

Page 4, final paragraph: add in after Mr Cabbage be made the . . . "overseer and checker of the".

Page 5, parish councillors' allowances: under point 2 after councillor, add in "whether they were incurred".

Page 5, under parish councillors' allowances, point 2 second paragraph: take out 'or they relate to the councillor's attendance at a place of work'.

Page 6: Clerk to check position regarding adoption of regulations at the annual meeting.

Page 7: amend principal to principle.

**Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**Matters arising from the previous minutes**

Mr Cabbage asked if the Clerk had checked whether if a matter has been in the previous minutes and the Council wants to raise it again at a meeting, whether a decision can be made. Clerk to still check the position.

**Finance Issues**

**Monthly Statement for January**

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a financial statement for the month of January. No issues were raised.

**Authorisation of cheques**

The Clerk produced a list of cheques and asked if these could be authorised. This was agreed by all.

**Planning**

**Procedure for reviewing planning matters**

The planning representatives for each parish had still not met to agree a strategy for the future. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to John Atherton and see if he would be amenable to Kevin Cabbage taking his place in the meeting so that it could be arranged as soon as possible. Mr Atherton asked if the Clerk could now arrange this. Clerk to action.

**Applications received**

The following planning applications have been received:

Application No:	Address	Proposal	Parish Councils response
03/03218/APP	3, Kings Mead Edlesborough	First Floor extension and new conservatory to rear	no comment

04/00055/APP	37, The Pastures, Edlesborough	rear conservatory	no comment
04/00063/APP	Littlewood House, Main Road North, Dagnall	change of use detached annexe to separate dwelling insertion 3 dormer windows and conversion of part garage to residential	no comment
04/00072/APP	Yeomans, Beacon Road, Ringshall, Ivinghoe Bucks. Under Dagnall Councillor	erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage	no comment
04/00242/APP	10, Cooks Meadow Edlesborough	First Floor side extension	no comment

### Planning applications granted or refused

These are as follows:

Application No:	Address	Proposal	Parish Councils response	AVDC Decision
03/02881/APP	112 High Street Edlesborough	First Floor rear extension	no comment	Permitted subject to conditions
03/02638/APP	5, Greenacres, Leighton Road, Northall	single storey and double garage	no comment	Permitted subject to conditions
03/03157/APP	Northall Baptist Church Northall	Name sign in perspex lettering	no comment	Permitted
03/00094/APP	18, St Mary's Glebe Edlesborough Bucks LU6 2RB	Two storey rear extension	Support provided the application meets with AVDC's criteria for off-street parking for what will be effectively a five bedroomed house.	Permitted subject to conditions
03/02963/APP	2, The Willows Edlesborough	single storey rear extension	no comment	Permitted subject to conditions
03/01037/APP	3, Hall Farm Bams, Slapton Lane, Northall		no comment	Permitted subject to conditions
03/03101/APP	8, Church Croft, Edlesborough	rebuilding of garage and erection of side extension with rear conservatory	no comment	Permitted subject to conditions

### Planning issues

#### 1. *South End Lane – garage*

A permission was granted, application number 02/01584/APP. AVDC had checked the premises and were sure it was within the permission granted. The Council noted that it did appear that a second storey was being built and therefore we should ask AVDC to return to have another look. AVDC had informed the Clerk and sent through the paperwork to state that a second storey had been applied for in July 2002 and permission had been granted.

#### 2. *Hazeldene*

AVDC have written to the owners of Hazeldene and asked them to make an official application for planning permission. This was awaited.

#### 3. *Peppiatts Farm*

AVDC have recently written to the owners and users of the farm to ask them to apply for formal planning permission, taking into account the fact that BCC Highways are concerned as

to the number of cars that will be using the entrance. It is understood that it is proposed to increase the number of occupants from three to ten. Planning application awaited.

### **Report from the General Purposes Committee**

The Councillors had been provided with a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting on 4 February.

Mr Brown provided a summary of the General Purposes Committee meeting in February.

The Memorial Hall letting agreement was in draft form, the most significant alteration being:- No children under the age of eight allowed in the kitchen, and children between the age of eight and fourteen could be in the kitchen supervised by an adult.

The issue of water from Edlesborough Garage overflowing onto the Memorial Hall paving slabs at the back was discussed and this has been referred to BCC for their opinion.

It was agreed that additional posts should be placed in the Memorial Hall car park on the edge of the grass to stop cars parking.

Mr Brown asked if there were any comments arising from the minutes. There were none.

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### **Highways/by-ways/footpaths/lighting**

#### **Repair of lights**

A report was received that there was a light out at 51 The Green. The Clerk to contact Lloyd Barnard regarding lighting generally.

#### **Fly tipping litter, dumping of rubbish**

Mr Cabbage asked if the Clerk could ask AVDC who cleared the verge to confirm the number of times per year they collected litter and cut the verge and the dates when collections had been made over the past six months. He felt that this was a problem in Northall. Edlesborough and Dagnall Councils confirmed that they did not have similar problems in their villages but would still like to know and receive confirmation as to how often litter was collected.

#### **Road repairs to report**

Taskers Row. The Clerk was still chasing BCC. The work had been carried out on Dunstable Road.

It was reported that the road was bad and needed reporting to BCC in the following places:-

The Green outside the Pavilion car park

Round Leighton Road and Eaton Bray Road

Leighton Road near the new gates

#### **SID**

It was reported that SID had been successful in Northall and Dagnall and had produced a good community spirit and had slowed traffic through the villages. Mr Cabbage noted that Northall volunteers noted the vibration and noise caused by large lorries. A parishioner had asked if we could purchase a SID. A parishioner from Edlesborough had asked Mr Cabbage why Edlesborough did not use SID.

It was agreed that the Clerk would find out the cost of purchasing a SID and would order SID for September 2004 and March 2005 (the one that can be borrowed from AVDC).

### **Dagnall Open Forum**

This was attended by the Dagnall Councillors, Mrs Thompson and Mr Spencer. It was noted that in future more notice should be given as there was an article in Focus but the magazine hadn't been delivered to all the houses in time and the Clerk had received some notices to put up very near to the time of the event.

It was noted that in Areas of Natural Outstanding Beauty the policy is usual for the gates coming into the village to be natural wood; whereas Dagnall's are the standard white gates. It was agreed that they were preferred. A lot of people attended the Open Forum. The following points were raised:-

Footpath 13 leading from the RAF Station to Whipsnade would go across Valance End Farm and up the road at the Bison side of the zoo.

It was suggested at the forum that footpaths along the verge would be better if they were on land owners' land the other side of the hedge as they would only take up a yard or so of the field. Apparently there is scope for financial arrangements to be made with landlords. Various Councillors felt that this seemed unworkable as most farmers didn't want footpaths across their land.

Studham Lane has been marked as a "quiet lane". It was unclear how this would be a "quiet lane" as it takes a lot of commuter traffic in the mornings. It had been suggested by one of the Councillors that Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire get together and put a sign at either end of the lane, making it clear that it was a single track lane.

The Councillors who attended felt that it was a good event and that there was a good questionnaire.

We await a report as to how the matter will progress.

### **Northall Traffic Calming:**

Review of speed limit will be 2005/6. There had been an accident in Northall involving a young person running out in front of a car. The cars speed was roughly 25mph. It was noted that the Police had apparently stated that if the car had been travelling at 40 miles per hour the child would have been killed.

This highlighted the issue of school children waiting on the A4146 at Northall.

Mr Cabbage suggested that the piece of amenity land at Knolls View could be set aside as a paved area for children to congregate and/or the bus to pull in. The present situation was that the bus stops opposite the Swan Public House where there is no footpath. Agreed Clerk to write to BCC regarding the speed comment made by the Police and requesting the speed review in 2005/6 to be brought forward and ask about the position regarding the amenity land and whether this could be used as stated above. The Clerk to copy in BCC, AVDC, the Education Committee, the District Councillor, the County Councillor and the local MP.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to BCC and thank them for the road improvements for the traffic calming in Northall, in particular the roundels and 40 mile an hour speed limit signs.

### New dynamic speed indicator and gates

The gates were now in position and the new dynamic speed indicator was working. The Parish Council understood there had been a problem with the dynamic speed indicator but it transpired that BCC were testing to see if the traffic speed was reduced when the machine was on. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to BCC and thank them for the gates. The Clerk said that she had already done.

### **Dagnall traffic calming:**

A traffic count was taking place at present at Dagnall and then BCC would consider whether a speed camera would be a viable option.

Agreed that the Clerk should find out the present situation regarding the count down signs that were to be considered once the gates and dragons' teeth had been installed.

### **Edlesborough Traffic Calming:**

#### Tring Road accident

There had been an accident at Tring Road which had been reported to BCC to ask if there could be further signs or roundels. Clerk awaiting a response.

#### A4146 on the hill by the public house

BCC had said that they would be happy to consider moving the Edlesborough sign and the 30 mile per hour sign if the Parish Council felt this would help the traffic situation. Roundels are available at a cost of £200 approximately to include maintenance. The Parish Council considered whether it should wait for the 2005/6 Review or pay for it now. Mr Cabbage proposed and David Brown seconded that the Parish Council should purchase the roundels for Edlesborough. All agreed. Clerk to contact BCC on this point.

#### Parking outside the Memorial Hall

PC Cummings had attended a meeting with parents on Thursday 12 February. It was reported that PC Cummings had also handed parents letters and put letters on windscreens regarding the parking situation. This would need to be monitored. Clerk awaiting reply from AVDC.

#### Parking outside the shops in Edlesborough High Street

The Clerk contacted BCC/AVDC and asked if we requested a yellow line to be placed there, what would we need to do and would it be plausible, and if we did have a yellow line would there be a traffic warden to enforce it. Clerk awaiting a reply.

#### Parish Review 2004

The Clerk indicated that there was to be another Parish Review. It was agreed by the Councillors that they were happy with the status quo.

#### **Projects**

##### EPC Website

Mr Cabbage had a new computer and this had delayed updating the Website for the time being.

##### Parish Plan

Mr Cabbage stated that due to other commitments, including the reorganisation, this had not progressed.

#### **The Villages**

##### Northall

The Councillors have been asked to suggest a new name for the development in Northall. It was agreed that as the developers wished it to be called Beacon View this was acceptable.

##### Deed of Variation re Beacon View/Southend Lane

The Councillors had considered the Deed of Variation varying the Section 106 Agreement signed in April last year. The S106 agreed to the development and the provision of amenity monies for Northall Village Hall windows. The Clerk noted that since she had forwarded to the Councillors the paperwork she had received, that morning an amended Deed of Variation which was including a second mortgagee has a party to the document. A copy of this had been passed to Mr Cabbage. It was agreed that the Chairman, Ann Thompson, and the Clerk, Maggie Kerr, have authority to sign the Deed of Variation.

There was a discussion as to whether we should ask AVDC if instead of the windows we could ask for money towards a playground. The Clerk noted that this had been discussed prior to the signing of the Section 106 Agreement last April and that at that time it had been too late to change the use of the money from windows to playground as there needed to be a substantial project in place and at that time there hadn't been. The Clerk was informed that there was now a substantial project in place. The Clerk indicated that the deed was only being altered to amend the name of the new owner and add in the mortgagees. Therefore she doubted if AVDC would agree to the variation. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the question but if this was refused the document could be signed.

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##### Leighton Road bollards and ditch

A request had been made by a parishioner who lived just off the Leighton Road that bollards needed to be placed along the A4146 opposite the telephone box to stop lorries parking on that side of the verge. The reason for this was that the Water Authority had advised that a pipe would collapse if this was not done. AVDC have been asked to look at this and the Clerk is awaiting a response.

The Clerk had also asked if the ditch along the verge of the A4146 in the same area could be cleared. The Clerk had spoken to AVDC and they were looking into it. The Clerk had received a call to say that the verge/ditch was on a private road and therefore was not their responsibility. The Clerk will be going back to AVDC to discuss whether this was the case because the actual ditch is after the verge on the A4146.

##### Northall land/allotments

The Clerk said that she had not had an opportunity to deal with this but would hopefully get it done by the next meeting.

##### Restharrow

The Clerk stated that the Environmental Health were still investigating this.

##### Footpath Nine Northall

Environmental Health still investigating.

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#### Eaton Bray road sign

Mr Cabbage asked if this was going to be replaced. The Clerk said she had reported this and had been told that if there were sufficient funds in the budget then this would be done but if not it would go into next year's financial list.

#### **Dagnall**

##### Dunstable Road/Dagnall Recreation Field/Path

The present position is that there are three issues to be agreed:-

1. Page 4, Clause 3(3)(a). They had agreed that the boundaries were A – B – C – and E – F, and not A – B C – E and E – F. This had been agreed.
2. The agreement to be amended to incorporate the actual width of the path. Details of this were on the plan attached to the agreement at Annex 'A'. AVDC had refused to put in a definition. The Parish Council thought they could agree that this was sufficient as it was marked on the plan.
3. The Parish Council had asked for the words 'boundary features' to be amended to 'fence', or the words 'boundary features' to be defined. Aylesbury Vale had said, "AVDC has agreed the fence can have posts on the "wrong" side to allow unimpeded passage along the footpath. Therefore to use the word 'fence' would be inaccurate." They had refused to define 'boundary feature'.

It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to the solicitors and ask them to speak to Aylesbury Vale one more time to place in the document a definition of boundary features. If this was not agreed within seven days then to ask the solicitor to advise whether it would be acceptable to agree the document as it stood and whether if there was any legal dispute at a later date, the correspondence prior to the signing of the agreement could be used to back up exactly what a boundary feature was.

#### **Edlesborough**

##### Licence for Travellers Rest

An application had been received for transfer of a licence for the Travellers Rest. The Council has had no objections.

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##### Taskers Row

The Parish Council were to discuss the removal of the triangle Elderly sign at the entrance sign to Taskers Row. A parishioner noted that this had already been moved so that it was not so obvious from the Green. Therefore there was no action the Parish Council needed to take.

##### Litter picking

Mrs Woodhouse asked if the litter pickers in Edlesborough could be supplied with two more litter pickers and a supply of black sacks. This was agreed by the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council thanked the people that do the litter picking, Tessa Williams, Jill Woodhouse, Sue Parker, John Parker.

##### Carnival

The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Carnival Committee as to how long the skip would be on the Green for. Once she had received their response she would put this before the Parish Council.

The Clerk had written to the Carnival Committee informing them that they could not have a caravan in the Pavilion car park.

##### FOE's use of the Green

It was confirmed that a written request had been received for the Car Boot Sale on Monday 31 May 2004. They have been informed that they can use the Green subject to the usual conditions concerning the weather.

### **Parish Councils Obligations**

None.

### **Church and Churchyard**

Remembrance Service – letter from Malcolm Grant, the Vicar

This would be discussed at the March meeting.

### **Parish Cemetery**

Access to cemetery

The Clerk to provide more information and to be discussed at the March meeting.

### **AVDC/BCC Responsibility**

None.

### **Parish Council Obligations**

None.

### **Allotments**

There had been a fire at Cow Lane allotment. As a result the hedge and posts had also been burnt at the side and this was now being used as an access into the Cow Lane allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange to have the gap filled.

### **Procedures**

Standing Orders

The Clerk will provide these before the next meeting.

### **P.A.I.N.**

Nothing further to report.

Annual Parish Meeting date

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday 15 April 2004.

### **Correspondence**

There had been an application to transfer the licence at the Red Lion public house and to add a gaming machine. No objections.

Safer routes to school

It was noted that Dagnall School had won the Key Stage 1 prize for their Safer Routes to School day. It was agreed the Clerk would write a letter to the Head and to Karen Cotton congratulating them on their achievement.

Mr Brown asked if the Clerk could find out more information about the health walks referred to in Avril Davies's report. Agreed the Clerk would do this.

Pauline Hannelly had received a letter from an occupant in Summerleys regarding accidents in this road. The following points were made:-

Cars were lined on one side of the road.

Would it be possible to have speed humps.

Would it be possible to have a 15 mile per hour speed limit.

Mrs Thompson made the point that some of these had been discussed on a regular basis and that speed humps were seen as too noisy and the general policy now seemed to be to take them out. The Police, BCC and AVDC had not come up with any answers when they had been asked to consider the matter. Apparently it was still felt that emergency

vehicles could get through down to Heathermead if need be. The only traffic calming measures over the years have been to place some 'Keep Clear' signs which it was felt had worked quite well.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to BCC and ask if there could be a 15 mile per hour speed limit down Summerleys and if signs could be positioned stating this.

It was agreed the Clerk would write to the resident and copy in the District Councillor and the County Councillor.

A parishioner reported the following:-

1. Footpath near Cow Lane allotments – the sign was missing. Agreed the Clerk would pass this information on to BCC.

2. The white lining at Ringshall and Cocks Close needs to be redone.

3. A resident who lives near the parishioner had made 999 calls and it had taken one and a half hours for the Police to come, although there had been a threat that the parishioner's neighbour would be "beaten up". It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the parishioner after the meeting and obtain more detail and see if the resident wished to make an issue and if so the Clerk would contact the Police Authority and the local MP.

Mr Spencer made the point that there had been several burglaries in Dagnall at garages and that the Police had been most helpful and he had received a very positive response from the Police. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Nick Cummings and thank the Police for their help.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

**Next meeting Thursday 18 March 2004 starting at 8.00 pm**

**at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough**

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