

# **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 8pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.**

## **Present**

Mrs Thompson (Chairman) (AT), Mr Cabbage (KC), Mr Wilkinson (JW) Mr Spencer (GS) Mr Atherton (JA) Mrs Ratheram (JR) Mrs Kerr (Clerk) and 6 parishioners.

## **Apologies**

Mrs Prys-Jones (MPJ), Mr Munday (SM), Mr Grigg ( AG), and Mrs P Hannelly (District Councillor)

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed with the following amendment. On page 29 of The Local Plan there should be added ' Edlesborough would be limited to a maximum of 5 houses on one site'.

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

### Lights Out

No more to report

### Street Light Leighton Road light

It was reported that this should be in place after the 5 May at the earliest. Clerk awaiting invoice from 24/7 once this is returned with the cheque the light will be connected.

### Aylesbury Vale Local Committee Report

John Wilkinson had attended Aylesbury Vale Local Committee.

The highways authority had reversed its decision and would now consider placing roundels at the entrances to villages. It would still take two to three years to have them installed.

It was also noted that a review had referred to speed signs at Northall in March 2003. John Wilkinson to provide Clerk with details of the person at the meeting talking about this matter so the Clerk could liaise with them.

Planning the current thinking was that new housing developments would be in the main population centres.

### Fly tipping Litter, dumping of rubbish and AVDC responsibilities

The Clerk had written to AVDC asking them for details of collecting litter at Northall awaiting response from AVDC

### Reports of fly tipping

There was a report of rubbish opposite Edlesborough gateway. Wards Coombe. Clerk to report.

The Litter bin outside the Travellers rest was damaged /missing. Clerk to report.

### Litter enforcement officer

The Litter enforcement officer is very busy and has suggested as an alternative he meet with representatives of the council and the Clerk during the day. Agreed Kevin Cabbage and the Clerk would meet with the Litter enforcement officer.

### Roving Village refuse

Roving Village refuse will be in the area in May and July see website.

### SID

SID would be available the week commencing 23 June. The Clerk had put a note in focus. In response to the April article in Focus the Clerk had received 4 enquiries, 2 offering help in Northall

### Dagnall Traffic Calming

A letter had been received and distributed to the Councillors. After a discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council required 4 Gates at a cost of £400 each and the 25% maintenance charge. Total £1,600. The precept had set aside £2,000. It was decided to leave the Dragons teeth and Clerk to find out the cost of the roundels. Clerk to write to BCC

BCC are asking the Police to consider enhanced enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit in Dagnall. Dagnall is being assessed for a camera.

#### Eaton Bray Road Northall

Speed monitoring shows a significant abuse of the speed limit. BCC are asking the Police to consider enhanced enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit in Northall. They are also arranging for a road surface '30' to be marked on the road alongside the terminal speed limit sign as traffic enters from Eaton Bray direction.

#### Road Repairs to report

Northall just past the Allotments the road was crumbling.

Taskers row at the very end the pavement was in a bad state of repair. Clerk to report to BCC

The Chairman and the Clerk had driven round the Parish noting any problems with the roads, signs, pavements or other problems in the Parish.

#### Footpaths/PPP

Nothing to report

#### Pebblemoor Salt Grit Bin

This has been delivered awaiting reply from Bucks CC as to whether it can be put in the same place. Clerk to chase

#### The Green, broken fence.

This is part of the perimeter fence on the Green backing onto the Pastures. The Clerk will speak to the owners of the house that backs onto the Green.

### **Projects**

#### Website

Kevin Cabbage asked if anyone had any old photos of the villages could he scan them for the website. Julie Ratheram and Geoff Spencer offered theirs.

#### Dagnall seats

Ordered

#### Pavilion changing room seats/lockers

Stephen Janes has been asked to quote. Clerk chasing

### **The Villages**

#### EPC strategic review and 5 year plan

KC and the Clerk to meet to discuss a strategy.

#### St Mary's Village Carnival 2003 on 5 July 2003

The Clerk reported that the theme this year was the circus. The Clerk would be attending the committee meeting after Easter.

#### MP Visit

It was suggested that an MP's visit was now unnecessary following Sue Parkers retirement Party. It was agreed that this was a different type of visit to that previously requested of the MP and therefore the Clerk should pursue it.

#### Northall. Proposed Amenity Contribution.

The S106 Agreement had been received and a letter received from the Northall Village Hall Committee agreeing to the money being spent on windows. It was resolved that The S106 Agreement should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. This was duly done.

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#### Northall arson attack

Nothing further to add.

### Edlesborough, Ted Bowers Memorial seat for Edlesborough Green request.

Clerk awaiting reply from the organisers.

### Rural Housing Trust Seminar

The RHT were checking their files to see if the position had changed in this area.

### Abandoned vehicles

Trailer will be disposed of in May, Sue dealing

Roving refuge will be in the area in May and July see website.

### Garage License

At the last meeting it was resolved that the Chairman would talk to the garage owner as there were cars from the garage parked on the Green side of the Car Park. The owner of the garage (Mr Wright) was at the meeting to state his case. The discussion was a lengthy one. The main points made during the discussion were as follows:

Mr Wright:

- Always tried to keep the cars for the garage on the side away from the Green
- People leave their cars in the Car Park and get into another car and drive off either for whole or part of the day for example, people going to work or walkers. This left two or three extra cars in the Car Park.
- The keep clear signs were next to the non-moveable bollards and the removable posts did not have a sign next to them to keep the area clear.
- If he was informed that the Car park was needed he was always happy to remove cars

Mr Wilkinson:

- Had visited the Car Park on many occasions and felt Mr Wright was using more spaces than he was allowed.
- At times when there were no bookings for the Memorial Hall the Car Park was full of cars
- People who wanted to use the Green or the Memorial Hall or collect children from school could not use the Car Park due to the number of other cars there.

There followed a discussion between the Councillors as to what should be done.

It was proposed and seconded that: The Licence was to be renewed stipulating the maximum number of vehicles to be ten. The proposal was passed by a majority. Four in favour one against one abstention.

It was proposed and seconded that: The Licence could be withdrawn at the Parish Councils discretion. The proposal was passed by a majority. Four in favour one against one abstention.

The Clerk was still instructed to organise a notice to be placed in the Car Park making it clear it was for the sole use of people using the village Green and Memorial Hall and any other person who had a Licence. The Clerk would also look into and correct the point raised by Mr Wright as to the location of the moveable bollards and the keep clear sign.

### Parish Councils Obligations

None to report

### Best kept Village Competition

More details to be obtained.

### **Church and Churchyard**

#### Floodlighting

Vicar has agreed to join the committee. Mr Grigg who was to Chair the Committee is standing down at the elections in May and therefore will not be able to Chair the Committee but would still like to be on the committee. It was resolved that Mr Atherton would be the Chairman. Clerk to provide details of present position.

## **Parish Cemetery**

### Roe Memorial

A reply had been received from the stonemasons previously. The Church Solicitors have replied saying we need to make a formal application and pay a fee for the matter to be considered by the Church. It was resolved that a further letter be sent to the Roes asking for the Memorial to be removed.

## **Open Spaces**

### Dunstable Rd / Dagnall RF/Path

Solicitors still negotiating the Lease which was with AVDC. A letter had just been received raising queries. The Clerk was to liaise with the Chairman.

### Knolls Amenity Land

The Clerk reported the situation was as follows:

1. The Developers are to plant hedging, as yet this has not been done.
2. Once this is done to the satisfaction of the District Council they will issue a certificate that it is completed.
3. The land has to be maintained for 2 years
4. Then a second certificate will be issued and the land reverts to the District Council.

The District Council have also said that the land will not be sold for at least two years and even then it may not happen due to the long-standing interpretation of the regulations by the previous Development Control Manager which is that the open space has to be provided on site.

## **Allotments**

### Northall Land

Clerk chasing. Reply should be received by next meeting as it is quite complicated.

## **Pavilion and EMH**

No reports

## **Boundary Reviews**

Please see correspondence with details and website for discussion

## **Planning**

### Applications Received

See attached.

In respect of the Planning Application for 3 Good Intent John Wilkinson stated that it was a friend of his whose turning area would be effected.

### Planning Applications Policy

The Clerk gave a brief resume of how the planning decisions should be dealt with. Instead of one person considering the planning application it should be considered by a committee with a minimum of three. The Parish Council can delegate powers to the Committee. Therefore for planning it would meet in public on notice, consider applications and make a decision and report back to the Parish Council the details of action taken. A lot of Planning Committees meet fortnightly.

When sending in our comments it would help our argument if we highlighted or referred to the Local Plan.

John Wilkinson explained the whole procedure through to the Planning Application being finally rejected or accepted. There was a general discussion including parishioners. It was decided that the Clerk should do some more research and report back to the next meeting.

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

Flight Paths/ P.A.I.N. JW reported that he was still awaiting a copy of the minutes.

## **Finance issues**

### Annual Audit 31.03.2002

The signed audit had been returned by the Auditors.

### Monthly Finance Statement.

The monthly finance statement was available at the meeting. It was resolved to issue the cheques requested.

Cornhill insurance is increasing the excess premium to £150 (previously £75) because of the previous claims for malicious damage.

## **Correspondence**

The Councillors were provided with details of correspondence received see attached.

## **AOB**

Kevin Cabbage asked that the Council consider changing the regular third Thursday in every month slot especially if it was near a bank holiday. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

John Atherton asked if the Council could consider whether to meet in August. At present the Parish Council did not meet during that month. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 15 May 2003 starting at 8.00pm**

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