

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20th February 2003 at 8pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Present

Mrs Thompson (Chairman) (AT), Mr Cabbage (KC), Mrs Prys -Jones (MPJ),
Mrs Rather am (JR), Mr Munday (SM), Mr Grigg (G), Mrs M Kerr (Clerk) and two parishioners.

Apologies

Mr Wilkinson (JW), Mr Atherton (JA), Mr Spencer (GS), Mrs P Hannelly

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed with the following amendments:

Page 1 current minute book reference for Mr Wilkinson to read (JW) instead of (JT)

Page 2 current minute book reference to read:

It was agreed that the precept should be amended as follows:

1. PAV running costs should be altered from 0 to £600
2. EMH running costs should be altered from 0 to £900 (£75 pm ,12 months)
3. Administration costs to be changed from £15,500 to £14,000.

Page 2 current minute book reference to read:

It was agreed to accept the Precept subject to the amendments discussed which were as follows:

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- 2. Administration costs to be changed from £15,500 to £14,000.**

Page 4 current minute book reference to read:

Road Repairs

All matters

- There was a tree on footpath No. 3 by the Greyhound Stable that was overhanging John Parker agreed he would look into this.

Page 4 current minute book reference to read:

LA Flight Paths/ P.A.I.N. latest

JW gave a brief talk, in summary:

- Western Airspace Consultation findings have not yet been published.
- PAVAM –West of Leighton Buzzard, Option 3 FLIGHT ROUTE we say if there is an extension we want Option3 as it least effects us
- Harpenden – concerned about the option contained in the SERAS report of re-aligning the existing runway at Luton and adding a second parallel runway, since they would be directly under the new flight path. Re-alignment of the runway could benefit us, although not the associated big increase in air traffic.

Highways / by-ways / footpaths / lighting

The Lights Out.

Main Road South Dagnall, Red Lion, and Golden Rule have been repaired.

Northall Survey

No response from the Public to date.

Lights Out.

None reported

Leighton Road light.

The bracket has been repaired and 24/7 is reconnecting.

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Fly tipping Litter, dumping of rubbish and AVDC responsibilities.

It was stated that there was a problem with litter on the Eaton Bray Road on the Buckinghamshire side.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Buckinghamshire County Council and AVDC asking them to place on the record their obligations and highlighting the problem. *Clerk to action*

AVDC has a new Litter enforcement Officer.

George Duguid. Part of his remit is to obtain evidence of fly tipping etc. with a view to prosecuting people. It was resolved that Mr Duguid to be invited to the meeting in April and details to be placed on the Parish notice boards. *Clerk to action*

SID

A list of Volunteers had been provided for Dagnall. It was resolved that a date be set.

Eaton Bray Road, Northall 30mph signs

Reply received from BCC Transportation, who state they cannot justify funding of major traffic calming features. They will add to the list of requests for traffic calming but it will not command a high priority. They will however have the road monitored by tube to provide data in March.

Dagnall Traffic Calming

Letter sent to AVDC awaiting reply.

Road Repairs

Greenacres. Clerk has spoken to Anglian water who are dealing

Camber at Great Billington. The road has been improved

Road Repairs to report.

Clerk to report road sign in Northall that has fallen down on the right of the road going towards Hemel Hempstead just before the turning onto the Eaton Bray Road.

Footpaths /PPP.

Nothing to report

Heather Mead access and parking.

AVDC have reviewed the matter with the Police and cannot see any other solution other than somebody purchasing some land near by and setting up a car park.

Pebblemoor / Sicketts Lane/Cock Close/ Brownlow Avenue, flooding, drainage.

BCC have visited the area and written to the residents. BCC are trying to resolve the problems.

Pebblemoor Salt Grit Bin

It was resolved that following the accident at Pebblemoor the Clerk should order a new Salt/Grit bin and salt and obtain details about the driver from the Police and make a claim on the driver's

insurance if possible.

Projects

EPC Website.

KC had put a lot of work into the draft website in a very short space of time with some help from JW and the Clerk. The feedback was extremely positive. It is hoped to have a few pages on the website by the next meeting. It was resolved the Clerk would include this in an article for Focus. The Chairman thanked all concerned for their hard work. It was resolved the Council proceed with the project and apply for the name www.edlesborough.gov.uk .

Dagnall seats.

It was resolved the 2 seats should be ordered. AT to provide the Clerk with details of this and ask the Dagnall village Hall committee to contact the Clerk regarding the planters and plaque for the Dagnall village Hall.

Pavilion changing room seats/lockers

It was resolved the Clerk should discuss and obtain a quote from a local contractor.

The Villages

Sue Parker Retirement gift Sue Parker's Retirement Party 29 March 2003.

It was resolved for the Clerk to put a flyer in Focus magazine for a Tea Party from 2pm – 4pm and to send out invitations after the Clerk and AT had drawn up a list. John Bercow (MP) would be attending. MJP was helping with organising delivery of the flyers.

EPC strategic review/5 year plan

It was resolved to pursue development of a village plan and register our interest with CSA. It was agreed it will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to allocate 30 minutes for discussion. Everyone to consider what is needed for the future.

St Mary's Village Carnival Saturday 5 July 2003

A request had been received from the Carnival Committee:

- Could Gordon Gray give us a presentation? March meeting?
- Could the Parish Council Organise permission to hold the procession?
- Could a representative attend the Carnival Committee meetings?
- Have AVDC any funding?

It was resolved to:

- Request a written plan/overview
- Clerk would contact AVDC to obtain permission to hold the procession
- Clerk would act as the Parish Council's representative.
- State the Parish Council was unaware of any funding for Carnivals

MPs visit

The MP is visiting for Sue Parker's Retirement Party.

It was resolved Clerk should ask for a further visit.

Northall, Proposed Amenity Contribution

See below in Planning

Northall, Arson

A parishioner had been complaining to the Police about petrol being siphoned from his car. Nothing was done. Then the car was torched and exploded whilst parked outside the owner's house in Chapel Lane. The Clerk has written to the Police and John Bercow MP. The Police have responded by saying they have no record of telephone calls regarding the siphoning of petrol. As to the Arson attack they are making enquiries and asking for help but without a description they cannot take much action.

Edlesborough, Ted Stanbridge seat for Edlesborough Green

Seat has arrived and will be placed over by the Allotments on the Green.

Edlesborough, Ted Bowers Memorial seat for Edlesborough Green

A request had been received for a seat to be placed on the Green paid for by donations. It was resolved this would be acceptable provided the type of seat was acceptable to the Parish Council. The Clerk would contact the organiser

Parish Councils Obligations

Freedom of Information Act

Paper work had been sent. The Clerk reported it would be at least six weeks before it was clear whether the Parish Council's proposal was accepted.

Verbal request for draft minutes and /or ratified minutes.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council are under an obligation to provide copies of ratified minutes. The grey area was whether minutes were available prior to ratification. There was no obligation written down therefore we should only provide them once they were ratified.

Standards Board for England

Presentation by JA to give a talk at the meeting on 20 March 2003

E-mails Policy

Clerk to address e-mails to the person or persons concerned. The remaining Councillors would be copied in if in the Clerk's judgement it would be appropriate.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to set a date for 17 April meeting at 7.30pm

Church and Churchyard

Floodlighting

It was resolved to set up a sub committee of AG, JA, and the Clerk and ask the Vicar Malcolm Grant to join us.

Notice Board

The ongoing costs are to be discussed with the Churches Conservation Trust to see if they can help. They are visiting the Church on Monday 24 February 2003. AG and Clerk to attend meeting.

Wildflower Bank Maintenance

Quote received for £190. One cut in September. It was resolved to accept the quote. Clerk speaking to Churches Conservation Trust to see if they will help with cost of maintenance.

Meeting with Vicar

Clerk met Reverend Grant to discuss the boundaries, notice board and maintenance of the Churchyard. The Clerk reported the meeting was useful in getting to know the Vicar. The Vicar was updated on matters to do with the Closed Church.

Parish Cemetery

Roe Memorial

Letters sent to The Roe's, Church and Stonemasons

Damaged fence rear of Churchyard

Quote received from Mr Dumpleton for £300. It was resolved to accept the quote.

Open Spaces

Quotes for hedge cutting

Clerk to obtain.

Edlesborough Green, By -Laws Notices

Signs of the Times Order 6 engraved trifoliate signs £29.65 each plus delivery and VAT. It was resolved to accept the quote.

Dunstable Rd. / Dagnall RF/Path

Solicitors are discussing the lease. It was resolved the Clerk to chase again as matter this had already taken over 2 years.

Knolls Amenity Land.

Nothing to report at present.

Edlesborough Green

Ground work quadruplaning football pitches. It was resolved Clerk to get quote.

Allotments

Northall Land

Paperwork with the Solicitors to Advise

Northall trench.

A trench had been dug at the side of the allotments on the Bucks footpath. JA and Clerk put up warning signs and cordoned it off. The trench was dug to help drainage to neighbouring people. Mr Adrian Dent, who organised the trench, has apologised. The trench has been filled in. Bucks are dealing with the paper work. Council to monitor the effect it has on the footpath and allotments.

Cow Lane Gate.

Quote received for two gates and a dig out and lay down road stone for walkway .Trim hedge, from Mr Dumpleton. £646. It was resolved to accept the quote.

The Green, broken fence

Clerk to check if this has been repaired.

Pavilion

Heating Problem Contractor has resolved the problem

EMH

Boiler serviced Passed inspection

Back door has been repaired

Boundary Reviews

The Boundary Committee for England Letter and Flyer attached. Refers to letter to Chief Executive not enclosed Clerk has asked for a copy, awaited.

Planning

Applications Received

See appendix 1

CPRE Course

Clerk attended. The main point was Know your Local Plan and use when setting out your comments.

Pine Trees Garage.

Nothing to report at present

Northall. Proposed Amenity Contribution.

It was resolved that the Clerk should check what items could be included for an Amenity Contribution.

P.A.I.N

Flight Paths/ P.A.I.N.

Report from JW next meeting

Employees of the Parish Council

It was resolved to establish a Working Party to consider and report back to the Parish Council on matters such as: pay, conditions, for the employees.

Finance issues

Precept 2003/2004.

Delivered AVDC.

Barclays Bank mandate.

The bank has changed the maximum number of signatories from four to three. It was resolved for the signatories to be AT, MPJ and the Clerk.

Annual Audit 31.03.2002.

Audit has not been completed. Clerk chasing.

Proposed Monthly Financial Statement.

Discuss at next meeting

Sports

Tennis Club Donation Request

A reply had been received from Mr Carlisle. This was discussed. It was resolved to pay £200 towards the cost of the link for schools.

Correspondence

The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a list of correspondence received.

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