

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 18th December 2014 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
Open Forum	Nothing was raised.	
The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7:35pm.		
Present:	Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Woodhouse, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Holt, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Nevard, Lin Sargeant (RFO & Planning), Penny Pataky (Clerk), District Cllr Chris Poll, PCSO Jackie Dodson and 2 parishioners.	
Apologies:	Cllr Wilkinson (Vice Chair)	
Declarations of Interest	None	
Minutes of previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 th October 2014 were ratified and signed. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 th November 2014 were ratified and signed.	
Matters Arising	<p>Cllr Nevard expressed his disappointment at the disappointing response from Bucks CC regarding the condition of the road surface both side of the Ford (Edlesborough & Eaton Bray).</p> <p>Bucks CC have said that they will continue to monitor the road and fill pot holes where necessary they have no intention of resurfacing it at this time.</p> <p>Cllr Nevard explained that the Eaton Bray (Central Beds) stretch of road is in a poorer condition than the Edlesborough stretch. Central Beds also currently have no plans to repair it</p> <p>The Eaton Bray clerk reports that the poor condition of the road has been reported to Central Beds.</p> <p><i>Action: CN to photograph the road surface.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to forward the photos to Bucks CC with a request that they reconsider their decision.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to copy photos, requests to Bucks CC and Bucks CC response to County Cllr Avril Davis.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to forward photos to Central Beds.</i></p>	CN & Clerk
Report from Thames Valley Police	<p>PCSO Jackie Dodson reported that there has been one burglary in Tring Road, Edlesborough and two in Dagnall. There has also been one car theft from Dagnall.</p> <p>Car Parking Issues:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The football on Edlesborough Green continues to cause parking issues around the Green in particular near the Chapel at the top of Cow Lane. • Inconsiderate parking at the junction of Summerleys/Moor End/High Street by the shops continues to cause a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles. • Drivers continue to obstruct the driveway between no 20 and 22 Summerleys despite the white lining. PCSO asked if the installation of bollards is a possibility. • PCSO Dodson explained that she is unable to issue “parking tickets” but can issue tickets to vehicles causing an obstruction. • South End Lane, Northall PCSO Dodson has spoken with the owners of several vehicles here asking that they park more considerately. <p>The Wood Cutter on the grass verge near the Travellers Rest has now moved on.</p> <p><i>Actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Traffic Management Team to meet with PSCO Dodson to discuss the various parking issues.</i> • <i>Flyers under windscreens of vehicles parked inconsiderately.</i> • <i>Council to speak with shop keepers about parking issues.</i> • <i>Council to write to Bucks CC requesting bollards on grass verge by Travellers Rest to prevent vehicles/traders parking here for extended periods of time in the future.</i> 	
Parish Amenities (As reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)	<p><i>The Clerk, Manager and RFO had, prior to the meeting, provided all Councillors with detailed reports on the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green, Playground, Car Parks, Sports Clubs, Allotments, Cemetery, Churchyard, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters, Notice Boards and general Parish Council matters</i></p>	
Memorial Hall	<p>The manager has provided Cllr Nevard and the RFO with the predicted income for 2015/16. The figure was agreed by council.</p>	<p>Manager</p>
Pavilion	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Manager</p>
The Green & Playground	<p>Following an injury to a football player on the Green, EB Lions have requested a key to the barrier to allow access for emergency vehicles should the need arise in the future. Cllrs agreed that a key for the barrier behind the Pavilion can be issued. EB Lions must ensure all managers and coaches know that this key is only used in the event of an emergency and that emergency vehicles do not drive over the cricket square.</p> <p><i>Action: Manager to issue key with a letter detailing conditions of use.</i></p> <p>All but one of the Dog Fouling posters have been removed from the Green.</p> <p><i>Action: Manager to print and display new dog fouling posters.</i></p>	<p>Manager</p> <p>Manager</p>

Sports Clubs	ETC have acknowledge the Councils request for the outstanding ground rent and second instalment of fees and will raise payment shortly.	Manager
Allotments	It was clarified that if all tenants at Northall allotments agree to pay the extra water charges hosepipe use will be allowed.	Clerk
Cemetery	There will be two interments in January.	Clerk
Churchyard	The Community Service Workers have spent three days tidying and clearing the Churchyard. <i>Action: Cllrs Williams will liaise with the Community Service Workers about future projects including the clearing of the footpaths at the side of the Green and from Sparrowhall Farm to Northall.</i>	AW
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Litter Bins & Dog Bins	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Car Parks/Notice Boards	Nothing to report.	Clerk
Streetlights	Cllrs have received positive comments in response to the new LED streetlight on Main Road North, Dagnall. <i>Action: Cllr Cabbage is confirming with C U Phosco that the correct lens has been fitted. Council will then move forward with the full survey ready to begin phase one of the Streetlight program.</i>	KC
New Pavilion	In response to concern about vandalism and individuals climbing on external fire escapes Councillors discussed the option of extending the floor plan to allow room for an extra internal fire escape. <i>Action: AW to report Councils concerns to the ECSC.</i>	AW
FINANCE & PLANNING (Reported by RFO, Lin Sargeant)		
Accounts	The Accounts for month ending 30th November 2014 having previously been circulated to Councillors were discussed. The following cheques were authorised for payment:	RFO/CN
Authorisation of cheques April (inc. VAT)	Administration & Office expenses	124.41
	Memorial Hall & Pavilion expenses	363.77
	Salaries (incl. PAYE/NIC)	1.317.87
	The Green expenses	147.18
	Children's Playground expenses (inc. Repairs to roundabout)	413.24
	Cemetery expenses	35.88

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Budget & Precept	A separate meeting of the Councillors had taken place to discuss the Budget and Precept in detail. It was considered at this meeting that a Precept of £88,770.00 together with the grant of £1,230.00 giving a total Precept of £90,000.00 be requested but confirmation and approval to take place at the January 2015 meeting prior to sending in the formal application by 23 rd January 2015.	CN/RFO Full Council January 2015												
Section 106 Monies	<p>Council had been informed of a S106 payment to be made as a result of development currently taking place at Manor Farm, Edlesborough when it had been agreed what the Parish Council would consider it would be appropriate to use this money for. As requested a letter of acceptance had been sent to AVDC. Payment would not be made until a Parish Council had made a firm decision.</p> <p>Cllr Cabbage requested that the Council ask AVDC for conformation of Section 106 money from the Threeways development in Northall (14/01457/APP) <i>Action: Clerk to contact AVDC to request this information.</i></p>	<p>Full Council In due course</p> <p>Clerk</p>												
Ratification of Staff Pay Scale increases	Following a long delay in SLCC being able to agree the new pay scales with the Government, which should have come into effect in April 2014, these details were now to hand and all Councillors agreed to the 'one off payment' to be made in December 2014 to the Clerk, Manager and RFO appertaining to the period from April 2014 and for the increases to take effect as from 1 st January 2015.	Full Council												
County & District Councillors Reports	<p>Report from District Cllr Chris Poll</p> <p>I mentioned previously that a new scrutiny committee (the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan scrutiny committee) had been set up and I had been asked to sit on that body.</p> <p>At our first meeting I was elected to the position of chairman. That first meeting was mainly discovering the timeline for key events of the process and what exactly we would be able to do in checking officers and politician's views and assertions.</p> <p>We also heard from the RAF who presented to us via their Continuous Improvement team. AVDC have been joint</p>													

	<p>working with the RAF (High Wycombe) for some time with their Business Transformation Team. The RAF met with the committee a week before Christmas and we spent the day examining how we can make best use of our resources. A very good day was had and as a bonus it was a great team building exercise.</p> <p>The leader of the Council at a press conference on the 16th December announced that it is the intention of AVDC to become a unitary authority. This would mean AVDC take control of all responsibilities previously under the control of the County Council. Aylesbury Vale is the second largest District authority by area in the country and with the planned growth in population is set to become the largest in the country over the next 20 years. Some other District authorities have also made a similar decision and they are now joint working with AVDC to share experiences and best practice. AVDC's motive for this is one of cost saving as the cuts in grants from government become harder to absorb with the current two tier authority of local government. AVDC would be in a very good position as a growth area to face these challenges. I will update you as and when information becomes available as to the specific proposals of how we will manage the extra services.</p> <p>It is planned that after the election this May, the option of Unitary status will be put to referendum within 12 months.</p>																
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<p>McCann Development</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Woodhouse requested that the information regarding AVDC’s decision not to carry out an environmental impact assessment on the site between Chiltern Avenue and Kingsmead be shared with the Parishioners through the Parish Council Facebook page. The details of the McCann EIA Screening Opinion are available on the AVDC Planning website ref: 14/60011/SO.</p> <p>District Cllr Chris Poll has been asked to pursue the matter establishing whether AVDC have considered the possibility of great crested newts on the site and the proximity of local listed buildings.</p> <p>District Cllr Chris Poll reminded the Council and Parishioners that should Parishioners wish to object to the planned development letters should be forwarded to AVDC Planning. Parishioners should avoid using a “template” letter or petition as these will often be counted as one objection.</p> <p><i>Action: Information to be shared with Parishioners.</i></p>	<p>JW/AN/Clerk</p>
<p>EDaN Report</p>	<p>EDaN Report to EPC December 2014</p> <p><u>Steering Group</u></p> <p>The Steering Group met socially and we discussed the need for new input from the residents. There was enthusiasm for the idea and we will meet early in the new year to flesh out a proposal to EPC. It is hoped that a new chair for the group will be identified.</p> <p><u>Beautification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lighting of the tree on the village green in Edlesborough is a success. There has been only one minor incident of interference since they were switched on. • The group is still working on the new tree proposal for the Edlesborough Green and we can expect to see it early in the New Year. • The plan to produce a parish notebook with photographs is still in the works. The leader of the project has left the parish but has committed to see it through. • A proposal to use Community Service resources is being considered to cut back the weeds on the pavement alongside Edlesborough Green and the High Street. This will be reviewed with EPC before implementation. <p><u>Friends of the Church on the Hill Edlesborough(FOTCOTHE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for the floodlighting is nearing completion though the costs have risen above the £6000 to approximately £8000. Part of this is the cost of the lighting units. The requirement of The CCT to use their architect and contingency for paying for an archaeologist to be present during the excavation for the wiring and the lighting installations. • Extensive use is being made of Community Service resources to cut back the weeds and scrub that has invaded the churchyard over the years. (Note: not the wildflower banks!). It hoped that sometime in the near future permission will be given to trim and remove some of the trees to open up the vistas of and from the church. 	

	<p><u>Traffic Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new website and Facebook is proving popular and has raised the profile of the group with new people signing up to join the team. • The recent activity by the police with the camera van has caught a number of people speeding through Northall at over 50mph. 	
<p>Villages & Traffic Calming</p>	<p>It was agreed that a request for Dragons Teeth on the Dunstable Road entering Dagnall from the Whipsnade end would be submitted to Bucks CC. The Parish Council agreed to pay the £500 cost for this.</p> <p>Requests for Bucks CC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roundels and dragons teeth on the A4146 near the Red Lion pub in Dagnall to be refreshed as was previously agreed by the Area 13 – Bucks CC will fund this and ensure the dragons teeth are painted in the correct location in line with the new speed limit signs. • Improvements in the road markings at the junction of the A4146 and Pebblemoor. The road markings here are considerably faded and this combined with the poor lighting makes this a very hazardous junction. Can reflectors be introduced at this location? • Refreshing of the 30mph roundels in Pebblemoor. <p>The Council will also investigate the possibility of installing a streetlight at the junction of Pebblemoor and the A4146. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Bucks CC.</i></p> <p><u>7.5 Tonne Exclusion Zone</u></p> <p>Cllr Cabbage reported that the Totternhoe application for the 7.5 Tonne Exclusion Zone has been withdrawn. A new joint application between Eaton Bray and Totternhoe will be submitted. Consideration will need to be given to the location of the signs as this will impact on Edlesborough and Northall in particular. <i>Action: The Clerk will write to Eaton Bray PC acknowledging Cllrs Cabbage and Wilkinson’s attendance at their meeting and indicating that EPC would like to continue a dialogue in this matter.</i></p> <p><u>Devolution of Services</u></p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to obtain confirmation from Bucks CC as to whether it will acceptable for the Parish to take on part of the grass cutting only.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>Items for Agenda 15th January 2015</p>	<p>The January Meeting will be held in Edlesborough Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Precept • Car parking in the Parish • Facebook feedback 	
	<p>The meeting closed at 10.28pm</p>	