

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN
Open Forum	<p>Cllr Alan William, Vice Chairman, welcomed parishioners</p> <p>PCSO Jackie Dodson updated the Council on Police matters. Complaints had been received regarding the parking conditions when football was being played on The Green and problems still occurring with parking outside Edlesborough School. Parishioners were requested to be aware of a particular scam purporting to come from a police station asking for banking details to pay a fine for a family member being held in custody. The Police would never do this. .</p>	
The Vice Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm		
Present:	Cllr Williams (Vice Chairman) Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Clerk –Lin Sargeant, Manager/Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, District Cllr Chris Poll and 2 parishioners.	
Apologies:	Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson	
Declarations of Interest	None declared	
Minutes of previous Meetings	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 th January 2014 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman	Clerk/AJW
Matters Arising	Standing Orders referred to under 'Finance' agenda item	Clerk/Council March
Advertising for Councillors	Both parishioners from Edlesborough and Dagnall, had declared an interest in becoming Councillors and further discussions would take place in due course.	Clerk/Council March
Parish Amenities	<p>The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk 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.</p> <p><u>Pavilion Steering Group</u> No further information</p> <p><u>Streetlights</u></p>	March

	<p>The Assistant Clerk had supplied Council with details of variances between the cost of using the existing SOX lamps compared to changing to LED lamps. The quotations would be further discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Residents in both Main Road North Studham Lane have been contacted regarding their comments on whether or not to install an additional light in Main Road North and to replace the damaged streetlight in Studham Lane. Council agreed, in principle, to the re-installation of the light in Studham Lane and for further responses to be received from the residents adjacent to the proposed new streetlight one Main Road North, further discussion would take place at the next EPC meeting.</p>	<p>March Full Council</p>
Memorial Hall	Another booking had been made. Due to the damage to the roof of Eaton Bray Hall some of its bookings would be transferring to the Memorial Hall as and when convenient.	<p>Manager/ March</p>
Pavilion	'No Ball Games' signs have been erected on the walls of the Pavilion and letters have been sent to all Sports Clubs reminding them to perform all checks, including turning off the lights, when leaving the building	<p>Manager March</p>
Street lighting	Further work has been carried out in cutting back tree branches which had obscured the streetlight in the High Street. The removal of vegetation from the wall would be monitored	<p>Assistant Clerk March</p>
Allotments	The vacancy for a Warden of The Green allotments has now been filled	<p>Assistant Clerk March</p>
Cemetery	1 memorial application received. The compound fence has been reinstalled using concrete posts and gravel boards together with harrowing of the grass to remove the build up of moss.	<p>Assistant Clerk March</p>
The Green	<p>New Bylaw signs have been erected.</p> <p>Due to extreme weather conditions no football has been allowed on The Green for several weeks and a complaint was received from one of the EB Lions coaches requesting that games should take place this coming weekend. Council agreed that this was a matter for the Manager to decide. Discussions had previously taken place between the Manager and the Council's ground maintenance contractor regarding any damage which could be detrimental to the surface if football recommenced too soon.</p> <p>Football fees have been received</p> <p>Council gave approval for Edlesborough Cricket Club to reinstate cricket nets on the Green to be positioned in the corner of the Green where they originally were. The Carnival Committee to be informed when this has taken place in order to avoid the area when setting up their activities.</p>	<p>Manager March</p>
Litter Bins/ Dog Bins	A new dog bin is now in place behind the Pavilion.	<p>Assistant Clerk March</p>
Bus Shelters	Repairs to the Bus Shelter in High Street, Edlesborough have been completed leaving a small gap between the rear wall of the bus shelter and the adjoining neighbouring wall.	
<u>ALL OTHER MATTERS</u> (Report provided by Mrs Lin Sargeant Clerk		
Finance	Accounts for the month ended 31 st January 2014 were presented and approved.	<p>Clerk March</p>
Special Projects	Special Projects would periodically be reviewed throughout the year.	<p>Full Council</p>

Standing Orders	To bring the Standing Orders in line with the recent Financial Regulation document these have been updated and approval was given by the Council for this document to be signed at the March meeting.	Full Council March																				
Authorisation of cheques February (inc VAT)	<p>The following cheques had been authorised for payment:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Administration & Office expenses:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">253.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">402.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries (inc. PAYE/NIC)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,187.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Green expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">398.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children’s Playground expenses – Roundabout</td> <td style="text-align: right;">336.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">958.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Shelter repairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,297.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Churchyard expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">63.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subscription – The Chiltern Society</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>25.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,921.98</td> </tr> </table>	Administration & Office expenses:	253.40	Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses)	402.78	Salaries (inc. PAYE/NIC)	1,187.50	The Green expenses	398.44	Children’s Playground expenses – Roundabout	336.00	Cemetery expenses	958.50	Bus Shelter repairs	1,297.00	Churchyard expenses	63.36	Subscription – The Chiltern Society	<u>25.00</u>		£4,921.98	Clerk March
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County Councillor’s Quarterly report (written report received)	<p>Introducing Rob Anderson I am sure the Parish Clerks have all had contact with Rob, our new Local Area Technician by now and had a discussion about areas of work needed to be done on roads and drainage. I had a very useful morning with Rob at the end of January and was pleased to find out that he was already familiar with the ways and byways of the Division, and keen to get going with his shovel! He will be ably backed up in the office with Clifford Marshall who must know every gully and culvert in the area, having been based at Winslow in the past and responded to many a local call. We looked at a comprehensive list of jobs needing doing. There were three serious flooding problems, several more potential ones, and a water leak, all of which are which are in hand. Many repairs cannot be undertaken unfortunately until drier weather. The most interesting thing about the whole visit was the number and extent of soft verges where the diagonal grips that drain water into the parallel ditches have been silted up or blocked by vehicles running over them leaving deep tyre treads. This leads to standing water on the highway - and guess what - resulting potholes! There are some stretches of road where this is really bad. Rob has been busy catching up with his shovel on years of lack of verge maintenance, but there are many miles still to do, and vigilance for fresh damage. If through the Local Area Forum we can find a way to keep the drainage working, for example through a scheme like the one at Stewkley that was presented to the LAF last year, where young people formed a social enterprise to carry out verge maintenance, perhaps we can reduce the attrition of water, combined with traffic, on our country lanes.</p> <p>Goodbye Jackie Wesley We will miss Jackie Wesley very much indeed when she starts supporting the LAFs in the south of the County. Paul Hodson, with whom she is changing place will find Jackie a hard act to follow. I hope that Paul will enjoy working with us. He will certainly find the Great Brickhill Wing and Ivinghoe LAF very different in style and substance, much of which was achieved by Jackie's hard work in supporting our priorities and finding lots of extra funding opportunities. .</p> <p><u>County Council Budget</u> The County Council continues to take large sums of money out of its operating budget. In the first week of January the proposals were minutely examined in public by councillors in a very similar fashion to the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee. But</p>	March																				

<p>District Councillors Report</p>	<p>questioning was a bit less intimidating. Many changes and staff reductions are proposed, but the headlines for cuts are the home to school transport budget, which is very bad news for parents in this area, so I will be doing my utmost to stave off the worst effects; the educational psychology services – again; and maintenance of footpaths and rights of way. The state of the roads is never out of sight, but a 20 year structural maintenance programme seems as far away as ever, and only short term but increased spending approved. At the time of writing the council tax proposal is for the minimum increase possible without a local referendum, 1.9%. But it's impossible to predict as the threshold for a referendum may be reduced to 1%.</p> <p><u>High speed broadband (non)delivery</u> The BT notice (promise?) of high speed broadband to the area by 31st December 2013 remains unfulfilled. Contention is still appalling at peak times, like 4.30pm and 6.55pm for some reason. The new published date is 31st March. At last the Public Accounts Committee chair, Margaret Hodge MP, has been airing the issue on TV of public money being given to BT to deliver high speed broadband to rural areas, but being completely cavalier about timescales and transparency over spending the money.</p> <p><u>Aylesbury Vale District Local Plan</u> Obviously a district matter, I am never the less involved and concerned both as County Councillor, and AVDC councillor on the major developments planning committee, that so far AVDC has spent going on for £3M bringing forward two new district wide plans. Both have had to be withdrawn as unsound following public enquiry, leaving everywhere vulnerable to speculative development. For example it was no coincidence that 40 homes are currently applied for on a controversial site in Pitstone, but this is small compared to many now awaiting appeals. The planning inspector's verdict can be read here http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAxADQAMwAyADYAfAB8AFQAcgB1AGUAfAB8ADAAfAA1 Fortunately the District has 'saved' its most important policies from the 2008-11 plan and is able to apply them to planning applications so long as they are in line with the new 56 pages of national planning policy guidance (NPPG) These policies were used recently to refuse a major application in Winslow. An appeal against the decision is being held in mid March when AVDC will find out exactly how robust those saved policies are and how much in line with current national guidance.</p> <p>Recycling bins currently in car parks are to be removed. Parishioners can apply to AVDC for an extra or larger general waste green bin if required. AVDC Council Tax has been set at 1.99%</p>	<p>March</p>
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<p>Planning</p>	<p>The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC</p>				<p>Clerk/ Full Council March</p>
<p>13/03485/APP 13th December 2013</p>	<p>12A High Street Edlesborough</p>	<p>Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with one x two bedroom dwelling</p>	<p>Oppose unless the appropriate off-street car parking spaces are provided.</p>		

14/00135/APP 20 th January 2014	Saxons Leighton Road Northall	Single storey side extension	No Objections		
14/00240/APP 30 th January 2014	18 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Drop kerb for the provision of a second access to No. 18 Pebblemoor	No Objections		
14/00252/APP 3 rd February 2014	20 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of single storey outbuilding	Oppose The Parish Council is content with the conditions of the second Appeal in respect of the alternative location of the building and the conditions attached to it, but not this latest application that circumvents the requirements of the second Appeal.		
14/00250/APP 3 rd February 2014	Beacon View Sparrow Hall Farm Business Park Leighton Road Edlesborough	Change of use from mixed B1/B8 use to mixed B1/B2/B8 use incorporating mot & vehicle repairs	No Objections		
14/00263/APP 3 rd February 2014	4 Leighton Road Northall	Erection of front entrance porch and single storey rear extension	No Objections		
14/00351/ADP 11 th February 2014	Manor Farm Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Erection of four bay cart shed to provide two covered car parking spaces each for the Bungalow and Plot 1 barn conversion (amendment to approved Reserved Matters application 13/01795/AOP)	No Objections		
Special thanks were extended to Cllr Wilkinson for having dealt with the responses whilst on vacation.					
The following decisions had been received from AVDC					
13/03307/APP 28th November 2013	The Stables Home Farm Leighton Road Northall	Single storey side extension	No Objections	Permitted	
13/03250/APP 20 th November 2013	26 High Street Edlesborough	Demolition of existing garage, store and replacement with single storey side extension and new carport. Removal of existing roof and replacement with new raised roof to create first floor accommodation and insertion of roof lights	No Objections	Permitted	

	13/03309/APP 28th November 2013	100 High Street Edlesborough	Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation with new pitched roof, part single storey and part first floor extension. New pitched roof to existing side extension. Erection of detached garage with office in roof space.	Oppose	Refused	
	13/03355/AOP 3 rd December 2013	Land Adj Dene House, Leighton Road Northall	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 4no. Detached two storey dwellings served by two new vehicular access	Oppose	Refused	
	13/03405/AOP 9 th December 2013	Land Adj to Eaton Bray Road Northall	Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of 5no. Detached dwelling houses	Oppose	Refused	
	<p><u>Planning Applications 13/03595/ALB & 13.03413/APP The Old Bakery, Leighton Road, Northall</u></p> <p>Due to comments from the Historic Building Officer and confirmation from the applicant that the existing bricks from the dismantled section of wall are to be used to close off the access rather than the previously proposed timber fence the Council agreed to withdraw it's opposition to these applications</p>					
Vale of Aylesbury Plan	New Plan being drafted.					March
Affordable Housing	No further information.					Clerk March
EDaN Report	<p>Traffic Management A demonstration of the Sentinel equipment took place at Dagnall school on the 19th Feb. Attendees included members of the EDaN Traffic Management Team, Avril Davies our County Councillor, Jackie Wesley and Nigel Spencer of BCC together with members of Thames Valley Police and representatives from other parishes. The meeting was part of the LAF Speeding sub-group. EDaN has promoted the use of the new technology and this was an opportunity for the attendees to assess the suitability of the new equipment. There are a number of stages to go through to get this equipment approved for purchase and use in the Bucks and TVP area but the demonstration went well and was favourably received. A recommendation will be made to our LAF to reserve funds for this while the approvals take place.</p> <p>Friends of the Church on the Hill Edlesborough (FOTCOTHE) Plans for the Festival are well advanced and details will appear in each edition of Focus until June. Irish Music, Classical voices, children's choirs and a Heritage events will make up the Festival programme. The Festival will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20th 21st and 22nd June. Once again The Rt Hon John Bercow MP will open proceedings on Saturday afternoon. A formal letter setting out the detailed response(including actions taken)to the criteria established by the CCT for floodlighting the church will be sent shortly to the CTT. Following this it is expected that the CCT will approve the project and then we can move into the actions towards completion e.g. planning permissions etc.</p>					AW March

	Beautification A gentle reminder to clear out your loft, garage, house and garden of any unwanted items and bring them to the Car Boot Sale on The Green, Monday 5 th May!	
The Villages	The Clerk & Assistant Clerk have met up with the new Area Technician Rob Anderson and all outstanding matters relating to the Parish regarding Bucks CC issues have been passed to him for action.	March
	It was Council's agreement to reject Bucks CC Rights of Way intention to provide money to parish councils to allow them to employ their own contractor to trim or mow public rights of way (no hedge clearance) within their parish. This matter would be put on the March agenda for further discussion before formally responding.	March
	An excessive amount of dog fouling is continuing to take place throughout the Parish and ways of endeavouring to combat this will be discussed at the March meeting. Thames Valley Police to be contacted for details of anyone who has recently been prosecuted.	March
Edlesborough	The bad condition of Kingsmead has been reported to Bucks CC requesting that repairs be carried out.	March
Edlesborough	Council agreed that the Pavilion Steering Group would take over the Council's stall at the Carnival.	
Northall	Bucks CC and Thames Valley Police have been informed of parking problems in South End Lane which are being investigated.	March
Dagnall	Bucks CC have been requested to cut back verges on the pavement along Main Road South between the roundabout and the School	March
Dagnall	Bucks County Council are still being regularly chased regarding the installation of railings in Dunstable Road and white lining at the junction with Dunstable Road/Nelson Road.	
Traffic Calming	No further information.	Clerk March
Correspondence	Councillors sent e-mails of day to day matters relating to Bucks CC, AVDC and other enquiries.	
Items for Agenda 20th March 2014	Signing of Standing Order document Energy supply streetlight quotations Main Road North, Dagnall streetlight Anne Thompson Cup Dog Fouling Rights of Way funding proposal	
	The meeting closed at 9.30pm	