

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2012

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Open Forum

A parishioner raised a question regarding the speed limit along the A4146 between the Travellers Rest and Edlesborough. He was informed that the Area 13 Speed Limit Review was due to be implemented towards the end of this month but unfortunately despite the Parish Council's request the speed limit has not been changed along this specific section of road. It was agreed to wait until the Speed Limit Review works have been completed before raising this issue with Bucks CC This item will be on the Agenda for the April EPC meeting.

A further question was asked as to what the Parish Council would be doing regarding Luton Airport increase in flights. Parishioners can respond to the Consultation individually but it was agreed that Cllr Wilkinson would circulate a suggested response to the LLAL Consultation which, if agreed by a majority of the Councillors, would be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman then formally opened the Parish Council meeting

Present: Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Williams, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk-Bev Sage, District Cllr Chris Poll and 3 parishioners.

Apologies:

Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, County Cllr Avril Davies

Declarations of Interest – None declared

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2 minor amendments were made prior to approval and signing of the minutes

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were no matters arising

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month of February were presented, explained and approved.

The proposed final budget figures for 2012/2013 were discussed in detail. It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by Council that the Budget be approved.

Authorisation of cheques (March including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (incl: telephone & website) 105.62

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl: electrical repairs to Pavilion) 1,460.69

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,429.63

Cemetery expenses 61.44

Children's play area 98.50

The Green expenses 346.81

Subscriptions 60.00

Allotment expenses 17.99

EDaN expense 25.00

Taken from Donations to Dagnall & Northall Village Halls:

Dagnall 378.92

Northall 1,393.20

£ 5,377.80

District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Chris Poll reported on his attendance at an AVDC Adult Social Care meeting and the Development Control Meeting where the planning application for the erection of a detached dwelling with vehicular access and

garden shed on land adjacent to No. 4 Slicketts Lane, Edlesborough had been refused. The Council had not yet been notified of AVDC's decision. [

Planning

The following applications had been received, were discussed by the meeting and the following responses were agreed to be submitted to AVDC

12/00397/APP 21st February 2012	Wildfire Leighton Road Northall	Single storey front extension	No Objections
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The following decisions had been received from AVDC

10/02595/AOP 27th April 2011 Amended plans	Manor Farm Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Residential development comprising of 3 converted stables and 3 new dwellings	No Objections provided AVDC can assure the Parish Council that the application conforms with RA14 and gives an undertaking that any damage to the road will be repaired by the Contractor. The Parish Council would also seek an assurance that AVDC would make it a condition of any outline approval that the details regarding the type, scale and number of houses must not differ from scheme described in the final application.	Permitted
10/02135/APP 14th October 2010	Plot 1 Land Adjacent to The Swan South End Lane Northall	Erection of terrace of 3 dwellings - Amendment to planning permission 06/02120/APP	OPPOSE	Permitted

Cllr Cabbage reported that the developer/builder of the last three houses at the rear of The Swan in Northall was again causing traffic disruption and litter and mud on the road. It was agreed that Cllr Cabbage should take appropriate photographs to accompany a letter of complaint from the Clerk to AVDC Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Cabbage also raised again the question of further S106 amenity funding that should be due from the additional houses.

Affordable Housing (Rural Housing Exception Scheme)

A further meeting to take place between Cllrs Wilkinson, Williams and Holt to discuss the implications of the S106 document before going back to Jean Fox, the Bucks CC Rural Housing Enabler, to take this matter further.

Neighbourhood Plan

Council to give careful consideration to the Sustainability Assessment. A working party lead by Cllr Wilkinson to be set up to include parishioners and councillors representing the three villages. Council agreed to use the new e-mail communication list as the first stage of telling parishioners what is required and if they were interested in becoming part of the working party to contact the Clerk. AVDC to be informed that it is the Parish Council's intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will take approximately 18 months to two years to complete.

EDaN Report

Both The Swan, Northall and The Red Lion, Dagnall have agreed to support the Lunch Club. A co-ordinator has been appointed for Dagnall but currently requiring someone to come forward from Northall.

A 'Friends of the Church on the Hill, Edlesborough' Mr. Mark Wilson had been elected as Team Leader. Chairman Cllr Cabbage wished to place on record both his and the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr Williams for all the work he has put in by getting the group going and setting the structure.

A group of EDaN members had been invited by our local MP, John Bercow who is the Speaker of the House of Commons, to have tea with him, attend Prime Minister's Question Time and have a tour of the Palace of Westminster.

The Traffic Management Team were continuing with their strategy of querying with BCC whether the A4146 road construction was 'fit for purpose' for heavy lorries. The Team are also pursuing the possible benefits to be derived from new 'Sentinel' speed monitoring equipment, and how the cost of this could be funded.

Status on Registration of Green

Nothing further to report but this item will remain on the Agenda.

The Villages – (issues other than Traffic Calming and matters delegated to the GPC)

Council agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition which due to the requirement for certain facilities, meant that Edlesborough is the only village qualified to enter.

Edlesborough: Bollards have been erected in Cow Lane to deter motorists from driving on the grass verge.

Dagnall: Steps have been taken to prevent the parking of vehicles on the grass verge in Dunstable Road.

Northall: Clerk requested to report to AVDC that the normal litter picking does not appear to be happening.

District Cllr Chris Poll also undertook to chase AVDC urgently on this matter in view of the imminent first cutting of the grass verges.

Traffic Calming

Edlesborough, Dagnall, Northall:

Implementation of the Area 13 Speed Limit Review is due to commence this month.

Edlesborough: New marking of the Bus Stop cage at the top of Edlesborough High Street has been carried out.

Dagnall: Work has commenced on the installation of VAS equipment in Dunstable Road, Dagnall.

Communication with Parishioners

Due to technical problems the website has not yet been updated. In due course information regarding the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held on 19th April, and the Chairman's Annual Report will be submitted to Focus to be included in the April issue.

Correspondence received

Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils – Understanding The New Code of Conduct 26th March 2012

AVDC the leaflet stand will be removed from the Surgery due to cost of servicing etc.

AVDC – Invitation to attend Neighbourhood Planning Briefing/Workshop Session.

Press Releases from Bucks CC

Transport for Bucks is running a Perfect Parking campaign to promote safe and considerate parking, encouraging families to Park and Walk, have a Park Away Day or take part in the Parent Parking Promise.

Communities decide local priorities for funding 1) Speeding in Villages 2) HGV's 3) Footpaths & Cycleways.

Wendover have celebrated the launch of two new cycle routes.

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

Chiltern News magazine

Clerk & Councils Direct

The Clerk magazine

Open Space - Spring edition magazine(The Open Spaces Society)

Local Area Forum

Following the Refresh meeting the three main priorities were agreed:

1. Speeding through Villages
2. HGV's
3. Footpaths & Cycleways

General Purpose Committee

Council gave approval for expenditure to carry out a maintenance programme on the Green in the Spring and for the levelling and seeding of Row C in the Cemetery.

Items for the Agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 19th April 2012

The Meeting closed at 9.57pm

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 19th April 2012 preceded by the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall