

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2012

at All Saints Church Hall, Dagnall commencing 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM

ACTION BY WHOM & WHEN

Open Forum

Cllr Cabbage welcomed everyone and was pleased to see so many parishioners attending the Parish Council meeting being held for the first time at Dagnall. He invited questions from parishioners.

A Parishioner was concerned regarding a planning application and was informed that the response from the Parish Council had been to oppose but it would be up to AVDC to make the final decision.

A Dagnall parishioner raised the subject of Gadsden Walk footpath. Explanations were given as to why this footpath has not been opened up. Over the past 8 years, the Parish Council and Bucks CC have worked very hard in trying to get traffic calming in Dunstable Road in order that children and adults would be able to use the footpath from the Recreation Ground and cross Dunstable Road in safety and to form a circular walk around the village without having to go onto the A4146. The Parish Council had been able to obtain substantial funding of £24,500 from BCC to create a 'Build Out', but due to this requiring to be opposite the exit of the footpath on Dunstable Road traffic visibility problems prevented this from being installed. Numerous other suggestions had been put forward, including a Pelican crossing, but this would not be possible immediately opposite the footpath exit due to being too near to the bend. The funding the Parish Council had secured needed to be spent by a specific date otherwise it would have been lost. Therefore, the only means of trying to slow the traffic in Dunstable Road was to install the 2 VAS machines. The Parish Council is still in contact with Bucks CC asking what other solutions they have so that the footpath could be exited in safety. The cost of a Pelican crossing which would need to be installed further down Dunstable Road and require lighting would be in the region of £80,000.

BH/Clerk

December

The Chairman formally opened the Parish Council meeting at 8.05pm

Present: Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk – Lin Sargeant, Assistant Clerk – Penny Pataky, District Cllr Chris Poll, and 16 parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr Williams

Declarations of Interest Cllr Wilson declared an interest if Luton Airport was to be discussed.

Minutes of previous Meetings The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman following a slight amendment to the Open Forum report.

Matters Arising	Any matters arising are referred to under the following agenda items.	
Parish Amenities	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. The following points were discussed:	
Memorial Hall	<u>New Chairs</u> When sourcing suitable chairs, five different companies were investigated. It was agreed that ALPHA could provide the chairs at the best value for money.	
	A quote for 60 Vinyl Conference Chairs has been requested from ALPHA.	
	As soon as the quote is received it will be presented to Peter Bennett from the Burghope Trust, who will then take it to his committee. Once we have Burghope Trust's approval the chairs can be ordered. Some of the existing Memorial Hall chairs will be retained.	MPJ & Manager Manager
	<u>Heating</u> – It was agreed that a padlock can be put on the box housing the timer to prevent hall users from adjusting the timer.	Manager
	<u>Urn</u> – The Hall Manager will contact Janes for a quote to repair or replace the faulty urn. This will then be filed and the urn will be repaired or replaced in the future as the hall still has two working urns at this time.	Manager
	<u>Bookings</u> – The Hall Manager will continue in trying to source more users for the hall.	
Pavilion	The Pavilion Manager will continue to monitor the storage of the flood lights and usage of the Pavilion to ensure that the Pavilion is kept tidy & safe.	Manager
	The Pavilion Manager will write to the four users of the Pavilion inviting them to a meeting to discuss;	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review the on-going costs of operating Edlesborough Pavilion and identify possible actions which could be taken to reduce them. 2. To discuss a possible new basis for re-charging these costs to the users 	Manager/ KC/AW/CN
	3. To discuss possible ideas for the future development of the Pavilion.	Jan/Feb 2013
The Green	The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Ratherham who had planted 115 sapling trees along the side of the Green adjacent to the High Street. The trees had been donated to the Parish Council by the Woodland Trust to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.	
	A recommendation was put forward that an Agreement should be drafted between the Parish Council and St. Mary's Carnival Committee regarding the use of the Green for the annual Carnival. Cllr Mrs Ratheram and the Manager/Assistant Clerk would liaise with the Chairman of the Carnival committee.	JR/Manager

Playground	The 'Section 38' Application to Defra has been approved and will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate with notices being placed around the Green, and sent to the Leighton Buzzard Observer for publication in the 27 th November issue of the paper. A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at Densons, 66 Moor end, Edlesborough and can be viewed on the parish council website www.edlesborough.gov.uk Any objections or representations should be sent in writing on or before 31 st December 2012 to the Planning Inspectorate at Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or commonlandscsework@pins.gsi.gov.uk A copy of the documents may be obtained by writing to the Clerk before 31 st December 2012.	KC/Clerk/ Manager December
Car Parks	Nothing to report	
Cricket Club	The revised conditions set out in the Policy Statement and the Parish Council letter have been agreed. Sports Agreement has been sent and awaiting signed copy to be returned.	Manager December
Tennis Club	<i>Bi-annual payment received</i>	
EB Lions & The Swan FC	Both clubs have signed their Sports Agreements and payments are up to date.	
Allotments	Currently 2 rents outstanding. Plots are currently available at Cow Lane, The Green, Northall and Dagnall, and will be advertised in the Focus report for December/January issue.	Manager December
	It was agreed to accept a quotation for the replacement of Dagnall Allotment gate	Clerk
Cemetery	1 burial has taken place	
Churchyard	Removal of ivy overhanging adjacent property to be dealt with by The Churches Conservation Trust	
Street Lighting	5 lights have been repaired, following which 2 others reported faulty	
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report	
Notice Boards	It was suggested that the Perspex in the Rights of Way notice boards be replaced. Clerk would contact Rights of Way to ascertain if this could be carried out at their expense.	Clerk
Litter Bins	It has been agreed with AVDC that all public litter bins throughout the Parish will be emptied weekly.	
Finance	Accounts for the month ended 31 st October 2012 were approved.	
	<u>Precept</u>	Full Council
	Initial discussion took place regarding the Precept for 2013/14. A separate Council meeting is to be held prior to the December EPC meeting to discuss this in more detail.	

**Authorisation
of cheques
(November
incl. VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Clerk

Administration & Office expenses 92.15

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 143.36

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,199.85

Cemetery Expenses 442.50

The Green expenses (incl. grass cutting) 1,387.68

Dagnall Recreation Field – Grass cutting 240.00

War Memorial & notice board maintenance 22.50

Children's Play area 52.50

EDaN expenses 140.41

Dog bin emptying incl. 2 new dog bins 3,206.04

£6,926.99

**District
Councillor's
Report**

District Cllr Chris Poll's report

Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Business First have secured government funding to improve access/speed in areas which currently have no broadband access or suffer very slow speeds. For more information go to www.superfastforbucks.org to back the campaign to bring superfast broadband to Buckinghamshire.

Planning

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

12/02392/APP 26th October 2012	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and front boundary enclosure with wall/railings	No Objections
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12/02414/APP	121 High Street Edlesborough	Two storey side extension and single storey attached garage to side	No Objections
29 th October 2012			

No decisions had been received from AVDC

Code of Conduct	All documents signed waiting to be sent off and put on the parish website
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Clerk/KC

Affordable Housing	Community Impact Bucks/Rural Housing Enabler is currently looking at possible sites and discussions taking place with AVDC Planning.
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Full Council

EDaN Report

EDaN have received a donation from the Carnival of £100 and £250 from St. Mary's PCC towards cost of a planter round Edlesborough Village Sign. Donation given to Dagnall Community Choir from proceeds of June concert.

Cllr Alan Williams' Report

This month's report is a little longer than usual as we focused on reviewing our achievements to date before renewing our commitment to move forward. The future plan will be the subject of the next months report. Also I have prepared this with the expectation that Kevin will place it on the parish website so there are two audiences for this.

The EDaN Steering Group reviewed the current and future plans. Good progress has been made on the original action plan issued in 2008. The Parish Plan was used many times as an example to other communities seeking to develop a plan for their locality.

Beautification

Daffodils around The Green, Planters sponsored by local businesses, Village signs erected in each village, Rest Area created around the Northall sign and a circular seat at Dagnall. Note-lets promoting the villages and several May Day events on the Green. Thousands of pounds have been raised independent of the Parish Council donations, through grants, donations and events.

Through a combination of efforts from the Team and the Parish Council, this year saw Edlesborough win the 'Best Kept Village' award.

Buses and Transportation

Following unsuccessful lobbying to improve bus services a Community Car Scheme has been established to provide door-to-door transport for those who need to visit hospitals, doctors, shops etc. The scheme has been used as an example to other communities seeking to set up a similar scheme.

The Save the Post Office and the Postcode projects had successful outcomes.

Traffic Management

The team have held the County Council to account on many aspects of traffic issues. With a donation from the Parish Council, the Speedwatch system for monitoring traffic speeds has been deployed across the parish. Issues such as road noise, road condition and road suitability continue to be on the agenda with the County Council. The team has submitted input to the new M1 link road and is currently campaigning to have BCC consider the effects on the A4146 of de-trunking the A5.

Cycleways and Footpaths

The team has installed cycle racks at the Doctors' surgery, at the corner of Brook Street and the High Street near the shops, and at the Traveller's Rest. Work has been undertaken to establish cycle ways between the villages but progress has been limited. Co-operation from the local farmers is needed. Proposals to extend the cycleway from Ivinghoe Aston beyond the Church down to the School have been drawn up. A considerable sum of money is needed to implement this.

The team also keeps watch on the condition of footpaths and footways(pavements) and reports issued to the appropriate authorities to take action.

Youth

The biggest disappointment has been the inability to set up a Youth action team. Over 80 people indicated on the survey questionnaire that they would be prepared to help set up a team but despite this none have come forward. We promised anonymity to survey respondents on all subjects so we do not have the names of those who expressed an interest. Subsequent articles in Focus etc. failed to produce any responses to help.

The way ahead

I am pleased to report that the Steering Group resolved to continue with the current projects and to seek input from parishioners about new projects. We also agreed to seek new ways of communicating with all people in the community and particularly the younger parents and children of all ages. In future more of our meetings will be focused on developing new initiatives and means of communications. The current teams are very capable of managing their areas of remit. There are new developments in each team and these will be reported in future monthly updates to EPC.

Friends of The Church on the Hill Edlesborough

£100 donation from Carnival.

MW

The Villages

Edlesborough

Clerk

Waiting for response from AVDC regarding the amenity land adjoining the Surgery in Cow Lane

Clerk

Pot holes, particularly in Pebblemoor, to receive treatment shortly.

December

Problems regarding parking at the junction with Summerleys and the High Street were raised but no further work apart from the recent white line refurbishment is likely to be carried out.

BH/March

Dagnall

The Noise Monitor had been positioned in Dagnall but no flights were recorded. It will be returning in March 2013.

Clerk

Gadsden Walk: this matter had been discussed comprehensively during the Open Forum. The Parish Council was unanimous in agreeing that the walk should not be opened until effective measures can be put in place to enable pedestrians to cross the Dunstable Road safely - even if this might unfortunately lead to AVDC withdrawing the lease for the path alongside No 43. EPC would continue to chase BCC for an acceptable safety solution.

BH

Although not yet received the Licence has been granted to plant the Oak tree on land adjacent to the Dagnall Village sign.

Clerk

Northall

Clerk

Waiting for response from Anglian Water regarding Chapel Lane.

Bucks CC Rights of Way searching archives for exact position of where footpath should be across the Village Green

Traffic Calming

Speed Limit Review

The VAS sign at Northall is now operating and roundels have been painted on the roads. Parish Council requesting that the Dragons Teeth as approaching Edlesborough be moved to coincide with the new speed limit sign.

Clerk, December

Waiting for Bucks CC to respond regarding request for speed limit to be changed between Travellers Rest and Edlesborough

KC/MW/ BH/CN
Clerk

Correspondence

AVDC Dog bin service – AVDC in the process of tendering for the Contract. Decision awaited on who will have the contract for mowing highway verges and street cleaning.

AVDC – News for the Parishes

AVDC – Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group meeting Tuesday 4th December 2pm

Thames Valley Police Reports

Significant increase in village burglaries and car thefts, parishioners warned to mark valuable items, keep lights on in darkness and put keys out of sight.

Ministry of Justice – ProbationTrust offering help with minor jobs. .

CPRE AGM 1st December 2pm The Park Room Stoke Mandeville Community Centre

Items for Agenda for meeting 20th December 2012

Precept/Budget

Chairs for Memorial Hall

Agree dates for holding EPC meetings in Dagnall and Northall during 2013.

Appraise meetings held in Northall & Dagnall

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Agenda items to be carried forward when more information is to hand

Neighbourhood Plan

Status on Registration of Green

Communicating with Parishioners (website development/e-mail data base)

Luton Airport Expansion

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting, April 2013

Bucks CC – Launch of Wing Community Library on Saturday 10th November.

SLCC – Buckinghamshire Branch Newsletter

Annual Report – Bucks Fire Authority

Hertfordshire County Council – Adoption of Waste Core Strategy on 5th November 2012

Open Space magazine

The Chilterns Society – Chalk & Trees magazine

War Memorial Bulletin

CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine

Clerk

Next Meeting **Thursday 20th December 2012 at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL commencing 7.30pm**

Thursday 17th January 2013 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm

Future Meetings **Annual Parish: Thursday 18th April 2013**

AGM: Thursday 16th May 2013