

## Edlesborough Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

#### Open Forum

Cllr Cabbage welcomed everyone and invited questions from parishioners

The resident of Chiltern Cottage, Leighton Road, Edlesborough enquired as to whether the Parish Council had received any feedback regarding extending the 30mph speed limit from Travellers Rest through to Edlesborough. The parishioner was handed the response received from Bucks CC following which a site meeting has been arranged for the 25<sup>th</sup> September with Bucks CC Cabinet Member for Transportation, Mr. Peter Hardy, Cllr Cabbage will also be in attendance.

A parishioner from Dagnall enquired about the replacement of the fence between Malting Lane and Dagnall allotments which was in disrepair and was informed that this had been discussed at the recent GPC meeting and enquiries are being made as to the original ownership of the boundary after which quotations will be obtained and the matter to be further discussed.

Mr Les Thorne of Edlesborough Cricket Club raised questions regarding the agreement to be signed to play on the Green next season.

#### Car Parking on The Green

The cricket club had been parking cars on the corner section of the Green for many years having been in

possession of a key to the barrier for maintenance of the cricket pitch. It was agreed that only cars with Disabled

Blue Badges should be allowed to park actually on the grass.

#### Sports Agreement

Edlesborough Cricket Club hoped to have 2 teams for next season and to be able to play on both Saturday and Sunday, Saturdays being for league matches and Sundays for friendly matches. The Council stated that fees

would require to be paid for both days and requested that Edlesborough Cricket Club came back to the

Council by 1<sup>st</sup> October with a decision as to whether they would play on a Saturday or on Saturday and Sunday together with details of the of the players who would be parishioners.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Cllr Cabbage formally opened the Parish Council Meeting

**Present:** Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Williams. 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 5 parishioners

**Apologies:** Cllr Wilkinson (attending a Planning Liaison Group Meeting at AVDC)

**Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Wilson declared an interest in the Agenda item: Luton Airport Expansion

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Agreed that they should be signed as a correct record.

### **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising

### **Finance Reports:**

Accounts for the months ended 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 were presented. Cllrs were made aware of a slight omission and correction to a section of the accounts. The Chairman pointed out that overall expenditure for the half-year to 30.9.12 would be above budget and that accordingly, expenditure in the second half-year would have to be carefully monitored and controlled.

The 2011/12 external audit of the Annual Return has been successfully completed and copies handed to Cllrs, a copy would be put on the website.

### **Authorisation of cheques (August & September including VAT)**

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses 214.62

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 975.94

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 2,655.27

Cemetery expenses 846.02

Churchyard expenses 840.00

The Green expense (inc. grass cutting) 2,162.61

Children's Play area (inc. wet pour repairs to safety surface of roundabout & moving

Equipment from Edlesborough School) 2,862.30

Dagnall Recreation Field grass cutting 720.00

War Memorial & notice board maintenance 120.00

External Audit fee 480.00

Dagnall Play around the Parishes – 2 visits 100.00

EDaN – Jubilee plaque 10.00

Streetlight repairs 569.00

**£12,555.76**

### **District Councillor Chris Poll's Report**

A reminder was given for parishioners to return their Electoral Register forms before the 31.10.12 if they are to be eligible to vote on 15.11.12 for the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

In view of Government's proposals to review planning requirements (especially for conservatories), parishioners were advised to speak to AVDC before making an application.

Further funding is being offered by central government towards the cost of Neighbourhood Plans and parishes were urged to apply if they intended to prepare a Plan.

## **Planning**

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

12/01434/APP 27th June 2012	4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	First floor rear extension	Oppose unless the planning officers can assure the Council that the amenity of the occupiers of No. 3 Slicketts Lane would not be adversely affected by the proposal
12/01441/APP 27th June 2012	Land adjacent to  4 Slicketts Lane Edlesborough	Erection of end of terrace dwelling with vehicular access and shed	Oppose on the basis that it fails to address the failings of the earlier application as identified by the Development Control Committee
12/01617/APP 18th July 2012	4 Dagnall Road Edlesborough	Single detached garage: hardstanding and new access	No Objections
12/01756/ATN 3rd August 2012	Land fronting Hall Farm  Ringshall Road Dagnall	Replacement of 1no. Existing equipment cabinet with 1no. upgraded cabinet, along with the addition of 1no. new equipment cabinet and 1no. Link/AC cabinet	No Objections but recommendation that the new cabinets should be located as close to the existing BT cabinet as possible to minimise the visual impact.
12/01857/APP 22nd August 2012	11 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections
12/01887/ALB 23rd August 2012	The Bell Ph Church End Edlesborough	Demolition of single storey rear extension and replacement with a new single storey rear extension; internal alteration and external alterations and addition of a new front boundary treatment	No Objections

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

12/00805/APP 5th April 2012	The Golden Rule  Main Road South  Dagnall	Change of use from Public House and flat to two dwellings and first floor rear extension	Parish Council recommend that it requests AVDC to insist on the provision of additional off-street parking provision, in excess of the minimum, because of the close proximity of the A4146 making on-street parking in the immediate vicinity of the dwellings extremely hazardous.	Permitted
12/00911/ALB 23rd April 2012	1 Good Intent Edlesborough	Replacement and alterations to windows on side and rear elevations	No Objections	Permitted
12/01021/APP 3rd May 2012 <b>Correct Replacement application</b>	2 Pine Road Edlesborough  <b>Pine Lodge Pine Road Edlesborough</b>	Single storey side extension comprising of garage conversion into living accommodation	No Objections	Permitted
12/01178/APP 23rd May 2012	South End Farmhouse  South End Lane Northall	Demolition of existing attached garage and utility and erection of two storey side extension and replacement one chimney	No Objections	Permitted
12/01395/APP 21st June 2012	18 South End Lane  Northall	Side conservatory and covered verandah	No objections	Permitted
12/01361/APP 19th June 2012	Coracles Studham Lane Dagnall	Demolition of existing rear dormers and replacement dormer window	No Objections	Permitted
12/01176/APP 24th May 2012	5 Dagnall Road Edlesborough	Single storey front extension	OPPOSES	Refused

### **Code of Conduct**

Cllr Nevard was thanked for his input into drafting the Code of Conduct which after minor amendments was approved by the Council under Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (the Code of Conduct being effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012). Each Councillor was requested to complete

the section on the disclosure of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under sections A & B, send to the Clerk who would forward to AVDC, and details to appear on the parish website.

### **EDaN Report**

Contrary to the July minutes EDaN's date for a Car Boot Sale/?May Fayre will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

A few volunteers came forward as a result of having a stall at the Open Day event at Edlesborough School.

The Traffic Management team will be discussing plans for Speedwatch in October.

A marvellous response had been received from parishioners at the Open Day event to join 'The Friends of Edlesborough Church'. A representative from the Churches Conservation Trust was in attendance.

### **Edlesborough Area Open Day, Edlesborough School**

Flyers were handed out by the Parish Council regarding additional hiring times for Edlesborough Memorial Hall and also giving details of the parish website. The Cup and award certificate received for Best Kept Village was on display.

Cllr Chris Poll was thanked for his assistance on the parish stall and he had subsequently contacted the LAF suggesting that a 'What is going on in the Villages' information booklet be published.

### **The Villages**

Edlesborough: There had been quite a gathering for the presentation of the Defra Cup and award certificate for the Best Kept Village. It was proposed that the Cup and award will be put on public display.

Edlesborough: As a result of Cllr Williams applying to The Woodland Trust for 'free trees' to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Edlesborough has been successful and will be receiving 105 hedging plants. Council agreed that these should be planting around the edge of the Green to fill in gaps. Cllrs Julie

Ratheram and Chris Nevard together with parishioner Peter Thomas volunteered to do the planting.

Dagnall: Cllr Holt reported 2 streetlights requiring attention in Dunstable Road and Chestnut Close.

Dagnall: Council agreed to the purchase of a replacement dog big in Studham Lane.

Dagnall: Cllr Chris Poll recommended that Dagnall should enter the Best Community Award competition in 2013.

### **Traffic Calming**

Cllr Cabbage to speak to Peter Hardy (BCC Cabinet Member for Transport) on 25.9.12 regarding the long awaited painting of the 30mph roundels in Northall and the removal of all of the redundant posts in Northall, Edlesborough and Dagnall.

It was agreed to purchase the same amount of 30mph & 40mph litter bin stickers as previously ordered.

### **General Purpose Committee Report**

Cllr Cabbage, having been absent from the GPC meeting, informed Council that the play equipment recently removed from the School is currently in storage whilst approval is obtained from Defra to place it on the Green outside the existing play area. The basketball goal and hard standing together with the small extension to the car park will be included in the application to Defra.

The Council discussed the long standing matter concerning the Sports Clubs agreements. All the Councillors present felt this matter should be brought to a conclusion without any further delay. Cllr Cabbage would circulate a suitable compromise to all Councillors for formal agreement.

### **Affordable Housing**

In response to an email received from Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks, Council agree to proceed to the next stage.

### **Luton Airport Expansion**

Details of a report given at the Local Area Forum meeting are contained in the following LAF report.

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### **Local Area Forum Report:**

### Police and Crime Commissioner

A presentation was given regarding the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner. On 15<sup>th</sup> November the public, across England and Wales in each of the 41 police force areas outside London will take to the ballot box to elect their own Police and Crime commissioner.

The job of the Police and Crime Commissioner will be to:

- Cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their police force area.
- Consult with the public to set policing priorities
- Ensure local and national priorities are suitably funded by setting a budget and the local precept
- Hold to account the local chief constable for the performance of the police force; and
- Ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible and deliver a real, tangible difference to the lives of the electorate they represent.

PCCs will not be expected to run the police. The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account.

Further information: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-crime-commissioners>

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk>

### Question time

Cllr John Wilkinson had raised a question regarding the allocation of voting to parish councils and was informed that no voting had taken place at the recent group meeting. The next group meeting would discuss the footpaths project.

Information was given that the No.61 bus route would no longer serve Marsworth as a consequence of the newer style buses to be used on the route having insufficient ground clearance to negotiate the canal bridge. A meeting of the Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group is being held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Methodist Centre, Buckingham Street, Aylesbury.

### Thames Valley Police report

There had been a significant reduction in general crime through the Thames Valley area, but an increase locally in criminal damage to vehicles and indecent exposure. Thames Valley Police will remain based at Wing and Jared Levens will be returning to his previous role in 2 weeks time. Speedwatch has been supported by the Police and they have time switches and marker pens available to whoever requires them. A Police border operation will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September in conjunction with Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire police.

### Expansion Plans for Luton Airport



Luton Airport's operating company has published a Master Plan to show how they intend to develop the airport to increase flights and consequent passenger throughput by up to 80% from 10m to 18m passengers per annum. The Master Plan can be viewed at <http://www.london-luton.co.uk/en/content/8/1171/revised-masterplan.html> and comments are invited from the public, deadline Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Feedback will help the airport draw up a planning application, which will be submitted to Luton Borough Council in due course. The second, competing, planning application that had been expected from Luton Borough Council (which owns the airport freehold) will not now be submitted.

### Emergency Planning

The name has been changed to 'Community Resilience. Resilience being the ability of the community, services, area of infrastructure to detect, prevent and if necessary, to withstand, handle and recover from disruptive challenges.

All Parish Councils were encouraged to develop an emergency plan to deal with evacuation in case of large fires, what to do with widespread power outage, and problems arising with excessive amounts of snow.

### AVDC Update

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan will emphasise jobs rather than houses. It is anticipated that 6000 houses will be built in the District over 20 years in addition to the 7336 that already have planning permission but are not yet built. 22 of the larger villages which include Pitstone, Cheddington, Marsworth, Wing, Wingrave and Edlesborough will have to take an additional 859 houses between them but no single village will be required to take more than 50 houses The New Home Bonus scheme consultation has been extended until the end of September.

The first week of the new recycling bin collections went very well but with a few teething problems. Collection of the brown bins will commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September and be collected fortnightly.

There is to be a cut in council tax benefits.

A further £50,000 has gone towards fighting the HS2 campaign to stop the HS2 proposal.

The Aquavale swimming pool is now open in Aylesbury

Edlesborough Under 5's have been given a donation of £16,000 to enable them to move into the School.

### Correspondence

Letters were read out from Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils and Mr. & Mrs Peter Bennett congratulating the Parish on the Best Kept Village award.

Bucks CC – Energy from Waste clear to proceed

Bucks CC – Scrutiny report recommends continued support for Local Area Forums

Bucks CC – Retirement Planning Session and Clinic – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Judges Lodgings, Aylesbury

AVDC – News for the Parishes

Bucks ALC – Standards briefing Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 – 4pm at Green Park

Community Impact Bucks – requesting details of voluntary groups and/or charities in Buckinghamshire aimed at children and/or families in order to compile a database.

Thames Valley Police – Burglary in Northall

Open Spaces Society – requesting financial assistance in setting up a legal fund.

Bucks ALC– Member only benefit on street lighting and other utilities.

Closure of Cheddington station ticket office

'My Escape attempt from a POW Camp at Dresden' – talk to be given by Geoff Spencer Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7pm at Dagnall Village Hall.

**Items put on Councillors Table**

Thames Valley Police – Significant crime results – Aylesbury

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

The Icknield Way Path – advertisement for A Walker's Guide New Sixth Edition

Chiltern Society – News of the Woods

Chiltern Society – Newsletter- September 2012

Chiltern News Magazine

The Playing Field – Bucks Playing Fields Association magazine

**Items for the Agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

There were no items mentioned.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 commencing 7.30pm at [NORTHALL VILLAGE HALL](#)**

