

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2011 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr Cabbage (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Holt, Cllr Nevard; Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, District Cllr Chris Poll and 4 parishioners.

Apologies:

Cllr Williams, Cllr Prys-Jones, Assistant Clerk Beverly Sage

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

None

Declarations of Interest – None declared

Open Forum

A parishioner made various comments about the Council's dealing with Edlesborough Tennis Club concerning the proposed re-registration of the Green and the proposed extension to the car park.

According to two parishioners. since erecting the car park closure notices evidence of further anti social behaviour has been taking place late at night and in the early hours of the morning. The Parishioners were urged to telephone the police immediately they were aware of any problems. In the meantime the Clerk to contact Thames Valley Police to request more late night patrols in these areas.

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month of October were presented and approved and questions raised responded to.

Following discussion it was agreed to change the Base Rate Tracker account to an Active Saver account in order to attract a slightly higher interest rate.

Precept and draft Budget

Councillors discussed setting the Precept for 2012/13 and went through draft budget figures which would be further considered and brought back to the December EPC meeting for final decisions to be made. It was agreed to try and build up a 'sinking fund' for the future modernisation/replacement of streetlights.

Clerk to ascertain whether or not AVDC have capped council tax and to ascertain position regarding Under 5's possible move away from the Memorial Hall at the end of July 2012.

Authorisation of cheques (November including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (incl telephone/printing Neighbourhood questionnaires) 414.05

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electricity, Electrical inspections) 830.38 Painting Bus Shelters; erecting road Diversion signs, strimming War Memorial 248.73

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,418.66

Cemetery expenses 138.01

Churchyard expenses 280.00

Grass cutting Edlesborough & Dagnall, 657.72

EDaN expense (Seat for Dagnall, plants for planters, etc) 1,096.97

Allotment expenses (incl Dagnall hedge cutting) 460.82

Re-issue of cheque to connect power to damaged streetlight 580.80

Children's Playground expense (incl. bark) 1,268.73

Emptying Dog Hygiene Bins 2,856.05

Total £ 10.250.92

Planning

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

11/02139/APP 3rd October 2011	Plum Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Part two storey part single storey front extension including erection of canopy at front entrance	No Objections
11/0219/APP October 2011	Land Adjacent to Little Orchard Chapel Lane Northall	Erection of detached two storey dwellinghouse with detached garage	OPPOSE contrary to AVDLP policy RA12
11/02349/ACL 21st October 2011	1 Chiltern Farm Cottages Main Road North Dagnall	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of dwellinghouse not in accordance with agricultural occupancy condition of planning permission 52/00012/WG	No Objections
11/02350/ACL October 2011	2 Chiltern Farm Cottages Main Road North Dagnall	Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of dwellinghouse not in accordance with agricultural occupancy condition of planning permission 52/00012/WG	No Objections
11/02367/APP 24th October 2011	Hall Farm Main Road South Dagnall	Installation of 16 photovoltaic solar panels over South facing roofslope of brick built barn	No Objections
11/02308/APP 28th October 2011	52 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Demolition of garage and erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension and single storey side extension including replacement garage with front porch and alterations to driveway	

11/02435/AGN 7th November 2011	Cross Keys Farm, Main Road South Dagnall	Erection of straw storage barn
11/02492/APP 10th November 2011	13 St. Marys Glebe Edlesborough	Raising of roof of garage and insertion of six dormer windows to provide ancillary accommodation

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

11/01868/APP 19th August 2011 Minor amended plans 30th Sept 2011	12 Heather Mead Edlesborough	Single storey side and rear extension and garage conversion-Amendment to planning permission 11/00130/APP comprising relocation of chimney to opposite side elevation	No Objections	Permitted
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Pebblemoor corner with Cocks Close

A letter from a resident concerned about vehicles reversing out of premises was discussed. Clerk to write to BCC Highways. Clerk also to contact the local landowner regarding the cutting back of trees/vegetation so as to improve visibility around the corner.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan

To date several completed Questionnaires have been received and are being analysed.

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

Edlesborough: Water leak problems in the High Street are constantly being reported to Anglian Water with visits made to endeavour to resolve the continual cause.

Northall: Re-issue of cheque to UK Power Networks as they did not receive previous cheque. Hopefully this will not delay reconnection of power to the Eaton Bray Road/Leighton Road streetlight.

Dagnall: Council has confirmed that the VASs to be erected in Dunstable Road will not be Solar powered

County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Poll reported on matters raised at the recent Local Area Forum meeting, a full report of the LAF meeting is incorporated within these minutes.

Correspondence received

Bucks CC offering free bunting plus ordering form to celebrate Diamond Jubilee and 2012 Olympics.

Dacorum Borough Council – Core Strategy. Pre submission document and CD

Dunstable Salvation Army – Carol Concert at The Grove Theatre on 27th November.

AVDC Music in Quiet Places 2012

Temporary 40mph speed restriction along parts of A4146, Watling Street and Brickhill Road period 5th March – 31st August 2012 24 hours of every day

Bucks CC Press Releases

Director of Acacia Tree Surgery fined £2,665 for contravening trading regulations.

2 new cycle and pedestrian routes provided in Wendover.

Get live bus times direct to your mobile

New Disabled access gates opened up at Ivinghoe Hills

Sale of farms owned by Bucks CC nets nearly £2,500,000 for County Council – "money being used to progress schemes in the Capital programme for the benefit of Buckinghamshire residents"

County Council struggle to fund Concessionary Fares Scheme. Bucks CC supporting Norfolk County Council with their 'Fair Fares' campaign calling on Government to fairly fund concessionary bus pass schemes across the country.

Olympic Torch Relay will visit Aylesbury, Buckingham, Stoke Mandeville, Waddesdon, Winslow and Whitechurch on 9th July 2012.

AVDC – Changes to the refuse service to take place September 2012 (refer to LAF report)

Bucks CC – Preparations began in October for winter gritting etc. Gritters have been given names chosen by various schools, such as, Alfie the Grit, Frostbite, Master of Ice, Salty, Snow Angel, The Mighty Thor

Bucks CC – Consultation to run until 31st January 2012 on Parents' views sought on new proposals for home to school transport policy

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

Bucks CC – Day Services Bulletin – October 2011

Dacorum Borough Council Core Strategy pre-submission letter and CD

Bucks Playing Fields Association – Annual Report 2010/11

Eaton Bray PC Minutes of meeting held on 3rd October 2011.

Community Impact Bucks Newsletter

Neighbourhood Policing Update November 2011

Clerks & Councils Direct November magazine

Came & Company – Parish Matters Autumn 2011 magazine

The Playing Field newsletter

The Chilterns Chalk & Trees Autumn/Winter magazine.

Cllr Nevard raised the question as to what the Parish intended doing to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and it was proposed that this be discussed with the EDaN committee.

Affordable Housing (Rural Housing Exception Scheme)

Meeting still be arranged with Jean Fox. Mandate agreed for Cllrs Wilkinson and Holt: a maximum of 8 houses and eligibility criteria to ensure that only applicants with genuine associations with the parish are considered.

General Purpose Committee report

Problems have come to light over the amount of water used at the Memorial Hall and investigation has proved this to be caused by the amount of water used in flushing the urinals. Quotation has been requested to remedy the situation.

4 additional litter bins are on order for the Green and play area.

Letter to be sent to 'The Swan' football team regarding use of the adult pitch.

EDaN Report

No report given due to the absence of Cllr Williams

Clerk had received the Licence and details of utilities to enable cycle racks to be installed at Brook Street. Cllr Cubbage would complete the Licence application.

Application form for 'Music in Quiet Places 2012' would be handed to Cllr Williams on his return.

Traffic Calming

Speed Limit Review still expected to be complete in January 2012.

30 mph dustbin stickers have been delivered to Pebblemoor, High Street, Edlesborough and Dagnall

Letter received from a parishioner who is concerned about the speed entering Dagnall from Hemel Hempstead. Cllr Holt to prepare a suitable draft response.

Status on Proposal to extend Pebblemoor car park

This matter is currently on hold.

Local Area Forum Report

Cllrs John Wilkinson, Chris Nevard and the Clerk attended the LAF meeting held on 15th November 2011 at Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Awareness Campaign

A presentation was given by Trevor Boyd of Bucks CC on a Careline set up to encourage the public to be aware of abuse to vulnerable adults. Anyone who suspects that adults are being abused or adults themselves who may need to speak to someone are encouraged to phone Careline on 0800 137915.

Overview of the work being undertaken at the SureStart centres

Jane Piested of Barnardos provided an overview of the work being undertaken at the SureStart children's centres in Wing & Ivinghoe.

Changes to refuse & recycling at AVDC

As from September 2012 the current system of bin collections will be changing and will be carried out on a 4 day week basis from Tuesday to Friday. New large (240 litre) green bins with blue lids will be delivered to each household to replace the existing recycling baskets and these are to be used for plastic, tins, paper and cardboard together with a much smaller brown food waste bin coupled with a small grey kitchen caddy which can be used to collect food waste being put into biodegradable bags before being deposited in the brown waste bins. A quantity of biodegradable bags will be supplied free of charge sufficient for approximately the first year and thereafter will be available at a reasonable cost. The currently used black recycling baskets will no longer be used and can either be retained by the residents or taken away by AVDC. The glass collecting boxes will remain. The existing green bin will be used for all the residual rubbish i.e. the non recyclable, non food waste rubbish. The green garden sacks used for garden waste will be discontinued and replaced by an optional 240litre bin at a cost of £36 per year. Additional black bags will not be collected. Collections will take place weekly but alternating between the various bins. The brown food waste bin will be emptied weekly, the glass box will continue to be emptied monthly and the other bins emptied fortnightly on a rotation basis. Further details will be available in the AVDC Times magazine or on the AVDC website.

Village Freighter

This service will no longer be a 'free of charge' service and Parish Councils were asked to consider whether they wished to continue with the Freighter visits which would cost in the region of £170/£200 per visit and for this to be borne in mind when discussing the Precept.

AVDC Update

Full details and times of collections during the Christmas/New Year period will be found in the AVDC Times magazine which is delivered to each household.

A change will take place as to which contractors cut the grass in future but AVDC will continue to cut grass on AVDC land. Previously AVDC have also carried out the grass cutting on behalf of both Bucks CC and Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust but that arrangement is being discontinued. The other two authorities will

now arrange for the grass cutting for which they are responsible to be carried out separately. Maps of all grass cutting areas can be found on the AVDC website [aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk /Hortmaps](http://aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/Hortmaps).

Local Area Planning

Jackie Wesley outlined current LAF priorities as footpaths and HGVs. It is proposed to review these priorities and there would be a consultation with local residents. A workshop will be organised to take place during January/February 2012.

Community Libraries Update

The Community Libraries are operating well but rely on volunteers

Thames Valley Police Update

Inspector Emma Garside gave a very in depth report . The boundaries of the local police areas are being realigned to coincide with the LAF boundaries. The current Wing North and Wing South police areas will become the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe police area. The new police area will have 3 Police Officers (instead of 2) as from January 2012 with 5 PCSOs (as now). Crime, burglaries and theft from vehicles has reduced in the Wing South area but Hare Coursing is now a major problem. Metal is still being stolen and parts from in particular BMW cars. 1 man arrested in connection with the recent Rave at Ivinghoe together with 142 notices served on the owners of cars that were taken onto the Beacon during the Rave.

Freight Quality Partnership

Parish Councils were asked to respond to a Questionnaire in order that a data collection exercise can take place to enable a fuller picture of the issues relating to freight movements in the LAF can be assessed. A pilot study of the A4146 has already been carried out. The next meeting of the Pilot Freight Quality Partnership will take place on 29th November 2011 6pm at Judge's Lodgings, Walton Street, Aylesbury.

Transport for Buckinghamshire Update

Salt bins and heaps have been replenished, salting equipment checked and stocks brought up to operational levels.

VAS sign positions in Dagnall have been agreed and new speed limits to be installed December 2011/January 2012 in Area 13. Work to be carried out on B4506 Dagnall to Ringshall, cutting back vegetation to improve vision and road markings to be repainted.

"Guide to bus services" now available from Council Offices, Libraries and other outlets, free for Buckinghamshire residents.

Phase 1 of the trial period of switching off streetlights to save energy has concluded. Information can be viewed at:
http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page

17 new disabled access gates have been installed at Ivinghoe Hills.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 15th December 2011

Finalise budget for 2012/13 and agree Precept.

The Meeting closed at 10.23pm

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 15th December 2011 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall