

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 13th January 2011 at 7.30pm at The Memorial Hall

<u>Item</u>	<u>Content/Decision</u>	<u>Next Review Date</u>
<u>Present</u>	Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Cabbage, Mrs Prys-Jones, Clerk - Lin Sargeant; Mr. Catlin and Mr. Hassell of Dunstable Road Runners, Mr. Davies of Edlesborough Cricket Club.	.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mr. Williams	.
<u>Declaration of interest</u>	None declared	.
<u>Minutes of previous Meeting held on 3rd November 2010</u>	Minutes were signed as a correct record.	.
<u>Matters Arising</u>	Referred to under Agenda headings.	.
<u>Open Forum</u>	A lengthy discussion took place between the General Purpose Committee, Dunstable Road Runners and Edlesborough Cricket Club concerning the continuation of cricket being played on Edlesborough Green. It was evident that unfortunately Edlesborough Cricket Club is unable, at present, to attract new members and would therefore not be playing cricket for the 2011 season. Dunstable Road Runners had asked if they could use the Green for their matches. It was recommended by the GPC that Dunstable Road Runners would be allowed to use the Cricket pitch and have access to the Pavilion upon payment of an agreed annual fee to take effect from 1 st January – 31 st December 2011 provided that the pitch was properly maintained throughout the year and, if circumstances changed, to make arrangements and allow Edlesborough Cricket Club the use of the pitch if they were able to get a team together. A letter setting out the GPC proposals would be sent to Dunstable Road Runners for their further consideration. The annual fee charged is expected to be slightly higher than that paid previously by the village club.	March 2011
<u>Edlesborough Memorial Hall</u>	.	.
<u>Clerk's Report</u>	Christmas decorations had been put up and the heaters have been cleaned out. Replacement glass will be put in the toilet windows shortly. Annual hire forms are being signed by all regular users. The Manager had asked whether half-day and day rates should be reviewed but it was agreed by the GPC for the rates for Ad Hoc users to remain at £13 per hour. Repairs are required to be carried out to the external eaves of the roof area.	March 2011

<u>Under 5's</u>	Mr. Cabbage had referred Under 5's to speak to Bucks CC direct regarding possible funding.	
<u>Memorial Hall Car Park & Extension</u>	An alternative layout has been agreed for the existing car park and a further meeting will take place with the Contractors prior to authorising acceptance of the quotation.	March 2011
<u>Utility Bills</u>	It was agreed to continue to take on a further 1 year contract with British Gas	March 2011
<u>Edlesborough Green (including play equipment, car parks, Sports activities etc.</u>	.	.
<u>Clerk's Report</u>	Discussions are continuing regarding the de-registering of the Common Land part of the Green to be registered as Village Green. The Lease between the Parish Council and Edlesborough Tennis Club is to be scrutinised to confirm that it would not be affected in any way by a change of registration. So as not to cause any long term damage to the trees on the Green all the ivy has been removed. Further problems have been encountered with outside teams training and playing football on the Green. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not be affiliating with Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council this year. Dog owners are continuing to let their dogs foul on the Green and on pavements in Edlesborough and Northall, a further mention is made in the February issue of Focus. AVDC have apologised for not having emptied the dog bins during the very bad snow which made it impossible to be able to get to every village on time.	March 2011
<u>Edlesborough Green Pavilion</u>	GPC recommended the installation of a further seat outside the Pavilion to be positioned in front of the main door in line with others currently being installed, and to consider the replacement of the existing plastic guttering and removal of the angle iron frame work, full Parish Council approval to be obtained. The installation of a CCTV camera has been put on hold.	March 2011
<u>Edlesborough ,Dagnall & Northall Allotments</u>	.	.
<u>Clerk's Report</u>	All rents have been collected. A half plot on the Green Allotments is available for re-letting. An influx of rabbits on Cow Lane allotments is to be dealt with by Pest Control operators.	March 2011
<u>Edlesborough Cemetery/Churchyard</u>	.	.

Clerk's Report

2 burials have taken place.

March 2011

Permission given by GPC for 2 extra dustbins to be purchased to put in the Cemetery dustbin area.

Cemetery Access/Bridleway gate

GPC agreed to accept the quotation for a new gate and for the necessary 'No Parking' signs to be ordered

March 2011

Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Street Lighting

Clerk's Report

Further quotation awaited before they are forwarded onto Tesco Insurance Company regarding the damaged Dagnall streetlight. A further accident occurred to a streetlight in Chiltern Avenue dislodging the column which would be re-bedded. 2 other streetlights reported faulty.

March 2011

Highways/by-ways/footpaths

Clerk's Report

Extensive repairs have been carried out by Anglian Water to burst water mains and sewerage pipes due to the inclement weather.

March 2011

AVDC & BCC responsibilities

Clerk's Report

New Rights of Way maps have been received and will be put into the relevant notice boards shortly. GPC agreed to the inclusion of backing boards to protect the maps.

March 2011

Pruning of the tree on the corner of Pebblemoor and The Pastures has been referred to Bucks CC and will be looked at in the Spring

Dates for 2011 GPC meetings

There will be no GPC meetings in February or April 2011.

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Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2011 at EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL

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Commencing 7.30pm

