

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2010

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Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson (Chairman) Cllr Cubbage. Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, Mark Taylor

Apologies: District Cllr Terry Jones

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

The Chairman introduced Mark Taylor who was attending the meeting as a prospective Councillor for Dagnall Ward.

Declarations of Interest

None declared

Open Forum

Alex Rajak and Paul Wright as representatives of 'Safer Routes for School' outlined proposals for improving amenities for more children to be able to walk or cycle to Edlesborough School. It was hoped to develop a cycle path from the top of the High Street down to the school by forming a continuous path opposite Tythe Barn by utilizing the existing pavement and grass verge, to create an opening from the Memorial Hall car park directly onto the High Street and to encourage 'park and walk' to prevent the car parking problems outside the school. The Clerk was able to report that Thames Valley Police and Bucks CC had recently had a meeting to discuss additional white lining in certain areas. The Parish Council agreed to support these proposals and to discuss funding after further talks had taken place with Bucks Highways.

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the month ended 28th February 2010 were approved. It was apparent that the full year accounts would show a deficit against the budget.

Special Projects and on-going development

Council agreed to apply for a grant towards the cost of the new boilers for the Memorial Hall.

Northall Village Hall play area maintenance was discussed and to be clarified at the next EPC meeting.

Authorisation of cheques (March 2010 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 299.45

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, returfing soakaway area) 492.01

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,503.57

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses 295.12

Edlesborough Childrens play area 45.00

EDaN Speedwatch equipment 41.40

Tree stump removal and rotavating Cow Lane allotments 352.50

Installing Litter Bin 22.50

Cleaning and tidying War Memorial 15.00

Total £3,066.55

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 18.3.2010

10/00420/ACL 1st March 2010	Whistle Brook Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of dwelling house without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 87/01699/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	OBJECT If the agricultural restriction is lifted what is to stop the land being sold off and the next owner applying for yet another farmhouse in exactly the same way that happened in 1988.	
09/02385/APP 10th December 2009	Tythe Lodge High Street Edlesborough	Erection of 2.1m high fence with lamp on brick pier	No Objections	Permitted

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

No further information

County & District Councillors' Reports

No reports available

Correspondence received

Aylesbury Vale Consultation on the draft Community Cohesion Strategy

Bucks CC – Buckinghamshire's Energy from Waste Project – full details on www.buckscc.gov.uk

Bucks County Training Partnership – Planning Workshops 14th April at Winslow Community Centre 6.30pm-8.30m

Transport for Buckinghamshire – 'We're Working On It' campaign.

Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils – Meeting dates.

List of items which were available on the Councillors table.

No relevant SBDC applications.

Rural Service Network newsletter

Sustainable Community Strategies for Aylesbury Vale and Buckinghamshire – approved documents.

Thames Valley Police Newsletter March 2010

Aylesbury Vale Local Strategic partnership news February 2010

AVDC – standards Committee Minutes 16th November 2009

Chiltern News

Local Councils Magazine

Clerk & Councils Direct magazine

Bucks Playing Fields Association Newsletter 'The Playing Field'

SLCC – The Clerk magazine

EDaN Project

The Council congratulated EDaN on being informed that it had won an award for the Parish Plan.

Agreement given for payment of the Bouncy Castle for the May 1st celebrations.

Members of the Parish Council to arrange a meeting with The Churches Conservation Trust to discuss the Church floodlighting and other issues.

The Traffic Management Team will be forwarding charts to Thames Valley Police and Bucks CC following data received from the Speedwatch equipment which can be used to reflect the behaviour of motorists throughout Buckinghamshire.

Comments are required by 2nd April regarding the Dunstable A5 Bypass to ensure that the A4146 does not suffer from further traffic.

The Concert to be held on 22nd May will be preceded by a Village Walk.

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

The six week consultation period will commence from the end of March to mid May 2010

General Purposes Committee Report

Memorial Hall

Proposals to alter the Memorial Hall premises to permit 'free flow access' for the preschool children had been submitted by Under 5's. Amongst other comments the Committee considered that the changes to the structure would not be desirable from an aesthetic viewpoint.

'Beautifying the Pavilion'

GPC are currently ascertaining the interpretation of law appertaining to Village Greens. Cllr Brown will be inviting the Sports Clubs for discussions and ideas as to how the Pavilion could be improved.

Allotments

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones and seconded by Cllr Cubbage that the 'hole' in the fence of the Green Allotments be repaired.

Edlesborough Village Sign

Proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Cubbage for the sign to be made. This would be erected on the Green but exact location to be agreed.

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

Edlesborough: The Clerk was authorised to ascertain the cost of an extension to the lay-by in Brook Street.

Edlesborough: Council agreed to enter the 'Best Kept Village' competition

Edlesborough: Clerk to request dropped kerbs to be installed in Taskers Row.

Dagnall: The result of the Delegated Budget application for a 'Build Out' in Dunstable Road will be known

in April

Northall: Works have been carried out regarding the blocked drainage system in Leighton Road. The drains will be jetted. Ditches on the other side of Leighton Road are being cleared out, Bucks CC will arrange for any culverts to be cleared and Anglian Water have been asked to inspect for any 'grey water' surcharging out of a cover in the verge.

Freedom of Information Act

Cllr Wilkinson suggested using the layout as per the County and District Council's 'Guide to Council Tax' for the Edlesborough website.

Items to Report to Police

The Police are aware of who has been causing problems with thefts at Dagnall

Local Area Forum

The next meeting will be held on 29th April at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Dates of Meetings

It was confirmed that the next GPC meeting will be held on 31st March and the July Parish Meeting will be held on 22nd July.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 15th April 2010

None reported

Time Meeting closed at 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 15th April 2010 preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.30pm