

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2010

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Present

Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Clerk-Lin Sargeant, 2 visitors and 2 parishioners

Apologies: Dist. Cllr Terry Jones, Thames Valley Police

Non-Apologies: Cllr Taylor

The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman Cllr Cubbage who welcomed visitors and informed them of the death of Chairman, Anne Thompson, whose funeral had taken place today. A minute's silence was held in memory of Anne.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Affordable Housing – the relevant questionnaire was being completed to enable a Housing Needs Survey to be carried out early in 2011 for villages in the Parish.

Edlesborough Shopping Area – response had been sent to Mr. Janes

Mobile Library Service – Clerk to ascertain and confirm whether it was Bucks or Bedfordshire Mobile Library service who visited Edlesborough and to respond to Parishioner accordingly.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in the Open Forum agenda item (Cow Lane development)

Open Forum

Mr. Daniele and Mr. Tranter gave a presentation on their ideas for a possible housing development at Cow Lane which would comprise a total of 42 houses (6 detached; 14 semi-detached; 16 terraced and 6 bungalows). Cllr Cabbage thanked them for taking the time to consult with the Parish Council. During the ensuing discussion Messrs Daniele and Tranter were advised that:

- Under the existing Aylesbury Vale District Council 'Local Development Plan' development on the proposed site was still precluded
- Vehicular access to the site would be difficult
- Part of the site is designated as a flood plain
- Sewerage disposal would be a problem

Cllr Cabbage explained that Edlesborough Parish Council had arranged for a 'Housing Needs Survey' to be carried out in the parish at the beginning of 2011, which would help determine if there was a demand for Affordable Housing. In the meantime he presumed that Messrs Daniele and Tranter would now hold discussions with AVDC.

Finance Reports:

Accounts for the month ended 30th September 2010 were presented and approved. In view of the charges which had been made to the annual donation reserves held on behalf of Dagnall Village Hall Management Committee, the Clerk was asked to send them a statement of finances. She was also asked to send a copy of the relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting held on 16.9.10 explaining that they would be able to approach the Parish Council in the future if they should have any extraordinary expensive items appertaining to the Hall, Playground or Recreation Field.

Clerk to chase Mazars, the Audit Commission auditors, for the return of the signed Annual Return.

Authorisation of cheques (October 2010 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 105.29

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl electric, water, gas) 392.95

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,507.16

Cemetery/Churchyard 710.00

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough & Dagnall 989.35

Children's play area 90.00

War Memorial 45.00

Notice boards 61.10

EDaN expenses for Concert 176.75

Total £ 4077.60

Planning

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

10/01326/APP 22nd June 2010	19 Leighton Road Northall	Part two storey, part first floor side and part single storey, part first floor front extension and erection of detached double garage to front	No Objections
10/10954/APP 17th September 2010	26 The Green Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections
10/02051/APP 1st October 2010	9 South End Lane Northall	Single storey rear extension to connect and convert outbuilding to living accommodation	No Objections

The following decisions had been received from AVDC

10/01525/APP 20th July 2010	8 Dunstable Road Dagnall	Single storey front extension, pitch roof over front bay windows and insertion of two front dormer windows	No Objections	Permitted
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10/00340/APP 15th
February 2010

Avenue House Moor
End Edlesborough

Proposed new dwelling, summer house
and access from the highway

OPPOSE until such time as the sub-
division of Avenue House is
regularised. 11.6.2010 Changed
response to withdraw objection but
only on condition that the plans are
amended to incorporate adequate off
street parking provision and that the
Planning Officer is satisfied that the
proposed highway access would not
create a hazard

REFUSED

Edlesborough Sewerage system

Correspondence has been taking place between the Parish Council and Anglian Water to ascertain the flow of sewerage in Edlesborough. The Parish Council have now been furnished with maps but are arranging a site meeting in an attempt to comprehend Anglian's statement that increased flow in the Pebblemoor section would not exacerbate problems further downstream. Additionally a more extensive map covering the whole of the Edlesborough system as far as the parish boundary in Moor End has been requested.

County & District Councillors Reports

No reports given

Correspondence received

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council – Next meeting 19th October 7.30 at Lynx Gymnastics Club, Rabans Close, Aylesbury.

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council – Annual Awards 2010

Bucks CC – Tyre Safety month (October)

E-mail Bucks CC re Arriva

E-mail Bucks CC - Community Emergency Plans

Rural Intelligence Foundation – a new research centre and independent think-tank dedicated to developing and promoting fresh ideas that benefit rural people and the countryside.

Letter Ategi Shared Lives Scheme who were commissioned by Bucks CC to provide inclusive accommodation and support for vulnerable adults in carer's homes throughout the country

E-mail from Sally Porter Churches Conservation Trust – informing of a possible security risk to the Church.

Bucks CC – Invite to HS2 Stakeholder Summit: Environmental Impact 9th October 9am at The Oculus, AVDC, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury.

E-mail – Bucks CC – Alcohol Awareness Week.

E-mail – Bucks CC – Works on track and road – Wycombe Rail station – information regarding works affecting neighbouring highways.

E-mail – Bucks CC - Press Release – County consults over Job cuts proposals

NB. RELEVANT TO CORE STRATEGY -Aylesbury Vale Assn of Local Councils – AGM 6th November 10am Winslow Centre, Winslow. After break for refreshments this will be followed by "MOVING FORWARD FROM THE LDF CORE STRATEGY" Andy Barton AVDC and Marcus Rogers, Bucks CC giving update on changing position on the planning policy and how it is currently being progressed. A particular focus will be the way in which AVDC will work with local councils.

Bucks CC – High Speed 2 – Comments made by local politicians, action groups and residents against the proposed High Speed 2 rail link)

Bucks CC – Consultation on 'Have Your Say'

Bucks CC -The way we consult with you – Consultation can be found by following link
<http://bucksconsultation.buckscc.gov.uk/bucksccp/KMS/elab.aspxnoip=18CampaignId=35>

Chilterns Commons Project – brief questionnaire to be completed.

New Website re Proposed Wind Power Station on land at Bridge Farm, Wingrave is www.wrhaps.org.uk

Winter Maintenance – Overview and Scrutiny Review, response to be sent from Parish Council

Bucks CC – Respect our Roadworkers' Campaign Launch

P.A.I.N - Letter update from NATS October 2010 – No consultation at this time.

Bucks CC – Results of Day Services consultation

List of items which will be placed on the Councillors table

No relevant SBDC applications

Chilterns Conservation Board – Annual Chilterns Forum Friday 19th November 9.45-1pm The Clare Foundation, Wycombe Road, Saunderton, Bucks.

Eaton Bray Parish Council Minutes plus Agenda for October meeting.

Thames Valley Police – September and October Newsletters

EDaN Project

Concert had been a success with 155 paying guests attending

Waiting for information to complete the Licence required for the Dagnall Planter. The Thompson family to be approached regarding a memorial to Anne to be placed on the Roundabout.

Traffic Management Team questioning the condition of A4146 having changed from a B to A road.

Transportation team in contact with Bucks CC regarding bus to Dagnall

A meeting to take place at 6pm on 25th November at Dagnall regarding Community Car Scheme

Letter of Agreement signed by parish council and Doctors' Surgery for 2 cycle stands to be installed.

LOCAL AREA FORUM REPORT

Cllrs Wilkinson and Williams attended the meeting held on 7th October and raised the following questions with Bucks CC

- Cllr Wilkinson was anxious to know the reason for the apparent lack of progress with the Dagnall build-out and was advised that the design work had started and a proposal should be available very soon. The design would require to pass a safety assessment and have other approvals before any further action is taken. (Cllr Wilkinson and the Clerk attended a meeting with Bucks CC on 25th October and made various comments regarding the proposed design which would be further investigated)

- Cllr Williams raised the question of several water drainage problems on Leighton Road, Northall, one of which was currently being looked into and the others were awaiting CRM numbers.

Action Notes of Previous Meeting

No mention had been made regarding Cllr Wilkinson's question to AVDC regarding whether the rules that made the maintenance of closed churchyards the responsibility of parish councils applied to churchyards belonging to redundant churches in the same way that they apply to those associated with churches that are still in use. AVDC agreed to respond in due course.

Questions

- Cllr Williams raised the issue regarding the unsatisfactory way the Parish Council had learnt about the speed camera being withdrawn at Church End. There appeared to be general agreement that issues like that should be discussed at the LAF prior to implementation.
- Area 13 speed review decisions had now been made and the original proposals made by Bucks CC for Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall would be implemented without any changes.

Citizens Advice Bureau and VAHT Presentation

CAB and VAHT have started a pilot outreach scheme at Cheddington and Wendover which operates 1 day/fortnight.

The scheme is being led by VAHT who have a lot of housing stock in Cheddington, which is why Cheddington was chosen for the pilot. If successful, the scheme will be extended to other villages.

Fire Service Presentation

The Station Officer for Bletchley gave a presentation on the three main roles of the Fire services. (Edlesborough is covered by the Aylesbury station, not Bletchley),

Prevention – Providing advice to householders on fire prevention (free service). When carrying out home visits

officers will also advise occupants about other services that are available that they may benefit from.

Protection – The Fire Service is now responsible for enforcement of fire protection regulations.

Response – The Fire service attend all calls that they are responsible for, although they will not necessarily send

a fire tender if the report suggests that one is not necessary, but they will send someone. (Cats stuck in trees are initially directed to the RSPCA. The Fire Service only gets involved if requested to by the RSPCA).

Leighton-Linslade Green Wheel Presentation

Malcolm Oliver from the Greensand Trust gave a presentation about the work of the Trust to create the Green Wheel of public open space and footpaths/cycleways/horse riding routes around Leighton Buzzard, including the Ouzel Valley Country Park (formerly Stockgrove Park)

Neighbourhood Police Update

Inspector Emma Garside reported that although Thames Valley Police accepted that they would be subject to very

significant budget cuts, the Chief Constable was committed to maintaining front line services and that included PCSOs. She had recently got approval to appoint an additional PCSO who would mainly cover the Wing South area which includes Edlesborough. The new PCSO has not yet been recruited.

Also recently acquired is a Vivaro Van that would be kitted out as a satellite operating base for PCSOs to avoid them having to make repeated return visits to their main base for access to services.

Problems with misdirected calls had now been resolved but Insp. Garside asked to be informed if not.

A cross border response agreement has been set up with the neighbouring police forces such that if there is an emergency and they are closer than a Thames Valley unit they will attend until such time as the Thames Valley unit arrives. This is a reciprocal arrangement.

Anti social behaviour is down but non dwelling burglaries are up. 8 out of 20 reported non dwelling burglaries involve stolen farm equipment. Country Watch is being relaunched in response.

Positive Activities for Young People Devolved Budget

It was agreed that the PAYP devolved budget of £5,000 would be allocated as follows:

Community led planning for young people £1,320

Sweet Dreams events and outreach £3,300

Wing Youth Club £380

Transportation Update

2010/11 Delegated Budget – Dagnall -build out is currently with the Design & Construction Team

2011/12 Delegated Budget – The Edlesborough bid was not included in the list provided but Parish Council

have subsequently been informed that it has now been included.

The precautionary winter salting network will remain essentially as per the last information received.

There are 6 snow ploughs still available for farmers who wish to sign up to clear local roads of snow on behalf of the County Council. Anyone interest should contact Simon Dudley at Transport for Buckinghamshire before the end of October.

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

The initial information despatched to Parish Councils was felt to be of limited value.

Edlesborough Speed Camera

Apology received from Bucks CC for the Parish not being previously informed of withdrawal of Speed Camera in Edlesborough. However, it was agreed that a further letter should be sent to Bucks CC complaining that it had not addressed the Parish Council's grievance for not being consulted in advance on such a sensitive matter.

General Purposes Committee Report

Quotation requested to remove Ivy from trees around the Green. The Committee was authorised to approve the expense without further reference to the full Council.

Approval given for hedge between the Green and The Pastures to be reduced to a height of 8ft.

A Dog bin is to be situated on the corner of Chapel Lane and the Two Ridges Footpath, Northhall and a damaged bin replaced on the Green.

In view of the continuing and inconsiderate parking in Pebblemoor on football match days, the Clerk was asked to write to EB Lions requesting appropriate action be taken to help resolve the problem. One suggestion for them to consider might be the use of appropriately placed traffic cones, including around the road junctions.

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

Clerk to arrange with Bucks CC for all School and directional signs to be cleaned.

Edlesborough: Dropped Kerb installed in Taskers Row

Edlesborough: Clerk to notify parishioner of address of the Environmental Agency regarding mains drainage.

Dagnall: Stolen salt bin in Studham Lane to be replaced and Bus Stop sign in Main Road South to be

Replaced by Bucks CC

Dagnall: Meeting with Bucks CC to take place regarding the 'Build Out'

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on Thursday 18th November 2010

Appoint Chairman and Vice Chairman

Bank Mandate

Precept

Discuss Parish Memorial to Anne Thompson

The December Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th December 2010.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 18th November 2010 commencing at 7,30pm