Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Item	Content/Decision			
<u>Present</u>	Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cubbage, Mr. Williams, Clerk - Lin Sargeant			
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. Thompson (due to illness) Mrs. Prys-Jones			
Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	There being no other nominations Mr. Wilkinson agreed to stand as Chairman for the coming year. Mrs. Prys-Jones had previously informed the Committee that she was prepared to stand as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.			
Declaration of interest	None declared at the commencement of the meeting but both Mr. Brown and Mr. Wilkinson declared interests when the allotment rents were discussed.			
Minutes of previous Meeting held on 5 th May 2010	Signed as a correct record			
Matters Arising	To be dealt with under Agenda headings			
Fixed Assets (Land etc. interests)	Clerk preparing updated Register which when completed would be placed on the website			
Review of Charges	Mr. Wilkinson explained an analysis of charge increases and committee agreed to the following:			

Memorial Hall bookings: NO CHANGE Regular Commercial Users £10.00 per hour. Regular non commercial users and Parish organisations £7.00 per hour Ad Hoc users £13.00 per hour Pavilion & Green Users: NO CHANGE EB Lions £13.00 per annum including routine Pavilion cleaning Edlesborough Tennis Club £565.00 per annum including routine Pavilion cleaning plus £76 per annum Ground Rent Edlesborough Cricket Club £546.50 per annum including routine Pavilion cleaning Adult Football £25.00 per match (no Pavilion cleaning included) Additional Pavilion cleans £22.00 per clean Burial Fees: NO CHANGE Increases had been implemented on 1st February 2010 and it was agreed that these be reviewed again at the December GPC meeting. Allotments: INCREASE A previously agreed10p increase (90p. per pole) will take effect from October 2010. Committee agreed that as from October 2011 a further 20p per pole increase (£1.10) will take effect Clerk to advise Under 5's that there would be no increase in their charges for a further year. **Edlesborough Memorial** Hall

Clerk's Report	A microwave has been supplied by Under 5's. Items of Under 5's outside play equipment has been stolen. A TPO has been issued on the tree between the Memorial Hall and the Scout Hut. Village Stars has disbanded therefore not requiring to hire the Hall. A new gas meter will be fitted next week.			
Internal Decoration	This will be carried out at the beginning of the School summer recess. Clerk to inform Under 5's that following redecoration nothing is to be put on the walls of the main room apart from on their notice boards, and a small notice board is to be provided on the outside door of the hall where occasional notices can be placed.			
Memorial Hall Boilers	A revised quotation had been received and after discussion the Committee authorised the Clerk to accept the quotation from Gates Plumbing & Heating Ltd for two 24 kWh boilers.			
Edlesborough Green (including play equipment, car parks, Sports activities etc.		July 2010		
Memorial Hall/Pavilion Car Parks	Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Brown to arrange a meeting with an electrical contractor to discuss quotations for installation of CCTV in these areas.			
Memorial Hall Car Park Extension	Mr. Cubbage to arrange a site meeting with Messrs. Brown, Williams and Wilkinson to discuss possibilities of extending the amount of parking spaces.			
Clerk's Report	RoSPA inspections have been carried out and currently waiting for the reports. It was recommended by Mr. Cubbage that the Manager of the Green should accompany the Inspector next year. New slats have been ordered to repair various broken seats and it was proposed that a further seat be purchased to be positioned in front of the Pavilion which would require ratification by the Parish Council.			
Kissing Gate	On reflection the committee felt that it would not be safe to replace the existing kissing gate by the roundabout with a self-closing gate particularly as there is already a self-closing gate adjacent to the kissing gate opposite Good Intent. Clerk to put these views to the Parishioner who requested a replacement gate.	July 2010		

Grass Cutting/seeding/spraying	It was agreed that seeding of the bald patches be seeded immediately and that as a 'test' only the adult football pitch be sprayed with weedkiller.			
EB Lions	Confirmation of exact areas permitted to be used by EB Lions to be established.			
Cricket	A request had been received for Dunstable Road Runners to play 2 matches on the Green, the Committee agreed that this should be decided between Dunstable Road Runners and Edlesborough Cricket Club since the latter have already paid for the sole use of the pitch for this season.			
Edlesborough Green Pavilion				
Clerk's Report	Further damage caused to the guttering.			
Beautifying Pavilion	To date only three responses have been received from the questionnaires submitted to various groups. It is proposed to seek parishioners views at the Carnival.			
Edlesborough ,Dagnall & Northall Allotments				
Clerk's Report	All allotments now let at The Green and Cow Lane and new allotments let at Northall. It was agreed to leave the narrow strip of land adjacent to the hedge on Northall allotments for car parking etc. Clerk to approach Mr. Pratt to discuss a 'one off' payment instead of the annual rent charge for the Northall allotments land.			
Edlesborough Cemetery/Churchyard				
Clerk's Report	Letters have been sent to Grantees of Cremated Remains graves requesting that the rules and regulations on a Lawn Cemetery be adhered to and for all planting and additional flower pots and vases to be removed.			
It has been confirmed by the owner of the bridleway that a new gate should not be any different in width or position to the existing gate. Clerk to obtain an updated quote for a new gallows type gate similar to the existing one.				

Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Street Lighting	Several lights were reported malfunctioning by committee members and these will be reported to the contractors			
Highways/by- ways/footpaths	Work is due to commence week commencing 7 th June to improve the footpaths between Northall and Edlesborough			
AVDC & BCC responsibilities				
<u>Litter Bins</u>	GPC to decide the best way forward in whether to remove bins from the Green and put more bins on the outside verges.			
Additional Items				
Brook Street lay-by extension	A request will be made to the Local Area Forum Delegated Budget for funding for this project. It was requested by Mr. Cubbage, via the EDaN cycleways team that 2 cycle racks be placed at the end of Brook Street where it adjoins the High Street. This item will be discussed at the next EPC meeting			
<u>Footpath</u>	Mr. Cubbage informed the committee that a further meeting would be held to discuss the footpath from Eaton Bray Road, Northall through to Edlesborough to enable this to be used as a cycle way.			
Overhanging trees/branches	The Clerk to inspect reports of problems to pedestrians walking along the pavements caused by overhanging trees and shrubs and to write to the owners concerned to request that these be cut back.			
	The meeting closed at 10.10pm			
	Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 7 th JULY 2010 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing 7.30pm			