

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2009

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Present

Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, Cllr Brown, Cllr Williams, Cllr Jones, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, District Cllr Terry Jones, Clerk – Lin Sargeant;

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Thompson (due to illness), County Cllr Avril Davies

Non-Apologies: Cllr Wilson

In the Chairman's absence the meeting was conducted by Vice Chairman Cllr Cabbage

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

None other than under Agenda headings

Declarations of Interest – there were none declared

Open Forum

Thames Valley Police were invited to the meeting but regrettably could not attend. A full report on crime figures and anti-social behaviour had been sent to the Clerk and circulated to all Councillors. The Council considered that the Parish was being well represented by the PCSOs.

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the month ended 30th June 2009 were explained and approved by the Council.

A small discrepancy discovered by the Internal Auditors had been rectified before the finance papers were sent to the External Auditors. Council are currently awaiting the final Annual Return.

It was agreed that further discussion was required regarding the present situation with Special Projects and this item would be placed on the September Agenda.

Authorisation of cheques (July 2009 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 80.75

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas, electric and boiler etc. repairs) 494.22

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,443.81

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (including grass cutting,

Strimming graves and tidying War Memorial, new gate to Cemetery access 1,358.25

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough Green & Dagnall Recreation Field 747.50

EDaN Expenses for some replacement plants sponsor signs and speedwatch flyers 566.03

Childrens' Play Area expenses 82.50

Refund duplicated burial payment 22.00

Dagnall Multi-purpose Recreational Track 4,589.26

Hedge cutting 2,082.73

Completing Bridleway resurfacing 1,531.80

Audit fees 488.75

Donation to St. Mary's Carnival Committee towards Sign placement training 35.00 **Total £13,522.60**

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 16.7.09

Brought forward from 2007 Planning Applications

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07/02323/APP 20th August 2007	Greenacres Studham Lane Dagnall	Erection of one detached dwelling	OBJECT	REFUSED
09/01074/APP 10th June 2009	15 Nelson Road Dagnall	Single storey front and two storey rear extensions	No Objections	
0900904/APP 28th May 2009	24 Main Road South Dagnall	Single storey side extension	No Objections	
09/00970/APP 27th May 2009	Ashpools Chapel Lane Northall	Pitched roof over garage to provide ancillary accommodation in roof, enlargement of single storey side extension (retrospective), pitched roof over and replacement porch	Response not yet submitted	
09/01122/APP 12th June 2009	Telecomms Mast RAF Edlesborough Tring Road Edlesborough	Replacement of two omni telecommunications antennas with three 2G/3G antennas and replacement equipment cabinet	No Objections	
09/01188/APP 26th June 2009	5 Wren Walk Edlesborough	Conversion of garage into ancillary living accommodation	No Objections	
09/01151/APP 22nd June 2009	5 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Erection of rear Conservatory	No Objections	
09/01212/ACL 2nd July 2009	Whistle Brook Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Continued use of dwellinghouse without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission 87/01699/AOP relating to agricultural occupancy	Response not yet submitted	
09/00883/APP 12th May 2009	7 Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No Objections	Permitted

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Still no further improvements to the unacceptable conditions of the road and verges in South End Lane. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the developer's obligations to provide a new pavement and road visibility improvements when the first of the house becomes occupied.

S106 Dagnall

Part refund of remaining S106 monies held by AVDC have been received.

County & District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Terry Jones gave information on the redevelopment of Waterside, New Conference Centre, Civic Centre (which is to be demolished) and Theatre at Aylesbury. A 'Call for Action' has been established to assist Councillors.

Cllr Jones reminded the Council of the deadline for submission to the Core Strategy and Cllr Wilkinson was able to inform him that Edlesborough Parish Council's views had already been submitted. 'Home Service' has been set up where the over 60s can apply to AVDC for a free home security inspection and recommendations Tel. No. 01296 585100.

EDaN Project

Church floodlighting – EDaN team to work through various issues before this project can proceed further.

Discussion taking place regarding planting at Dagnall roundabout.

Speedwatch to be operating throughout the three villages on a regular basis.

Cllr Williams agreed to study the Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy – Transport for Buckinghamshire document to prepare a draft response on behalf of the Council and to circulate it to Cllrs for their comment and approval.

The Cycle ways team to liaise with Bucks CC Rights of Way and local land owners

Terms of Reference – Agreed that EDaN would be a sub-committee of the Parish Council. Clerk to ascertain position regarding whether or not Councillors should be part of the sub-committee and any other relevant rules and regulations. A new Toolkit for Councils has been published and can be viewed on line at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Correspondence received

Letter of thanks from St. Mary's Village Carnival 2009

E-mail from Northall Parishioner concerning Traffic calming

Buckinghamshire County Council – Resilience Team

AVDC 'On the Road Project'

Council agreed to show its interest in this project.

Bucks Community Action – Petition for a dedicated community building fund

BALC – Biodiversity duty – Inviting local councils to take part in an online survey. Cllr Williams offered to investigate and participate if appropriate.

Notification of filming to take place at the Ford, Edlesborough on 8th August.

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

No local SBDC planning applications this month

NALC LCR Magazine

Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council – Minutes of meeting and funding details.

Bucks Community Action – In Focus magazine

Clerk & Councils Direct magazine

The Chiltern Society newsletter

Bucks CC Adults & Family Wellbeing Newsletter

The Clerk magazine

AVDC Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/9

Eaton Bray Parish Council Minutes – 6th July 2009

AVDC Standards Committee Annual Report 2008/09

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

A working group meeting is to be arranged for early September with public consultation in early Autumn, Bucks CC are still waiting for responses from several Parish Councils.

Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146

No further information.

General Purposes Committee Report

The Cricket and Tennis Clubs had put forward objections to the rise in charges which would be further discussed on a personal level by Cllr Wilkinson, Chairman of the GPC.

GPC had agreed to the final wording for all the property and land entries in the Fixed Assets Register.

Issues raised by Under 5s were currently being attended to.

Cow Lane allotment tenants had agreed to set up a working party of volunteers to clear the redundant allotments and approached the GPC for funding when required. The Parish Council ratified an expenditure up to a maximum of £250 to be spent when needed. Dagnall Allotments are to be approached offering a similar financial help under the same terms.

The question was raised as to whether a working party of the elderly in Taskers Row bungalows could receive assistance with the garden of their club house etc. The Parish Council agreed to give its support up to a maximum of £200 if requested to do so.

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

Response to questions raised by parishioners at the Carnival

The Parish Council would make enquiries of Bucks CC and AVDC regarding additional road signs depicting the start of Moor End and High Street.

Uneven footpath from Memorial Hall leading up Peblemoor to be reported for repair.

Fire Exit door to boiler room in Memorial Hall to be repaired.

The Parish Council has requested that dropped kerbs be installed at Church Croft.

Edlesborough: Clerk to enquire of AVDC as to why grass verge on Tring Road to the roundabout at Travellers Rest does not appear to have been cut in recent months.

Edlesborough: A wasp nest has been removed from The Green

Dagnall: Following a complaint about litter from a resident. AVDC has queried why there is not a litter bin on Main Road South through Dagnall. Clerk requested to enquire of AVDC as to why litter bins on The Green at Edlesborough do not appear to be part of the collection service before pursuing the provision of more litter bins.

Dagnall: Concern from a parishioner who has been informed that the Wednesday bus to Dunstable will be cancelled. Council/EDaN to make enquiries.

Freedom of Information Act

Further work still to be done. This item to remain on the Agenda.

WREN etc. funding

Cllr Williams has investigated qualifying distances from Landfill sites to help the Parish Council to apply for funding.

Wing & Great Brickhill Local Area Forum Report

London Midland Rail (previously Silverlink)

Representatives of London Midland Rail had attended the meeting to discuss some major problems with new timetables, car parking charges, accessibility for the disabled. Lack of capacity is limited by the fact that 12 car trains are the maximum that can be used due to the platform limitations at Euston. High speed commuter trains would be the eventual solution to the capacity problem to maximise usage of the available track. Cheaper off peak car parking charges were about to be introduced although peak time charges were set to rise still further. Low emission cars are charged at half price. Leighton Buzzard station will be made step free between 2012 and 2015 to assist disabled passengers but no similar plans were in place for Berkhamsted, Tring and Cheddington.

Progress on the Local Area Plan

A list of issues identified at the previous LAF workshop together with Bucks CC response and actions being taken forward were handed out and members were invited to submit any responses to the next LAF meeting.

Support for Older People

A 4% increase had been made in people using the services of Service Provision Adults and Family Well Being more details are available on the Bucks CC website. The issue of the withdrawal of resident wardens from Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust sheltered housing communities was raised. The speaker explained it was not something over which he had any control as it was an AVHT decision and not a County one. The members present felt this was a retrograde step as far as the sheltered housing residents were concerned.

Update on Young Peoples Activities

A presentation was given on what the County are currently attempting to do in this field. There is great difficulty in filling the available job vacancies for youth workers. A delegated budget of £5,000 is set aside for youth activities.

Children's Centre Update for the Local Community Area

Local Authorities have been given the responsibility for setting up the Children's Centres where "Children under 5 years old and their families can receive seamless and holistic integrated services and information, and where they can access help from multi-disciplinary teams of professionals". Buckinghamshire will eventually have a total of 35 centres of which two will be in our Local Community Area, one at Brookmead School in Ivinghoe and the other at Overstone School, Wing.

Transportation Update

The main topic for Edlesborough Parish Council was the 'Build Out' at Dagnall which was unsuccessful in the recent Delegated Budget bid. Discussion had taken place at the previous meeting resulting in an alternative scheme of a low cost refuge in the centre of the road at the new footpath crossover point. The Parish Council are waiting to hear from Bucks CC on this proposal.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 17th September 2009

Special Projects

Installation of bollards in Brook Street to be further reviewed

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 17th September 2009 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall