

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on
19th November 2009

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Present

Cllr Mrs Thompson (Chairman) Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Jones, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, District Cllr Terry Jones, Clerk – Lin Sargeant

Apologies: Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Prys-Jones, District Cllr Terry Jones

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Clerk had contacted Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust and invited Jean Fox to attend a Council meeting early in the New Year.

Declarations of Interest

None declared at the commencement of the meeting.

Open Forum

No reports

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the month ended 31st October 2009 were approved.

The Annual Return for 2008/09 was currently being 'signed off' by the External Auditors and would be forwarded to the Council in a few days.

Budget/Precept

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the budget and proposed Precept request. It was proposed by Cllr Cubbage and seconded by Cllr Brown that a Precept of £67,500, an increase of 8%, be approved. There followed an amended proposal by Cllr Wilkinson which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Ratheram that the Precept be set at £64,000, an increase of 2.4%. The Chairman had the casting vote and the amendment was approved.

Authorisation of cheques (November 2009 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 294.25

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas & electric) 668.70

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,474.50

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (inc. Road Closure signs for Remembrance Services) 797.90

Grass and hedge cutting Northall Village Hall 652.00

Edlesborough Children's play area 352.14

Allotment expense 40.73

EDaN Firewalk and updating Parish Plan expenses 1,840.00 **Total £6,120.22**

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 19.11.09

09/01514/APP 15th October 2009	1 Swansons Edlesborough	Amended Plans - Single storey rear and two storey side extensions	No Objections	Permitted
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09/01852/ACL 6th October 2009	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Terrace over single storey extension	No Objections - subsequent letter Opposing the application in support of neighbours submitted comments to AVDC	
09/02011/APP November 2009	Ringshall Hall Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Erection of agricultural building for storage of grain, fertilisers, sprays and machinery		
09/02045/APP 13th October 2009	Village Hall Dunstable Road Dagnall	Erection of single storey extension, porch, and alterations to fenestration		

02/00619/APP – Greenacre, Studham Lane, Dagnall Appeal pending.

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Council to respond to letter from AVDC

County & District Councillors' Reports

County and District Councillors not in attendance, no reports submitted

EDaN Project

In Cllr Williams absence Councillors had been furnished with an updated report. The recent Firewalk evening had proved a great success. The Parish Council were impressed with the Parish Plan update recently included with the Focus magazine and would be arranging a joint meeting with EDaN in the New Year.

Correspondence received

Bucks CC – Community Cohesion & Equalities – Third Section Equalities Questionnaire on

<http://www.bmgresearch.co.uk/buckscpp/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=28>

Bucks CC – Changes to bus services in the Cheddington, Leighton Buzzard & Stewkley areas from 2nd November 2009. Clerk has put new timetables on the notice boards and it is on the Edlesborough Parish Council website.

NATS – Letter informing there will be no second TCN consultation on revised air routes until at least September next year.

BALC - BRAG Annual Conference 23rd November 2009: Plunkett Foundation (survey of Parish Councils in England & Wales) Level of Awareness within rural communities of community-ownership; Quality Council Learning Seminar 24th November 2009; Voting arrangements for 2009 larger Councils' Committee Elections.

Herts CC – Consultation on Waste Core Strategy & Development Policies DPD the Waste Site Allocations DPD

Bucks CC – Conference (Adult Social Care) The Programme for Self Directed Support in Buckinghamshire – 18th November 2009 – David hopes to attend

Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust – advantage Report

E-mail – Patrick Phillips – The Electoral Situation at Buckingham

AVDC – Submission of Core Strategy for Examination. – Local Development Framework document plus DVD and CD and further letter with amended password. Copies of letters attached to documents, Clerk has original letters.

AVDC – Community Governance Review – request to put notice on the notice boards.

Bucks CC Rights of Way – 'Walk your Local Paths' Initiative

Bucks Community Action – Trustee Recruitment Forums

Bucks CC – Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy – A Reference Document

Cllr Brown had recently attended The Programme for Self Directed Support in Buckinghamshire Conference and reported that Bucks CC Department of Health would be changing the way in which assessments are made for adult care by putting monetary value on the service provided with money being allocated to individual needs. All assessments would be made on the new basis of Self Directed support to be targeted from April 2010. By April 2011 everyone will be assessed on the new basis.

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

No relevant SBDC applications.

CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine

Vale of Aylesbury Housing – Residents News plus Annual Report & Accounts

NALC – LCR Magazine

AVDC Standards Committee – notice of meeting 16th November plus Minutes of meeting 21st September.

Eaton Bray Parish Council draft Minutes of 2nd November 2009

The Chiltern Society – News of the Woods/special Trees and Woods of the Chilterns magazines

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

No further updates available.

The Council recommended writing to Bucks CC Highways regarding the VAS traffic sign in Northall which currently registers 40mph. When the Speed Limit Review goes ahead and provided the Council's requests are met this would require re-adjusting to read 30mph.

Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146

Clerk reported a news item in the Dunstable Gazette stating that a further £23m had been allocated to the A5/M1 project with a possible commencement date in 2011.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the EDaN Traffic Management Team, would be forwarding a letter to Bucks CC regarding the degrading of the A4146 to a B road to prevent heavy goods vehicles using the A4146 route.

Dagnall 'Build Out'

A further bid would be submitted to Bucks CC Delegated Budget for traffic calming measures to be carried out in Dunstable Road, Dagnall together with a request for 3 further Bus Shelters in the Parish.

General Purposes Committee Report

It was reported that Electrical tests for the Memorial Hall be carried out every 3 years. Under 5's to submit proposals for improvements to the Memorial Hall. Regrettably a child had been injured using the damaged roundabout, the Parish Council have apologised and the roundabout has now been repaired and further work carried out to enable the roundabout to be immobilised if further damage occurs. Further litter bins to be ordered for placing around the parish. Parishioners given the opportunity of responding to the Focus article regarding the installation of a kick wall on the Green. The Parish Council ratified the increased expenditure from £250 to £300 for clearing the five redundant Cow Lane allotments. It was agreed by the GPC to increase the Cemetery fees as from 1st February 2010.

At a recent meeting with Thames Valley Police it was recommended to install an alarmed padlock on the bridleway gate. Following discussion at the full Parish Council meeting and taking into account that the current padlock is now covered by a metal box and no further problems have occurred it was agreed to leave things as they were at present, but if problems re-occurred the Council would fit an alarmed padlock. The Clerk was authorised to write to Thames Valley Police explaining the Council's decision. A decision to replace the existing bridleway gate/barrier has temporarily been put on hold. Quotations to be sought for re-engraving the names on the War Memorial.

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

Edlesborough: Bucks CC have no objection to extending the existing parking bay and installing bollards in Brook Street. Clerk to write to all residents, shops and cottages in High Street to seek their views.

Edlesborough: The road closure and diversion signs erected for the Remembrance Service had proved very successful and the public were able to stand in the road. Signs depicting when the roads will be closed will be erected at least 10/14 days before the next service which is to be held in 2011. The Parish Council appreciated the assistance of Lorna Cabbage for organising the signs and William Pratt for having kindly put out and taken back the signs on the day. Letters of thanks to be sent to both.

Northall:: Cllr Cabbage requested that the Parish Council Notice Boards and Parish Paths Partnership sign Boards be cleaned and refurbished, not only in Northall but to include Edlesborough and Dagnall.

Local Transport Plan (LTP3)

Cllrs Wilkinson and Williams to discuss a formal response which the Parish Council would discuss at the December meeting for a decision to be made on the Council's submission.

Items to Report to Police

The main door to the Memorial Hall and the Memorial Hall Notice Board have been vandalised.

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

LTP3 decision for submission

The Meeting closed at 10.50pm

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