

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on

15th October 2009

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Present

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Thompson (due to illness)

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

A message was read to Council from the Chairman regarding the way in which the CCT Invoice had been dealt with.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in Affordable Housing. The Council agreed to hear any views that Cllr Wilkinson might have but he would be excluded from any future voting on the current matter.

Open Forum

No reports

Finance Reports:

The accounts for the month ended 30th September 2009 were approved. The Special Projects sheet had been updated to include the re-allocation items discussed as the previous Parish Council Meeting.

The Annual Return is awaiting final completion by the External Auditors.

Councillors were asked to consider items to be included when agreeing on the Precept for 2010. The maintenance of the Church bridleway and financial coverage for sick pay and additional payment for 'cover' of the Clerk, Manager and Cleaner were referred to.

Authorisation of cheques (September 2009 including VAT)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses (including telephone) 50.09

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (incl. gas & electric) 239.19

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,651.94

Cemetery, Churchyard & Open Spaces expenses (removal of 2 further wasp nests) 144.90

Grass Cutting – Edlesborough and Dagnall 563.50

Children's Play Area expenses (repairs to play equipment and new bark to Edlesborough and

Dagnall 1,863.00

Dog Hygiene Bin emptying 2,552.26

Total £7,064.88

Clerk requested to write to Dagnall Village Hall regarding the installation of swings and the expense of ongoing maintenance costs to the safety surface.

Play area Bark and alternative types of bollards for the Memorial Hall Car Park to be put on the Agenda for the next GPC meeting.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 15.10.09

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| | 9 The Green | | No Objections | |
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| 09/01481/APP 15th September 2009 | Edlesborough | Demolition of existing garage, erection of detached single garage and shed | | |
| 09/00737/APP 16th April 2009 | Hazeldene, Leighton Road Northhall | Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of three detached dwellings - amendment to Planning Permission 08/02241/APP | No Objections | Permitted Amendment also Permitted |
| 09/01290/ACL 15th July 2009 | 41 The Pastures Edlesborough | Provision of block paved driveway with drainage channel to soakaway | No Objections | Certificate of Lawfulness granted |
| 09/01321/ACL 20th July 2009 | 37 Summerleys Edlesborough | Single storey side and rear extensions | No Objections | Certificate of Lawfulness granted |
| 09/01375/APP 24th July 2009 | 60A Pebblemoor Edlesborough | Single storey front extension | OPPOSE on grounds that the application does not comply with the AVDC design guidelines for front extensions to residential properties. The Parish Council are not opposed in principal to a single storey front extension but believes that the design should be more sympathetic to the character of the existing building | REFUSED |
| 09/01406/APP 27th July 2009 | Ashton House 2 Beacon View South End Lane Northhall | Conversion of garage into pool room and erection of replacement double garage | No Objections | Permitted |
| 09/01447/APP 5th August 2009 | 53 Cooks Meadow Edlesborough | Single storey rear extension | No Objections | Permitted |

Planning Issues

Development at rear of The Swan, Leighton Road, Northall

Under the planning conditions the road is to be completed prior to the first house being occupied. Council to keep AVDC informed.

County & District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Terry Jones reported that a new partnership had been set up to allow commercial properties owned by AVDC to be refurbished for re-letting. New planning procedures were to be brought into force. Sports evenings being organised. Cllr Jones also gave an update from the Steering Group meeting of the Area 13 Speed Limit Review the public consultation of which will now not take place until early 2010.

EDaN Project

Cllr Williams gave reports on the following:

The annual update report will be put into the Focus November issue.

The misunderstanding with the Churches Conservation Trust had been amicably settled.

Details of the Firewalk programme for 7th November

Currently in discussion with Arriva and Bucks CC Transport regarding buses

Information from the Traffic Management team

Speedwatch operators would be extending the hours that the equipment is to be used.

AVDC 'Music in Quiet Places' is being considered for the Parish

Following discussion amendments to the Terms of Reference were approved.

The Vice-Chairman wished to place on record the Council's thanks and appreciation for the tremendous work being carried out by Mr. Williams and all his EDaN colleagues.

Correspondence received

Information from AVDC referring to the setting up of a Youth Council

List of items which were available on the Councillors table

The Chiltern Society – various news magazines

Rural News Focus weekly newsletters

Traffic Calming:

Speed Limit Review

Clerk to request updated information from County Councillor Avril Davies

Waste Disposal Lorries/HGVs A4146

No further information at present

Dagnall 'Build Out'

Waiting for Bucks CC to report on proposed traffic calming measures before submitting a bid to be included in the delegated budget for 2010. A supplementary form has to be completed to accompany the Parish Council's bid and Cllr Jones was requested to consult with Dagnall parishioners to gain support for this project.

General Purposes Committee Report

Councillors had received copy Minutes of the meeting held at the beginning of October. A request had been received for an alternative Cricket Club to play matches on The Green. A meeting will be arranged for this to be discussed with Edlesborough Cricket Club who will report back in due course. GPC to decide at the next meeting which type of litter bins are to be purchased. A meeting had been held to ascertain suitable locations for a Kickwall to be positioned on The Green.

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

Edlesborough: A request for white lines to be painted at the junctions of Jacksons Close and Orchard End has been submitted to Bucks CC.

Edlesborough: Road diversion signs will be erected whilst the Remembrance Day service is being held at Edlesborough War Memorial.

Edlesborough: An Affordable Housing proposal for land off Cow Lane was discussed. A Housing Needs Study would require to be conducted and the Council is not therefore in a position to comment or support the proposal one way or another at this present time. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Local Area Forum Report

Sign cleaning will be carried out once reported to the Bucks Highways.

The Local Area Plan is being compiled, further information should be available by the next meeting.

PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People) Applications for Funding

There is a funding budget of £5,000 and 3 groups have submitted bids that met the criteria. The Localities Area Coordinator is working with a further 2 groups, which included EB Lions, to assist them. EB Lions have resubmitted a bid which meets the criteria. The bid was for training and was worth £1,075.

Local Priorities Funding

The LAF has devolved a budget of £8,000 for 2009/10 to be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities and the well being of the area identified in the Local Area Plan. The money has been allocated to two footpaths, one at Aston Abbots and the other at Ivinghoe. Some additional funding has to be secured before the Ivinghoe project can start. If the additional funding cannot be secured in time it will be open to new bids at the next

meeting in January for projects that can be completed in time.

Hospital Transport

A presentation was given by Bucks Primary Care Trust outlining rules relating to patient transport. Free NHS transport is available to non-primary care but not if the patient is considered able bodied, even if they do not have their own transport. Reimbursement is available for certain travel costs to non primary care if the patient meets the necessary means-related criteria. Provision of funding or transport to GP surgeries or other primary care is excluded.

Transport for Buckinghamshire

Ringway-Jacobs/BCC alliance has taken over responsibility for the maintenance of the Bucks highways network. Highways on Call is now replaced by Transport for Bucks. Parishes were assured that in future promises of dates for work to be done will be met unless something unforeseen occurs, in which case the Parish Council will be informed and a new date set.

Bus Service Changes

The bus service budget has been reduced which will necessitate some cuts which will be based on cost and usage. The changes will be effective on 2nd November 2009 and will affect the late evening service on the 61 route.

Local Transport Plan (LTP3)

Information packs referring to published parish plans and the LTP3 project will be sent out shortly seeking input regarding local issues and concerns that Parishes may have (the inadequacy of the A4146, poor transport/highway links with Aylesbury, poor inter village links within the Parish are issues relevant to Edlesborough Parish Council). The LTP3 plan has to be approved and in operation by 1st April 2011.

'We're Working On it' Project

The 2009/10 'Plane and Patch' programme for our area has just been completed but the 'Local Community Gangs' remain operational throughout the year and parishes are encouraged to input their requirements via their County Councillor and Local Area Technician (updated request for works to be carried out are regularly submitted by the Parish Council and the pot hole situation in The Green by the allotments is currently requiring more consideration bearing in mind the difference in the height of the road compared to the verge which is causing the pot hole problem)

Transportation Delegated Budget

The budget for the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe LAF has increased to £31,190 being the highest in the Aylesbury Vale district and fourth highest in Buckinghamshire. Bids have to be submitted by 30th November 2009 and supported by a new form to demonstrate that the Parish Council have consulted locally regarding the benefits of the schemes proposed.

Bucks Freight Strategy and the Speed Limit Review

Updated reports were given together with details of a traffic survey carried out at the Travellers Rest crossroads last November.

Items to Report to Police

Due to the substantial increase in crime, vandalism and drug dealing throughout the Parish a letter would be sent to the Chief Superintendent of Thames Valley Police setting out the Parish Council's concerns requesting more Police presence and for attendance at the Parish Council meeting to discuss these problems in more detail. Clerk to consult with Police on best type of padlock to be used for bridleway.

Items for the Agendas for the Council meeting to be held on 19th November 2009

Precept for 2010/11

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 19th November 2009 commencing 7.30pm at Edlesborough Memorial Hall