

Edlesborough Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

18th December 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 18th December 2008 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Mrs Ratheram, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Williams; Lin Sargeant – Clerk

Apologies Cllr Mrs Thompson, absent – Cllr Jones

In the absence, due to illness, of Cllr Mrs Thompson, Vice-Chairman Cllr Cubbage chaired the meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Cllr Cubbage had attended a recent Eaton Bray Parish Council meeting and he outlined some of the similarities and differences between the two councils. It was agreed that EPC could benefit from taking up one or two of the ideas including the 'Open Forum'

An 'Open Forum' item had been placed on the Agenda and would continue to be an Agenda item giving parishioners the opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings to discuss any matters of concern. Future Notice Board Agendas would include 'Open Forum' and this would be referred to in the next Focus article.

Finance Reports:

Financial reports for the period ended 30th November 2008 were presented to the Council. Full year forecast figures

had been updated. As the YTD expenditure on the Cemetery was so much more than budget, the Clerk was requested to itemize the Cemetery expenses and circulate the information to Councillors.

The Parish Council's Fixed Assets to be circulated to Councillors and put on next month's Agenda.

Budget/Precept

It was unanimously agreed to request a Precept of £62,500.00. Full details of the budget would be prepared for the next meeting. Streetlight maintenance quotation received.

Authorisation of cheques (December 2008)

The following cheques had been authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses, including telephone 52.13

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses (including electricity) 187.50

Salaries (including PAYE/NIC) 1,433.33

Clearing debris and tidying War Memorial, clearing fallen leaves 60.00

Clearing ditch at Northall Allotments, repairing water tap on The Green allotments,

trimming hedge and clearing nettles etc. from Dagnall allotments footpath 627.00

Cultivating Play area and painting fencing 300.00

Cemetery expenses, hedge cutting and clearing 224.12

Grass cutting – Northall Village Hall 235.00

Streetlight repairs including hire of cherry picker 1,402.25

EDaN Project – purchase of sleepers and fixings for planters 791.78

SLCC Membership 133.00

Seminar 5.00 **Total £ 5,451.11**

Discussion took place regarding ownership and responsibility for the Northall allotments ditch. Clerk requested to enquire of water authority to establish what the drainage rate covered and to be discussed further at the next GPC meeting.

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 18.12.08

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08/02366/APP 29 th September 2008	Land adjacent to The Swan Leighton Road Northall	Amendment to planning permission 06/02120/APP to include a third storey with front dormers to Plots 4 and 5, attached single garages to Plots 3, 4 and 5 and detached double garage for Plot 1	No objections provided AVDC is satisfied that Plots 3, 4 and 5 will have adequate car parking spaces	
08/01769/APP 20th October 2008	Springwood, Ringshall Road Dagnall	Demolition of existing house and erection of No. 1 dwelling, detached garage and stable block	No Objections	Permitted
08/02482/APP 16th October 2008	41 The Pastures Edlesborough	Construction of front block paved driveway	No Objections	Permitted
08/02534/APP 23rd October 2008	29 Brownlow Avenue Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	OBJECT on the basis that the current parking at the premises is woefully inadequate and any enlargement of the premises would exacerbate the existing problem	
08/02663/APP 11th November 2008	6 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	First floor front extension (amendment to 08/01333/APP)	No objections	
08/02705/APP 14th November 2008	Ivydene, 7 The Green Edlesborough	Two storey detached garage/store/workshop with ancillary accommodation above	No Objections	
08/02668/APP & 08/02670/ALB 10th November 2009	9 The Green Edlesborough	Part demolition of roof, construction of single and two storey rear extension with basement, new vehicular access, new garden shed and garden storage building	No Objections	
08/02583/APP 30th October 2008	37 Summerleys Edlesborough	Insertion of two front and one rear dormer to provide living accommodation in roof and erection of single storey side and rear extensions	OPPOSE unless AVDC can confirm that the available offstreet parking provision meets AVDC's design guidelines for a four bedroomed property	

Planning Issues

Knolls View, Leighton Road, Northall

Matthew Partridge, Head of Leisure at AVDC, has apparently referred the question of the land at Knolls View to David Thompson, who is the cabinet member for Leisure. Our District Councillor, Terry Jones, will continue to chase this matter.

EDaN Project

A list of priorities for 2009 will be presented to the Parish Council shortly. In the meantime planters are being placed around the villages and full details of the proposed floodlighting of Edlesborough Church will be forthcoming. The Youth Group, Transport and Traffic Management teams are all meeting to discuss their various projects.

Freedom of Information Act

A plan of action has been prepared which will be put into place in the New Year.

Correspondence received

Updated Electoral Registers

Information Commissioner's Office – Freedom of Information – Fulfilling your obligation to disclose information

Chilterns Conservation Board – Chilterns AONB Management Plan 2008 – 2013

Aylesbury Vale Local Strategic Partnership – Aylesbury Vale Sustainable Community Strategy – consultation

BALC – Stepping Stones Conference

List of items which were placed on the Councillors table

SBDC Planning applications

Chiltern Woodlands Project – various newsletters

Chiltern News

SLCC -The Clerk Magazine

CPRE – Fieldwork magazine

NALC – November Magazine

Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter – The Playing Field

Traffic Calming

Edlesborough: Clerk to chase up response requesting Training Lorries not to use Edlesborough High Street during School arriving/departing times.

A4146 Waste Disposal Lorries

The Council were in receipt of information given by Bedfordshire Highways. As the M1 is now almost completed the Waste Recycling Depot has requested that lorries use the M1/A5 route. The appearance of waste disposal lorries will be carefully monitored throughout the Parish and names taken of companies that continue to use the A4146. A copy of the information received will be forwarded to County Councillor Avril Davies.

General Purposes Committee Report

Councillors had been given copies of the draft GPC Minutes. It had been clarified that the electric cable between the Scout Hut and the Memorial Hall is protected by a sheath and the recent work carried out by Under 5's had not disturbed the cable.

Papers have been sent to the Land Registry for registration of The Green. Clerk to establish with Solicitors as to whether or not the remainder of The Green, which is already registered as Common Land, should also be included in the current Registration.

A site meeting will take place early in the New Year to discuss Footpath 3.

Council agreed to the addition of a further clause to the Conditions of Hire for the Memorial Hall as follows:

'The Hall key **must be returned immediately** after the event otherwise an additional charge may be incurred'

Clerk to advise Grass Cutting contractors regarding 2009 quotations.

Cemetery Access

A further meeting has taken place and Council unanimously agreed for the new access to be sited off the bridleway running along the rear of the Churchyard with a turning to be positioned between the Churchyard and Cemetery. Canon Grant to be informed of decision. Clerk to request a specification in writing prior to this being sent out for quotations.

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

Edlesborough: Clerk to contact EDF Energy regarding position of light at Church End and to request that a longer arm be attached to throw light onto the highway,

Edlesborough: Cutting down of ivy on trees on The Green to be carried out as soon as possible.

Northall Councillor

Information and request for a Councillor for Northall Ward to be distributed to each household in Northall.

Local Area Forum

Terms of Reference (Standing Orders)

The meeting agreed that proportional representation be adopted for a trial period. A single Councillor would not have more than one vote so a Council that wished to use two or three votes had to have two or three representatives at the meeting.

Rights of Way

A presentation was given by Bucks CC Rights of Way officers outlining their activities and details of the Edlesborough-Ivinghoe Aston Bridleway upgrade were given. Edlesborough Parish Council were concerned that the remainder of the bridleway up to the High Street had not been covered and were informed that there was no further money left in this year's budget but when further funds are available this will be reviewed.

Extended Services

Details will be published in the minutes.

Adult Social Care Surgery Update

The next surgery will be held at Yardley Avenue, Pitstone on 30th January 2009 and it is hoped to extend the service to the more rural communities using the mobile library facility.

Transportation Issues

Bletchley Landfill have advised their customers that the M1 roadworks are now complete and asking them to use the M1 and A5 to access the site.

There are no changes to the winter salting routes this year.

Any problems regarding highway reinstatements within 2 years should be referred to Bucks CC.

Delegated Budget

All the delegated budget bids are being collated and will be prioritised in the same way as they used to for Local Committees. The prioritised list will be taken to the March meeting for a decision.

Other Business

It was proposed to hold a workshop to identify priorities based on common issues affecting parishes within the local

Community area to enable Bucks CC to incorporate into their plans. This to be further discussed at the March meeting commencing at 6.00pm instead of 6.30pm.

The Chairman of EDaN committee was requested to forward copies of the EDaN plan to both AVDC and Bucks County Council.

Items for the Agenda for the next Ordinary Parish Meeting

Fixed Assets

The Meeting closed at 10.25m

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2009 commencing at 7.30 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

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