

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

17th March 2005

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 17th March 2005 at 7.45pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Cllr. Spencer, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Munday, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Lin Sargeant (Clerk) Mr. Terry Jones (Prospective Conservative County Council candidate) 4 Parishioners

Apologies

Apologies were accepted from District Cllr Mrs. P. Hannelly

The Chairman welcomed all present and requested the Councillors to introduce themselves individually to Mr. Jones.

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

None stated.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chairman following two small amendments:

Page 1 Cheque Run - Donation to Dagnall Village 2004/5 not 2003/4

Page 4 – Police visiting Dagnall Under 5's Playgroup.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

South East Plan

Councillors had reviewed the 'The South East Plan – Consultation Draft' and their comments would be forwarded to Buckinghamshire County Council.

Finance issues

Report on outcome of investigation into the "historical discrepancy". Due to a change in auditing procedures following the 2001/2 accounts from receipts and payments to income and expenditure the historical discrepancy of £1,143.00 has now been identified and the Parish Council wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Parker for all their help in rectifying this matter.

Accounts for the period April 2004 –February 2005 & FYF

After many hours having been worked on the accounts these were not quite ready for presentation to the Parish Council and would be available at the next meeting.

Ratification of the Final Budget for 2005/6

The final budget would be ratified as soon as the accounts had been agreed.

Arrangements for 2004/5 Audit

Clerk to make contact with recommended Auditors.

Authorisation of cheques

The Chairman referred the Councillors to the Clerk's list of cheques to be authorised. The Councillors unanimously authorised the cheques as set out below.

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Category

Electricity (unread meter for long period) 749.10

Pavilion /Open spaces expense 640.00 Miscellaneous Memorial Hall expenses 55.31

Subscriptions 270.64

Salaries, PAYE, NIC for March 1,235.76

Street lighting repairs 231.73

Dagnall Playground expense 656.65

Miscellaneous expenses 22.10

£ 3,861.29

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 17.3.05

05/00261/APP	Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	Erection of two storey building comprising tractor shed, wood store, triple car port and artists studio	The Parish Council opposes the application as the scale of the proposed development would appear to be too large.	
05/00433/APP 16th Feb. 2005	68A Moor End, Edlesborough	Single storey side extension and rear conservatory	No objections	
05/00491/APP 23rd Feb. 2005	30 Dunstable Road, Dagnall	Single storey rear extension and front porch	No objections	
05/00581/APP 4th March 2005	6 Jacksons Close, Edlesborough	Erection of 2m high fence to side and rear of property	No objections	
05/00594/APP 4th March 2005	19 Leighton Road, Northall	Erection of double detached garage	No objections	
04/03329/ALB 9th Dec. 2004	St. Mary's The Virgin, Church End, Edlesborough	Alterations to access paths and steps	No objection	Permitted

AVDC have raised no objection to the conversion of garage at 18 St. Mary's Glebe being converted into living accommodation.

An Enforcement Notice has been issued by AVDC relating to Peppiatts Farm with effect from 25th March 2005.

Clerk's Report and correspondence received.

Letter had been received from Burghope's Charity Land regarding help to people in need in the Parish of Edlesborough.

Reply from Bucks.CC dealing with Speed Limit Review for Studham Lane, Dagnall and South End Lane, Northall following request for a speed limit of 20mph or 'Quiet Lane' status. It is proposed that this request is included in the Speed Limit and Quiet Lane 'wish list'.

Notification of time changes for the Village Freighter Service – mornings 7.30am – 11.00am **not** 11.30am.

Leaflets for distribution regarding the South East Plan

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

The Chairman of the GPC Committee informed the meeting that an application together with plan of Edlesborough Memorial Hall requires to be submitted for the Public Entertainment Licence. Following a telephone conversation with AVDC it would appear that Edlesborough Memorial Hall would not be affected to any great extent.

A reply was still awaited from the Tennis Club regarding renewal of their Lease.

Rules and Regulations, and Agreements are being prepared for the Pavilion and stricter control will be given for key holders.

An explanation was given for the large amount of the Electricity account which had occurred due to the meter at the Pavilion not having been read for a considerable length of time and the recent bills were showing less than the normal usage.

The Clerk informed the meeting that work would commence on the chancel at the Church after Easter and the Church would be closed to the public until the end of March 2006. As this work would cost more than the proposed budget the anticipated alterations to the steps and handrails would not be undertaken at present.

Traffic Calming Reports:

Volunteers had been operating SID throughout the Villages. In Dagnall for 3 days, during the snow, for 1 week in Edlesborough and 2 days in Northall. This had been very successful with many motorists found to be exceeding the speed limits.

The Chairman read out a letter which has been forwarded to Bucks. CC and the Police together with a Petition for Enforcement of Speed Limit within the Parish of Edlesborough, in particular past both Dagnall and Edlesborough Schools following a very successful 'Make the Commitment' campaign which took place on 12th March in Edlesborough when over 70 members of the public signed the pledge.

An E-Mail had been received from Mr. Turner attaching a copy of his article which is to appear in Focus requesting donations towards the cost of 'I Slow Down For Children' stickers. It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £150.00 towards this worthwhile cause.

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

Dagnall

Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer regarding Primrose, Studham Lane, Dagnall.

The Parish Council will be having a stall at Dagnall Fete on 21st May, and be asking Parishioners what they would like to see done in the Villages. Posters will be displayed to emphasise the need to reduce speeding throughout the Parish.

Edlesborough

AVDC letter received regarding request for an Occasional Licence for Edlesborough School, the Parish Council had no objections.

Letter from Edlesborough Under 5's requesting permission to install and fix a book wrack to the wall of the storeroom at Edlesborough Memorial Hall – permission granted.

Northall

A streetlight on the main A4146 has been malfunctioning for some time despite requests to have it repaired, Clerk to continue to have this rectified.

Allotments

A report is being prepared and will be given at a future meeting.

Resignation of Cllr G. Spencer

It was with great sadness that the Chairman read a letter of resignation from Cllr. Geoff Spencer and thanked him for his invaluable service to the Parish and especially Dagnall over many years. Notices will be placed on the Notice Boards requesting applications for a Councillor to serve on the Parish Council representing the Parish of Dagnall.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

It was noted that the Police had attended several accidents throughout the Parish over the past few weeks.

Edlesborough Village Hall

Following notification that the Hall qualified for Small Business Rate Relief it was considered that to pursue the setting up of a Hall Management Committee at present would not prove cost effective as a Management Committee would be liable to VAT which could be more expensive than the Council Tax.

Items for the next Agenda

The Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 21st April at 7.30 followed by the Ordinary Parish Meeting.

The Parish Annual General Meeting would take place on 19th May at 7.30pm followed by the Ordinary Parish Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.15pm

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOLLOWED BY THE ORDINARY
PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2005 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM AT THE MEMORIAL HALL,
EDLESBOROUGH**