

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

19th May 2005

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th May 2005 at 8.15pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall preceded by Annual General Meeting.

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs.Thompson, Cllr. Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Spencer, Cllr, Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Munday, Mrs Lin Sargeant Clerk and three Parishioners

Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brown and Mrs. Pauline Hannelly (District Councillor)

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

None stated

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

None other than those arising under the Agenda headings

Finance issues

The first Precept payment had been received and PAYE/NIC P35 Annual Return forwarded to Inland Revenue

A meeting had been held to finalise the Annual Returns for submission to the Auditors.

Councillors agreed to transferring savings into one account in order to maximise on interest.

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 under:

May 2005

Category

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 368.58 Administration/office expense (including telephone) 680.88

Grass Cutting 1,283.10

The Green expenses 497.13

Donations to Scouts and Northall 605.75

Salaries, PAYE, NIC & Expenses 1,219.62

Audit Fee 47.00

Parish expense 79.98

£ 4,782.04

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 19.5.05

05/00793/AOP	Deans Poultry Farm, South End Lane, Northall	Site for five houses	Object. The proposed application is outside the AVDC Local Plan. In the	
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		Amended Plans	interests of local residents the Edlesborough Parish Council would like to see the whole of the site cleared-up and consideration given to a maximum of 5 Affordable Housing units.	
04/03444/APP 21st April 2005	Dagnall Farm, Main Road North, Dagnall	Amended Plans - Conversion of farm buildings to form seven dwellings	Previous comments apply	
05/01016/APP 19th April 2005	Rose Cottage, 14A Leighton Road, Edlesborough	Demolition of existing and erection of new detached garage	No Objections	
05/00793/AOP 27th April 2005	Deans Poultry Farm, South End Lane, Northall	Amended Plans - Site for five houses	Previous comments apply	
05/01150/APP	1 Wren Walk Edlesborough	First floor side and single storey rear extension - amendment to 04/02998/APP	No objections subject to the same conditions being applied relating to the use of obscured glazing at first floor level in the north east elevation as were applied to the earlier approval of application 04/02998/APP	
05/00581/APP 4th March 2005	6 Jacksons Close, Edlesborough	Erection of 2m high fence to side and rear of property	No objections	Permitted

Approval given to St. Mary The Virgin Edlesborough – Chancel roof (2004 application 04/03449/ALB

The Parish Council withdraws its objection to Planning Application 04/02897/APP Sparrow Hall Farm subject to various assurances.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wilkinson for the work he carries out regarding Planning Applications.

Clerk's Report and correspondence received.

The Clerk reported on letters/E-mails received as under:

AVDC changes to arrangements for Local Councils speaking at Development Control Committee meetings.

Application to transfer Justice's Licence re: Travellers Rest, Tring Road, Edlesborough and Red Lion Public House, Dagnall – approved by the Parish Council

AVDC Enforcement Officer had considered that the condition of a garden in Dagnall Road, Edlesborough was not in breach of planning regulations.

Confirmation that a streetlight in Dagnall Road, Edlesborough was the responsibility of the Parish Council to be queried by the Clerk.

Schedule of dates for highway verge cutting throughout the Parish had been received. These details would appear on the website. The Parish Council were very pleased with the way in which this work had recently been carried out.

An additional seat is to be placed on The Green at Edlesborough in memory of the late Ray Chatham

AVDC had not received any requests for the vacancy of a Councillor for Dagnall therefore the Parish Council are able to co-opt.

There had not been a General Purposes Committee in May therefore no report was given.

Churchyard Access Report:

Following numerous investigations into establishing whether or not the Parish Council had a right

of way to the gate at the rear of the Churchyard it has now been established from an Inclosure Award For The Parish of Edlesborough dated 1865 that in fact the Parish Council do have this right of way. Further legalities are being considered.

Traffic Calming Reports:

Edlesborough:

A thorough inspection has taken place in Edlesborough regarding Speed Limit delineation by street lighting and further correspondence is taking place between the Parish Council and Bucks. County Council to press for yellow backed repeater signs and roundels in the High Street and Pebblemoor.

Dagnall:

At a recent meeting between the Parish Council, Bucks. County Council and Safer Routes to School discussions took place to improve crossing over Dunstable Road from the footpath by providing a 'Build Out' half way across the road enabling only one vehicle to pass through at any one time, this also to be considered for the junction with Studham Lane. In an attempt to prevent children from having to travel along the busy A4146 it was recommended that they be permitted to walk through the Allotments, this being a Permissive Path and not a Right of Way with access only being given to the School. Notices would be put up at the Allotments and letters sent to Allotment holders.

The Chairman thanked Karen Coppen from Dagnall and Steve Orchard from Bucks. County Council for their attendance and help at the meeting.

Northall:

Councillors had attended a very informative meeting between the Parish Councils in the area and the Police. Neighbourhood Watch was discussed and the Parish were informed about Ringmaster which would involve only one person being informed of any incidents who then requires to e-mail these via Ringmaster. It was agreed to mention this in the next article for Focus to enquire as to whether anyone in the Parish would be interested in taking on this role.

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

Dagnall

Arrangements made for the Fete on 21st May.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Prys-Jones and seconded by Cllr. Cabbage that the Clerk should write to Dagnall Village Hall committee informing them that the Parish would be pleased to consider any request in the future for the maintenance of the Playground area.

Edlesborough

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the Carnival committee's requirements for 2nd July

Northall

Northall Baptist Chapel will be holding a Summer Celebration on 11th and 12th June to celebrate the recent improvements that have taken place at the Chapel, all are invited.

Tennis Club Lease

The Tennis Club have responded and the Parish Council's Solicitors will be requested to draw up a new Lease

Allotments:

Dagnall:

The allotments are in the course of being re-measured

Edlesborough:

One allotment has been taken over by a new tenant. The gate at Cow Lane has been repaired.

Northall: Nothing to report

Vacancy for Councillor to be advertised at the Dagnall Fete

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Nothing to report.

Items for the next Agenda

Allotment Report

It was reported that several streetlights were not functioning and these would be attended to.

The gas boilers at the Memorial Hall have been serviced and damage has occurred to the play equipment on The Green

The Meeting closed at 11.00 pm

CLOSED MEETING (Councillors only – this part of the minutes will not be displayed on the website)

Annual Return 2003/04

Although the Parish Council accepted Cllr. Cabbage's recommendation that the accounts were OK they were concerned about the discrepancy between both sides of the balance sheet reports. It was agreed that unless the discrepancy could be resolved it would need to consult the Internal Auditor before submission of the Annual Return to Hacker Young. Subsequent to the meeting the discrepancy was identified and the 2003/04 Annual Return has been signed by the Chairman as agreed and submitted.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June 2005 commencing at 7.45 at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall