

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

17th November 2005

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2005 at 7.30pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman, Mrs Thompson, Cllr. Cabbage, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Munday, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Lin Sargeant Clerk

Apologies – Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr. Mrs. Coppen

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

No declarations were made apart from Cllr Brown declaring an interest in the Tennis Club

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1 amendment had been made to the Minutes prior to printing. On page 3 AVDC Local Committee should read Bucks CC Local Committee and reference to AVDC altered to Bucks CC.

There being no other amendments the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

All matters arising would be covered under the Agenda headings

The Chairman welcomed PC Barker and Police Community Support Officer Paula Boston to the meeting and brought forward item 17 on the Agenda 'Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report'. PC Barker and Paula introduced themselves and were able to give an insight into the various concerns the Parish Council has with drugs and vandalism throughout the Parish particularly in Edlesborough. The Parish Council were informed that as from 1st January 2006 there will be a dedicated response Officer on hand at Wing Police Station to represent the Parish. A copy of a Memorandum of Understanding for The Provision of Police Community Support Officer Special Services Contract Terms and Conditions between The Thames Valley Policy Authority and The Parish Council was handed to the Clerk who will make available copies for each Councillor. This would be a contract between Thames Valley Police and the Parish Council whereby the Parish could have its own Community Liason Officer. The Parish Council showed interest in this scheme and the document and cost involved would be discussed at the next Parish Meeting. The Police encourage Neighbourhood Watch and are keen to make school and playgroup visits to talk to the children.

Finance Reports:

The Clerk presented the monthly accounts and gave explanations for various expenses that had occurred.

A transfer had been made from Current Account to Savings Account to accumulate interest.

The VAT refund had been received for quarter ending 30th September 2005

Authorisation of cheques (November 2005)

The following list of cheques were authorised for payment:

Administration & Office expenses 473.45

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 772.64

Street Lighting repairs 161.55

Grass Cutting (all areas throughout the Parish) 786.97

Replacement Euro Bin (due to fire damage) Euro bin and Dog Bin

Emptying 2,879.08

Salaries PAYE & NIC payments 1,311.79

The Green expense 165.00

Total £6.550.48

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 17.11.05

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| 05/02510/APP 7th October 2005 | 112 High Street Edlesborough | First floor side extension | Whilst the Council does not object in principle, it considers that the appearance of the extension would be improved if it could be made subordinate to the original building in accordance with AVDC guidelines. The Council does however appreciate that this may not be possible in this instance due to the fact that the first storey already exists. | |
| 05/02574/APP 13th October 2005 | 127 High Street Edlesborough | Two storey side extension and extended front canopy | Whilst not objecting in principle to the proposal, the Council would like to see the extension made subordinate to the original building in accordance with AVDC design guidelines and to ask that any approval should be conditional on sufficient off-street parking being provided, again in accordance with AVDC guidelines. | |
| 05/02601/ATP 17th October 2005 | 4 The Willows Edlesborough | Re-pollarding three willow trees back to original points | No Objection | |
| 05/02468/APP/MA 3rd October 2005 | The Swan Leighton Road, Northall | Erection of five houses | Object on grounds that South End Lane is a narrow single track road that is not suitable for the extra traffic that will be generated by building more houses. The Lane is already dangerous with current traffic volume. The access from/to the Lane is severely restricted and the main A4146 has a speed limit of 40mph. The Lane is used by heavy farm machinery. Access from the Lane to the A4146 is almost blind and very dangerous. | |
| 05/02595/APP/ 17th October 2005 | Stonycroft, Studham Lane, Dagnall | Demolition of existing and erection of detached dwelling with annexe and garage (Amendment to 05/00925/APP) | No Objection | |
| 05/02654/APP 24th October 2005 | Whipsnade Park Golf Club, Studham Lane, Dagnall | Covered driving range building for golf club | No Objection | |
| 05/02153/AOP 25th August 2005 | Land at 40 Summerleys Edlesborough | Site for 2 bed detached bungalow | OBJECT on basis that the parking situation in Summerleys and Heather Mead remains unacceptable and the proposed development would only add to the existing problems, contrary to policy GP21 of AVDLP. | Refused |
| 05/02360/APP 20th Sept. 2005 | 12 Leighton Road, Edlesborough | Replace rear first floor flat roof with pitched roof | No Objection | Permitted |
| 05/02408/APP 23rd Sept. 2005 | 12 Summerleys Edlesborough | Two storey rear extension | No Objection providing occupants of neighbouring properties do not object to the depth of the proposed extension | Refused |

Planning Issues

Section 106 Agreement for Dagnall

Awaiting plans and quotations.

The Parish Council considered there were no further comments to make to the Stage 2 of the Pre-Submission Draft of AVDC Statement of Community Involvement.

Clerk's Report and correspondence received

Much of the report relates to following items on the Agenda and will be minuted under the appropriate headings.

The Parish Council and parishioners are invited to attend a 'Transport Matters' meeting discussing the Local Transport Plan 2006/07 – 2010/11 to be held at Marsworth Village Hall on 22nd November at 19.00 hrs.

The Buckinghamshire Local Area Agreement promoting prosperity, tackling inequalities will be holding a workshop for elected members on Monday 21st November at Green Park, Aston Clinton at 5.15-6.15pm or 6.30-7.30pm

Due to adverse weather conditions over the past few weeks the grass has had an additional cut at The Green, Edlesborough and Dagnall Recreation Field.

A Village Walk is scheduled to take place in June 2006 and the Clerk has been requested to ascertain more details.

On Friday 11th November the Euro bin positioned outside the Edlesborough Memorial Hall was set alight and the Fire Brigade called out. This has resulted in the Parish Council having to purchase a replacement. On the same occasion the light outside the rear door of the Memorial Hall was smashed and this will also require replacing. Due to the excess which would require paying it was agreed not to make an Insurance claim.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

No General Purposes Committee meeting had taken place in November, next meeting Wednesday 7th December

Traffic Calming Reports

Dagnall: Unfortunately the proposed 'build out' in Dunstable Road, Dagnall has failed the safety audit and was considered too dangerous for the project to proceed. The Parish Council would pursue this matter with Bucks CC

Edlesborough: A verbal quotation has been received from Bucks CC regarding the cost of yellow backed signs and roundels, Parish Council waiting written confirmation of cost.

Northall: Nothing to report.

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

Dagnall: Dunstable Road footpath has become very overgrown. A request for this to be widened will be added to the priorities put before Bucks CC to be considered in the budget for next year.

Request for the protruding nettles etc. to be cut back around the allotments where they abut Main Road South and Malting Lane.

Parish Council to seek permission for Safer Routes to School to lay shingle on the path which crosses the allotments

Edlesborough: Concern was made by several Councillors regarding the car parking by the bus stop at the top of High Street and continual car parking round the bend between Edlesborough School and St. Mary's Glebe. Clerk to contact Thames Valley Police.

Christmas Fayre – 9th December 2005_It was agreed that various Councillors would be in attendance

The Remembrance Service took place at the War Memorial Edlesborough and the congregation were requested to stand on top of the bank looking down on the Memorial to act as a safeguard from having to stand close to the busy A4146. This appeared to work very well. Canon Grant would like to see more organisations laying wreaths in future, namely schools, playgroups, brownies etc.

A meeting has taken place to discuss the pavement at Tasker's Row and a new Edlesborough

Village sign incorporating a 'slowing down of traffic' should be erected shortly.

Clerk was waiting for a reply from AVDC regarding the removal of the car Hand Wash sign and for delivery of the 'No Access' signs for the allotments.

Northall: Nothing to report

Tennis Club Lease

As no further correspondence had been received from the Solicitors Clerk would chase up again. Following a request for financial assistance for Tennis Club coaching after discussion the Parish Council felt this was a commercial venture and did not agree to a donation.

Community Bus

Nothing further to report

Parish Plan

Details of 'What is a Parish Plan' will be in the December issue of Focus and invitations sent out to local organisations early in the New Year.

Bucks CC Local Committee – no further meeting had been held.

Luton Airport Issues

The Airport has published its Master Plan indicating how they wish to achieve the objective of the recent Government White Paper indicating that Luton Airport might be allowed to grow to the capacity of a single full length runway (30 million passengers per year) by 2030. Full details can be found on the Airport's web site. Although LLA originally favoured extending the existing runway, they are now proposing building a new runway parallel with the existing one, as this can be built without interfering with the present operation of the airport. It is also proposed to build a new South Terminal to accommodate the increased throughput with the objective of completing the new runway by 2011 to enable the airport to benefit from the 2012 London Olympics and predicting that the 30 million passengers per annum will be reached by 2020. By having a full length runway it will enable the Airport to handle more flights per hour and to handle fully laden long haul 'Jumbo' aircraft. Currently Luton Airport only handles short haul flights, but by 2013 it expects to be handling almost 4,000 long haul flights per year, growing to over 12,000 by 2030. The introduction of long haul flights will affect the noise levels and increase the intensity of the disturbance experienced in the Parish. The Master Plan includes two phases. Phase 1 – extensions to the existing parallel taxiway, extension of the existing terminal building, new aircraft stands and additional car parking. Phase 2 to include the new full length runway and South Terminal. Planning applications will follow for Phase 1 early 2006 and Phase 2 late 2006. Implementation of Phase 1 will be 2006/7 with Phase 2 from 2007 onwards.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Clerk to report concerns over car parking in Edlesborough as referred to above.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 15th December 2005

Precept

Councillors agreed that in future the Circulation Pack normally circulated each month would be taken to and viewed by the Councillors at each Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm

Next Meeting Thursday 15th December 2005 commencing 7.30pm at

Edlesborough Memorial Hall