

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council

held on Thursday 15th September 2005 at 7.30pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Present

Chairman, Mrs Thompson, Cllr. Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Mrs Coppen, Cllr Munday, Lin Sargeant Clerk

The Chairman welcomed District Cllr Mrs. Hannelly

Apologies - None

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

Apart from Cllr Brown's interest in the Tennis Club no other declarations were made

Minutes of Previous Meeting

There was one amendment: Page 4 'Local Development Framework' line 2 'together with' altered to 'together will'. The minutes were signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

Cllr Wilkinson gave an up to date report following a P.A.I.N Meeting which had taken place last evening and recommended that P.A.I.N should be added to future Agendas, agreed.

Finance Reports:

Councillors had received detailed copies of the accounts from 1st April - 31st August 2005 together with Reserves & Funds and Special Project Reserves & Action Programme. These were discussed and explanations given for payments under various categories. It had been confirmed that the £3,000 reserved as a contingency for a By-Election was over-stated and £2,000 would be allocated to the supply and installation of Basketball facilities for Dagnall and Edlesborough. Surveys and tests are being carried out regarding the Memorial Hall replacement floor, works required to the Pavilion Changing Room Seats/Lockers were in hand. Dagnall Pond Footpath/childrens'road barrier is 'on hold' pending receipt of plans and quotations from Babbie to make the path wider and to level out the incline to make it wheelchair friendly and the construction of the 'Build Out' into Dunstable Road.

The Clerk reported that the 2004/5 Annual Return had been returned duly audited and the relevant notice would be placed on the Notice Boards.

Following the 'collapse' of the Clerk's personal computer the Parish Council agreed to purchase a new computer which would remain the property of the Parish Council, the Clerk being allowed to use it for personal use whilst holding the position of Clerk.

Authorisation of cheques

The following list of cheques were authorised for payment

August (cheques authorised by the Chairman during the Summer recess)

Administration & Office expenses (inc. Parish telephone) 421.52

Memorial Hall/Pavilion expenses 103.26

Street Lighting 822.42

Grass Cutting 1,068.08

The Green & Playground expenses 577.51

Green Sack purchase 180.00

Salaries PAYE & NIC payments 1,300.39

Footpaths/rights of way clearing (PPP reimbursement) 300.00

Subscription 10.00

Total £4,783.18

September

Grass Cutting 849.53

Audit fees 581.63

Salaries PAYE & NIC payments 1,197.79

Administration & Office expenses 38.36

Footpaths/rights of way clearing (PPP reimbursement) 90.00

Open spaces expenses 103.66

Cemetery expenses 90.00

The Green & Playground expenses 226.66

Memorial Hall expenses 186.18

Total £3,363.81

Planning

The following applications had been received, permitted or refused as at 15.9.05

05/01785/ALB 21st July 2005	Hill House Church End Edlesborough	Replace all existing windows with new timber frame windows	No Objections	Permitted
05/01887/APP	7 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Alterations to decrease size of window	No Objections	
05/02096/APP 19th August 2005	Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	Erection of detached triple garage with storage above	No Objections	
05/02153/AOP 25th August 2005	Land at 40 Summerleys Edlesborough	Site for 2 bed detached bungalow	OBJECT on the 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.	
05/02159/APP 26th August 2005	12 Kings Mead Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory	No Objections	
05/02189/APP 30th August 2005	3 St. Marys Glebe Edlesborough	Part two part single storey front extension and conversion of integral garage	No Objections	
05/00021/APP & 05/00038/ALB 21 st Dec.04 & 6 th January 2005	All Saints Church, Main Road South Dagnall	Single storey side extension and internal alterations to provide additional capacity	No Objections	
04/02897/APP (Date of original application: 22nd Nov. 2004)	Sparrow Hall Farm, Leighton Road, Edlesborough	Change of use from barn to B1 and B8 use	19.05.2005 The Parish Council is prepared to withdraw it's objection if the applicants give the following assurances: To remove the large heap of building debris visible from the Churchyard and public bridleway. To tidy up the accumulation of clutter visible from the Churchyard; In addition to the existing conifer screening planted next to the vehicle parking area, they will add further screening where possible, to screen the remaining items, particularly the containers, as viewed from the Churchyard.	Permitted
05/01441/AOP 27th June 2005	Land adjoining Springwood House, Ringshall Road, Dagnall	Site for detached house and garage with new vehicular access	Parish Council objects. Application does not meet Aylesbury Vale Local Plan criteria. Dangerous access onto Ringshall Road.	Refused
05/01519/APP 15th June 2005	Broxbourne, Leighton Road	Roof extension and rear conservatory	No Objection	Permitted

	Northall			
05/01634/APP 27th June 2005	28 Main Road South Dagnall	Two storey and single storey side extension and single storey front porch	No Objection	Permitted
05/01642/APP 27th June 2005	1 Deans Meadow Dagnall	Single storey front, side and rear extensions and first floor side extension	No Objections (subject to the neighbours response)	Permitted

Planning Issues

Section 106 Agreement for Dagnall

It was agreed that money hopefully to be received under the 106 Agreement would be used to establish a Multi-purpose Recreational Track around the Green at Dagnall. This would be used as a running track and to include the riding of bikes, skateboarding, roller skating and wheelchair accessibility onto the Green.

The Planning application in respect of 'Beaumont' Church End, Edlesborough would be going before the Development Control committee today for a final decision.

Cllr Wilkinson referred Councillors to the Pre-Submission Draft Stage 1 of AVDC Statement of Community Involvement where various Planning Application decision changes were being considered.

The Clerk was requested to enquire of the current situation regarding the Community land adjoining Knolls View, Northall.

Clerk's Report and correspondence received

AVDC 'Housing Roadshow' had taken place and tenants would be personally contacted by AVDC representatives with video and booklets to discuss the proposed change over of landlords.

A Charity Football match held in memory of the late John Cropper had raised in excess of £3,000.00

Transfer of Justices licence to Travellers Rest has been adjourned until 24th October.

A Leisure Facilities Audit has been completed and returned and response forwarded to Chilterns Conservation Board regarding the Undergrounding of Overhead Wires at Dagnall.

Following a complaint received from a Parishioner regarding the parking of vehicles and dumping of 'white goods' on land at the junction of High Street, Edlesborough with Leighton Road and causing considerable difficulty for drivers turning onto the Leighton Road contact was made with AVDC who have since removed the flytipping and will inspect the area involved. Clerk to write to AVDC Housing Department and Thames Valley Police.

A letter has been received from Bucks.CC regarding Common Land which has been designated as Open Access Land (CROW Act 2000) and is to be included on Open Access maps in October 2005. The Parish Council expressed concern regarding the areas marked on the map for the Edlesborough Parish Common land and further enquiries would be made before replying to Bucks.CC. Signs depicting 'No Open Access' are to be requested to be placed at each of the allotments.

The Clerk met a representative of the Wildlife Trust at Edlesborough Church during August. They were very impressed with the way the Parish Council manage the Churchyard and Cemetery and a parishioner has very kindly agreed to attend a meeting and to oversee and record the wildlife which is attracted to the Churchyard particularly by the wildflower bank.

The Parish Council has given permission for Edlesborough W.I. to erect a seat at the Cemetery in memory of past W.I. ladies. This will replace the broken seat which has recently had to be removed.

The 'Litter Pickers' who carry out such a marvellous job collecting and disposing of all the litter around Edlesborough will be retiring at the end of this year. Clerk will mention this in Focus in the hope of one or two parishioners being prepared to carry on with the work.

The Parish Council was pleased to receive a donation from the 2005 Carnival of £150.00.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

There had not been a GPC meeting since July, the next meeting would be on 5th October

Two items were mentioned:

Mr. and Mrs. Webster who have been walking the rights of way and footpaths for many years are unable to continue with this work. A request for any parishioners wishing to carry on this work will appear in the October issue of Focus.

A meeting is to take place at Edlesborough Churchyard to further discuss access to the Parish Cemetery

Standing Orders

Following a proposal by Cllr. Wilkinson an updated version of the Parish Council's Standing Orders was seconded by Cllr Brown and adopted

Traffic Calming Report

Dagnall: Nothing to report

Edlesborough: Parish Council to contribute to 'I slow down for children' stickers.

Response from Bucks.CC pending outcome of Speed Limit Review: Pebblemoor – request for Roundels and yellow backing boards for the speed limit repeater signs has been referred to their Area Traffic Management Team. High Street – Despite the Parish Council's contention that it is inappropriate to rely on the street lighting system to remind drivers that the road has a 30mph limit, (due to the fact that a high proportion of lights are mounted on telegraph/electricity poles and are not evident during the hours of daylight), Bucks CC insist that supplementary speed limit reminders cannot be installed until there is a change in the law.

Northall: Nothing to report.

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

Dagnall: 2 streetlights were reported not working. Road repairs necessary in Nelson Road.

Edlesborough: The Parish Council were concerned about the parking on the verge adjacent to the Travellers Rest and the 'Hand Car Wash' sign at Pine Trees Garage. Clerk to report to relevant authorities.

Northall: Nothing to report

Tennis Club Lease – No further progress. Clerk in contact with Solicitors.

Community Bus

A meeting has taken place chaired by County Councillor Avril Davies. Bucks. CC have put in a bid to enable 2 buses to be purchased to be used as Community buses to take passengers where they wished to go, hospitals, neighbouring towns and villages etc. on a door-to door service. Winslow currently operates a community bus very successfully. The result of the 'bid' will not be known until October when a further meeting will take place.

Parish Plan

Discussion took place for the setting up of a Parish Plan. Initially the Clerk would write to all organisations throughout the Parish to set up a meeting to discuss ideas and to set up a working party. An article would be placed in Focus.

AVDC Local Committee – There had not been any meetings during the Summer, next meeting 13th October.

Luton Airport Issues

There has been a 17% increase in air traffic using Luton Airport during the past year with 100% of incoming flights overflying the Parish during Easterly operations and 20% of departing flights during Westerly operations. It is anticipated that by 2030 Luton could be capable of handling up to 30 million passengers a year. Clerk to write to request that the Parish Council be included on the Consultation list for the 2030 project.

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Tools had been stolen from Northall Allotments and damage to an allotment.

A pick up lorry had been witnessed driving across Edlesborough Green at speed.

Both incidents have been reported to Thames Valley Police.

Items for the Agenda for meeting 20th October 2005

There were no specific items.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.29pm

Next Meeting Thursday 20th October 2005 commencing 7.30pm at

Edlesborough Memorial Hall

