

**Edlesborough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting**

**20 May 2004**

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20 May 2004 at 8.10pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

**Present**

Mrs Thompson, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Cabbage, Mrs Ratheram, Mr Spencer, Mr Atherton, Mrs Prys-Jones, Mr Brown, Mr Munday, Mrs P Hannelly (District Councillor), Maggie Kerr (Clerk) and six Parishioners.

**Apologies**

Mrs A Davies (County Councillor).

**Declarations of Interest**

Noted. None stated at this point in the meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 15 April 2004 were agreed and signed with the following amendments:-

1. First paragraph, line 4 – the words "to challenge the provisional response if they want to, before it is sent to AVDC" should be deleted and replaced with the words ". . . who wished to be included".
2. First paragraph, line 5 – the word "of" should be replaced by the word "if".
3. Planning application table - response to 04/00590/APP (4 Pine Road) should read "support the application subject to no complaints".

**Matters arising from the previous minutes**

None.

**Finance Issues**

**Monthly Statement for April**

The Clerk would provide this in May as she had only just received the bank statement and had not had an opportunity to prepare the bank reconciliation for April.

**Authorisation of cheques**

The Chairman referred the Councillors to the Clerk's list of cheques and asked if these could be authorised. This was agreed by all.

**Quotes**

The Clerk referred the Parish Council to the quote received from Reyven to do various work on the Green and at the allotments. Mr Wilkinson suggested that this matter be left until the Parish Council had considered the item on the agenda marked "General Purposes Committee". This was agreed by all.

**Planning**

**Applications received**

The following planning applications have been received:

Application No:	Address	Proposal	Parish Councils response
04/00720/APP	The Vines, Eaton Bray Road Northall	single storey rear extension	no comment
04/00714/APP	Field, Eaton Bray	single storey rear extension	no comment

04/0103//APP	Edlesborough Post Office, Summerleys Edlesborough	Single Storey rear extension	Support the Application
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### Planning applications granted or refused

None had been received.

### Planning issues

In respect of Hazeldene and Peppiatts Farm, the situation remained the same. AVDC were making a decision as to whether they would start enforcement proceedings in both cases.

### Beacon View

Mr Cabbage noted that he and Mr Atherton had met with a representative of AVDC Planning. It was noted that at the meeting AVDC were objecting to the planning request and that first developments had indicated that they would appeal on the matter as high as they could go.

Buckinghamshire County Council's objection was that there would be too much traffic on the road. It was also noted that the first purchaser would move into the premises at the end of July and that there had been lots of objections in the village to the actual steepness of the roofs of the houses that had been built. Mr Cabbage noted that in future it would be useful for Councillors to talk direct, face to face with planning representatives from AVDC as he felt a lot had been achieved during that meeting.

### General Purposes Committee (GPC)

#### Report

Mr Wilkinson referred the Parish Council to a copy of the draft minutes from the meeting on 7 April 2004.

Mr Wilkinson asked the Parish Council if they could agree to accept the quote from Reyven for the following items:

The Green: Re seed the practice goal areas £75

The Green: Re- seed the goal mouths £75 x 2 = £150

The Green: Selective weed killing £75

The Green; Re –turf at front and side of the Pavilion £255

Dagnall Recreation Field: Goal mouth £115

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would accept the quote.

The Chairman then raised the issue that the Clerk had requested that the General Purposes Committee revert to the items that were previously within its ambit, these being:-

Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Edlesborough Green (including the play equipment, car parks etc)

Edlesborough Green Pavilion

Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Allotments

Edlesborough Cemetery

Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall Street Lighting

Grass & hedge cutting for which the Parish Council is responsible

Any other facilities or services as delegated by the Parish Council

Highways/by-ways/footpaths/ (including Parish Paths Partnership).

AVDC and BCC responsibilities

It was unanimously agreed that the role of the General Purposes Committee should revert to the role that established it on the 16 October and the 20 November 2003.

### Highways/by-ways/footpaths/lighting

#### Repair of lights

The Clerk indicated that repairs to lights had not been carried out by the contractor. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the General Purposes Committee and they would look at options that were available to the Parish Council.

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#### Road repairs and other repairs handled by BCC/AVDC

Mr Wilkinson reported the following repairs:-

##### 1. *Church End A4146 – Dagnall end*

There was a hedge on the bend and this had overgrown and was obstructing people's view while driving.

2. On the corner of Brook Street and High Street the allotment hedge had grown and was obstructing the view. The Clerk noted this and said that the contractor would be cutting the hedges shortly once the birds had nested.

3. Outside Primrose Cottage there was a manhole cover which was moving in the road.

4. Potholes forming in Brownlow Avenue, in particular outside number 29. This had been noted in the inspection report.

5. White lining generally was wearing out. Again the Chairman indicated that this had been highlighted in the inspection report.

#### AVLC (Aylesbury Vale Local Committee

Mr Wilkinson said that he had attended a meeting on 29 April. He explained this meeting was held by Aylesbury Vale and Buckinghamshire County Councils in conjunction with the parishes to report back on projects on the highways at the present time. It was indicated that other matters were dealt with but the main issue was always highways. The points from this meeting were as follows:-

##### 1. *The white lining edges of the A roads*

Mr Wilkinson had asked BCC if they were white lining the roads and in particular he was concerned that on the A4146 in Hertfordshire there were white lines, then Dagnall through to Northall (Buckinghamshire) there were no white lines. The white lines started again in Bedfordshire. Also on the A413 Aylesbury Wing road there were white lines and this was in Buckinghamshire. Mr Orchard (position ??) had stated that there was a change of policy. However the stretch of road south of Dagnall was too narrow to put white lines at the side of the road.

##### 2. *Dynamic Warning System (DWS)*

Mr Wilkinson had asked Mr Orchard how this was working and had been told that it was effective but its use may be limited.

3. There was a presentation concerning Library, Safer Routes to School, Highways 2003/2004 Delivery Plan and New Road Markings. He said that the draft plan for 2004/2005 included the replacement of the culvert in Chapel Lane.

##### 4. *Buckinghamshire County Council Local Community Budget*

There was a local community budget of £125,000. The Local Committee managed this fund and parishes could put in a bid for work they required to be done which BCC would not be able to do. Mr Wilkinson suggested that next year we look at it and see if we could tap into this money.

#### **Dagnall Traffic Calming**

Mr Spencer noted that there were ongoing discussions with BCC and the school regarding the pedestrian lights. The Clerk noted that the Safer Routes to School representative had agreed to provide us with the difference between what BCC had been prepared to pay for the lights and the actual cost of the type of lights that the school required and then the Parish Council would consider this.

#### **Northall Traffic Calming**

It was noted that the Clerk had received no further correspondence regarding the bus stop proposal for Knolls View. It was noted that a parishioner had said that there would be lots of cars parked along the A4146 if the bus stop was placed at Knolls View. It was noted that this could act as a traffic calming measure itself along the A4146.

### **Edlesborough Traffic Calming:**

Nothing further to report.

### **Projects**

#### **Edlesborough Parish Council Website**

Up to date.

#### **Parish Plan**

Mr Cabbage informed the Parish Council that he had received a letter from the Countryside Agency stating that the Edlesborough Parish Council had not been successful in obtaining funding for the Parish Plan. However they suggested that we spoke to our Rural Community Officer who was Nigel Carrick at Bucks Community Action and that he would be able to help us. It was decided that half an hour would be set aside in the next agenda to discuss whether we wished to carry on with the Parish Plan.

### **The Villages**

#### **Northall**

There had been no further development on the following items:-

Leighton Road – bollards and ditch, Northall land/allotments, Restharrow, Footpath Nine Northall.

The Clerk indicated that she had not been able to look at any of these matters over the past month due to the amount of work she had at present.

#### **Dagnall**

##### **Dagnall Fete**

It was noted that the Chairman and the Clerk were organising the stall at the Dagnall Fete to obtain parishioners' views as to their views on how the parishes should run over the next five years. The Clerk had received a free alarm clock and a tin of biscuits for a stationery order and this would be a prize at the Dagnall Fete, the idea being that Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall residents be asked to state their comments on the parish. Each person would be allotted a number and at the end of the day the Parish Council would draw out two numbers and those people would receive the prizes.

In respect of Dunstable Road/Dagnall Recreation Field/Path, and Dagnall footpath linking Dagnall and Edlesborough, the Clerk indicated that she had not been able to look at any of these matters over the past month due to the amount of work she had at present.

#### **Edlesborough**

Taskers Row – removal of the triangle Elderly sign, hanging basket, Taskers Row cottages and Carnival. Again the Clerk indicated that she had not been able to look at any of these matters over the past month due to the amount of work she had at present.

### **Church and Churchyard**

#### **Remembrance Service**

Nothing further to add. The Clerk had contacted AVDC re road closure and was awaiting a reply.

#### **Parish Cemetery**

##### **Access to cemetery**

The working party would meet in the near future to discuss the access to the cemetery. This had not been possible due to the Clerk's workload.

##### **Burial Regulations**

It was noted by Mr Wilkinson that (Mrs Ward) had complained about the lawn cemetery. She had indicated that she had never been told that her husband was being buried in a lawn cemetery or of the consequences of this. The Clerk

indicated that all the local funeral directors had a copy of the regulations and these should have been passed to the family prior to the burial or cremation taking place. It was suggested that the Clerk send these regulations direct to the families. However, the Clerk felt that this would be insensitive and we had in the past relied on the funeral directors to do this. The Clerk would send a letter to the funeral directors reiterating that we ask them to forward the regulations to the bereaved families. It was also suggested by Mrs Prys-Jones that we put a notice up on the board in the cemetery making it clear that it was a lawn cemetery.

### Grass cutting

The contractor who had taken over the churchyard and cemetery grass cutting had had difficulty getting this done at the start of the season. However matters were now improving. It was made clear that the Parish Council needed to establish exactly who had responsibility for cutting the churchyard and maintaining it as the cost of this was becoming prohibitive. It was agreed that this would be discussed in the General Purposes Committee at a later date.

### Cemetery gate

The Clerk indicated that the contractor had not come back to her yet again and therefore she was speaking to new contractors to carry out the work to the cemetery fence/gate.

### AVDC/BCC Responsibility

None. It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Spencer would look at the CROWE Act 2002 and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

### Parish Council Obligations

Mr Wilkinson noted that the Aylesbury Vale District Council were carrying out a Parish Review of the district with the purpose of considering whether or not to make any recommendations to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to create or abolish parishes or change boundaries. Parish Councils, local organisations and local residents had until 30 July 2004 to submit their proposals or comments. Mr Wilkinson stated that he thought the population split in the three villages was roughly:-

Edlesborough 1,852

Dagnall 511

Northall 397

Total population in the parish 2,760

He felt that there were various advantages and disadvantages of splitting the parish into three parishes. The advantages were as follows:-

1. There would be more time to consider the local interest of each village.
2. It would bring Edlesborough into an advantageous planning position in the past Aylesbury Vale District Council had not look at placing more houses in a village if the population was under 2,000.

The disadvantages were as follows:-

1. The villages would need to employ a clerk for each village.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wilkinson for his research and it was agreed by all that 30 minutes would be allowed on the agenda for this issue at the next meeting.

### Allotments

Nothing further to report.

### Procedures

#### Standing Orders

Clerk to produce and to amend to incorporate the planning proposals.

### P.A.I.N.

Mr Wilkinson stated that at the end of May/June the third proposal regarding Luton Airport should be received and could the Clerk please forward this to him when it is received.

### Correspondence

The Clerk indicated that there was a course arranged by BALC regarding minutes, agendas, chairmanship and the running of a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk felt this would be an important course for one of the Councillors to attend. No Councillor wished to go.

The Clerk had received correspondence from Aylesbury Vale District Council regarding the Library and they wanted the Council to complete a questionnaire. None of the Councillors wished to complete the questionnaire.

Correspondence had been received from a football team wishing to set up in Dagnall. There was a problem in that if they put Dagnall as their address then they would have to play in a league which meant they would have to travel quite far. However, if they made it clear that they played within Edlesborough then they would be in a different league and although they would prefer to play their matches at Dagnall it would mean that they would be registered at Edlesborough. It was suggested that we agree that they register as Edlesborough Parish and that should make it perfectly clear that they play in a league that was nearer to them. It was agreed that Marilyn Prys-Jones and Mrs Thompson would deal with this matter.

**Items for the next Agenda for the next meeting**

None

**Next meeting Thursday 17 June 2004 starting at 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough**