

Edlesborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

18th November 2004

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 18th November 2004 at 8.00pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Present

Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Vice Chairman Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Conacher, Cllr Munday. Lin Sargeant (Clerk) District Cllr Mrs. P. Hannelly and her husband and two Parishioners.

Prior to the meeting those present enjoyed a slice of wedding cake and wine kindly brought by District Cllr Mrs. Hannelly and her husband to celebrate their recent wedding. District Cllr Mrs. Hannelly thanked the Parish Council for their Wedding card and good wishes.

Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Wilkinson, Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Spencer

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Declaration of Interest from Councillors

None stated

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October were agreed and signed with the following amendment having been incorporated into the Minutes prior to signing:

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Edlesborough School Parking

Delete all – ADD The Parish Council showed concern regarding the parking outside

Edlesborough School at the start and end of the school day. The Clerk to write to

Edlesborough School, Police, Bucks.CC. AVDC, FOES and Under 5's to try and find a

solution to the problem.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

None other than arising later on the Agenda

Finance issues

Monthly Statements for October/November 2004

The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a copy of the financial statement from 22nd October to 18th November.

Cllr Cabbage apologised that he had not been able to 'get on top of the accounts' but hoped to have all details available at the December meeting of what has been spent from the Budget up to November and what remains to be spent from November to March 2005, and the balance to be carried forward.

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.

November

Category £

Donation for Poppy Wreaths 88.00

Parish Telephone/Fax/e-mail 82.00

Miscellaneous Memorial Hall, Pavilion and administration expenses 165.35

Supplying, replacing and laying paving slabs 142.52

Fixing bollards in Car Park 480.00

Supplying and emptying Dog Hygiene Bins 2,332.00

Street Lighting repairs 863.14

Salaries,PAYE, NIC for November 2004 1,515.19

Purchase of new Fridge/Freezer for Memorial Hall 226.00

Electricity for Pavilion and Memorial Hall 135.68

Grass cutting maintenance, Churchyard, Cemetery and Memorial Hall 616.88

Clerk's Report (Finance)

The Clerk reported that all but 2 outstanding allotments rents had been paid and the reclaim of VAT was in the process of being attended to.

General Precept – Items Councillors wished to be added to the Precept for 2005.2006

Dagnall Footpath Fence

The Green Play area equipment, surface and fencing,

Repair of canopy post

Allotment clearance

Pruning of Trees around The Green

Lights outside the Memorial Hall

Dagnall Village Hall Car Park

Traffic Calming in the three Villages

Northall Street lights (although it was reported that previously residents were not in favour of further Streetlights it was felt that existing lights should be cleared of overhanging tree branches etc. which had an effect on the density of the light emitting from all streetlights)

Planning

Planning Applications considered at Meeting 18.11.04			
04/02808/APP	Hall Farm, Slapton Lane, Northall	Extension of roof line and conversion of existing garage to form new dwelling	No Comment

The following applications had been received on 18.11.04

04/02992/APP 2nd Nov.2004	26 High Street, Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension and two car ports to front
04/02998/APP 3rd Nov.2004	1 Wren Walk, Edlesborough	First Floor side and single storey rear extension

Planning Notice received 04/02756/APP/JD Wards Coombe, Maine Road North, Dagnall falling in Ivinghoe Parish

Applications refused or permitted						
04/02480/APP 8th Sept. 2004	8 Dagnall Road, Edlesborough	Single storey front extension, two storey side extension, attached double garage to side and detached workshop to front	Objects to application on following grounds. 1.It is proposed to build the attached garage and the detached workshop on land outside the existing domestic curtilage. This is contrary to AVDLP policies RA.1 and RA.6. 2.Should an extension of the domestic curtilage be allowed, any associated building development on the land involved should be restricted in accordance with AVDLP Policy RA.3 3.The detached workshop proposed is forward of the existing building line, contrary to AVDLP Policy GP.9	Refused		
04/02618/APP 23rd Sept. 2004	16 Slickett's Lane Edlesborough	Roof extension (retrospective)	No objection but do consider the appearance of the property in it's entirety would be more cohesive if the revised roof profile continued for the entire length of the building instead of having the stepped change currently proposed.	Permitted		

Clerk's Report and correspondence received (copies of Report handed to Councillors)

Clerk reported that the website has now been completely brought up to date. A new fridge/freezer has been purchased for the Memorial Hall. Rural Trust Housing are anxious to liase with the Parish Council to find appropriate sites for 'Affordable Housing'. The hedges in Slicketts Lane towards the Ford should be cut back shortly and the broken metal fencing at The Ford is to be repaired by Bedfordshire County Council. Canon Grant has confirmed that Remembrance Services will continue to be held in Edlesborough on alternate years. Following several motor accidents in Tring Road due to icy weather Bucks.C.C. will be temporarily placing sandbags in the 'ditch' to prevent water flowing onto the main Tring Road prior to more long term repairs being carried out.

EB Lions AFC have applied to use the electricity supply in the Pavilion for their training sessions. The Parish Council recommended that a representative attend the next General Purposes Committee meeting to explain their request in more detail.

General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard

Cllr. Prys-Jones reported that a very 'vocal' meeting was held on 3rd November and the Memorial Hall floor replacement would be further discussed.

The GPC committee had recommended £400.00 to be put into the Precept for the clearing of Allotments.

Several Councillors met representatives from the Churches Conservation Trust at the Churchyard in October resulting in a very informative meeting. The Trust will be working closely with the Parish Council and current plans are to clear away certain areas of scrub from around the perimeter of the Church and old gravestones, to add to the steps leading up to the Church, to erect further handrails and improve the appearance of the pathway. Drawings of the new steps and handrails are available from the Clerk. The Trust will be doing extensive work to the Chancel in April 2005, the work to take approximately 10 months but access to the Church will be made available at all times.

Cllr. Prys-Jones did not feel there was any need to set up a Churchyard/Cemetery working committee as the Churches Conservation Trust will be keeping the Parish Council informed at all times.

Several bookings had been made for the Memorial Hall over the New Year period. The letting of the Memorial Hall over the Christmas and New Year periods had previously been considered inappropriate and the Parish Council would only allow bookings if a substitute caretaker was appointed which could be feasible if a Hall Management Committee were to be established

Traffic Calming Report

The Parish Council would keep abreast of all Traffic Calming matters. Clerk to write to Bucks.C.C. to ascertain to whom we should address our queries or obtain advice to get the Parish Council's views across for the proposed Speed Limit Review in 2005.

Dagnall Traffic Calming – Parish Council to press for 20mph in Studham Lane, Dagnall and Swan Lane, Northall.

Edlesborough Traffic Calming – Shops in High Street and Summerleys

Clerk has again chased the expected report from Bucks. C.C. No response to date.

Edlesborough School parking

Letters have been forwarded to Edlesborough School, FOES, Under 5's, Police, Bucks.C.C. and AVDC. Clerk reported that Edlesborough School were grateful to the Parish Council for tackling this problem, the Under 5's will publicise the problems on their notice board and in their Newsletter and the letter has been handed to appropriate department of the Thames Valley Police.

Northall Traffic Calming – Bus Stop

The Clerk reported that Bucks C.C. are putting works in hand for a 'lay-by' at Knolls View and will liaise with the Parish Council regarding information to parishioners.

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

Dagnall

The Parish Council have accepted a quotation for the fence to the new Footpath and work should commence shortly

The 2 Benches for Dagnall are on order.

Edlesborough

Bedfordshire County Council have agreed to erect a 'Ducks Crossing' sign on the Bedfordshire side of the boundary at Moor End, Edlesborough.

The 'Old Peoples' sign in Taskers Row should be removed before Christmas and the repair to the pavement is being dealt with by Bucks.C.C.

Clerk to request Bucks C.C. to remove the 'Edlesborough' Village sign from the corner of Brook Street/High Street and to place the sign on the boundary between Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.

Northall

The 'water trap' at the junction of Eaton Bray Road and the main A4146 has been unblocked and the Parish Council will monitor the situation.

A letter has been forwarded to Bucks.C.C. requesting the Parish Council's options for footpaths in the villages, the first option being for a new footpath from Chapel Lane to Slapton Turn.

Allotments

Cllr Cabbage to discuss the Northall allotments at the next Parish Council meeting.

Scout request for funding Assistance

The Parish Council agreed to financially assist the Scouts with a donation of £250.00

Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report

Nothing to report

Edlesborough Village Hall

Cllr Wilkinson was requested by the Parish Council to investigate how much separation there has to be from the Parish Council to set up a Hall Management Committee and to ascertain whether the Lease has to be transferred. In Cllr. Wilkinson's absence this matter to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Items for the next Agenda

General Precept

Financial Update

Northall Allotments

Hall Management Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46pm

Next Meeting Thursday 16th December 2004 starting at 7.45 pm at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough.