

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

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

Meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at 8.00pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

**Present**

Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Thompson, Vice Chairman Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs. Ratheram, Cllr Brown, Cllr. Munday, Cllr Mrs. Prys-Jones, Cllr Spencer Lin Sargeant (Clerk) Mr. P. Connacher and two Parishioners.

**Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from District Councillor Pauline Hannelly and P.C. Rowlands

Clerk informed Parish Council that Cllr. Hannelly was on honeymoon and Clerk was asked to send a congratulations card to her.

**Declaration of Interest from Councillors**

None stated

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2004 were agreed and signed with the following amendments:

Page 3 Planning – 04/01451/APP – delete ‘ Local Plans’

Page 3 Planning - From Bucks.C.C. Dagnall School – delete ‘The Parish Council considers a pitched roof would be in keeping with the old part of the building’

Page 4 top of page delete ‘Application refused informed PC 15.07/04’

Page 4 change issued to issues

Page 4 Councillors to read ‘Council’ and delete ‘Also to include the work the Parish Council undertakes’

Page 4 Spelling of ‘Cockeral’ should read ‘Cockerill’

Page 5 delete ‘(continued)’. Amend Roving Refuge to ‘Roving Refuse Freighter’, also amend Refuge to ‘Refuse’ in paragraph

Page 7 add to General Precept...2005/06 ‘ to discuss in November’

**Matters arising from the previous minutes**

Cllr Brown recommended that the cheque list appearing in the Minutes should be categorised without the full details appearing – Council agreed.

Cllr Spencer questioned whether the Parish Council would have to pay for the lighting to the flashing lights at Dagnall. It was confirmed that the lighting would be paid for by Babbie and Clerk to check who had to pay for the maintenance

**Co-option of new Councillor for Northall**

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Chairman formally introduced Mr. Phil Conacher who was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Northall representative

## **Finance issues**

### **Monthly Statements for August and September**

The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a copy of the financial statement for July and August.

#### **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.

#### **August**

##### **Category £**

Supply & fixing of tiles in Shower room at Pavilion 130.00  
Green Garden sacks 191.76  
Administration 23.60  
Maintenance/grass cutting Cemetery, Churchyard, Memorial Hall 796.63  
Pavilion Electricity 33.67  
Performing Right Society Licence – Memorial Hall 77.46  
Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall street lighting 230.37  
Dome nuts to replacing those missing on Notice Boards 8.40  
Internal Audit Fee 2003/4 276.18  
Solicitor's charges – Dagnall path 308.50  
Mowing, Dagnall & Edlesborough Recreation grounds 411.25  
Salaries, PAYE & NIC 1,324.54  
Parish telephone installation 154.25  
Miscellaneous caretaking expenses 31.37  
Gas expense 258.07

#### **September**

Compounding area and supplying bark to Swing area 675.63  
Edlesborough, Northall & Dagnall Street lighting 230.37  
Street lighting repairs and maintenance, July, August 2,471.58  
Ground maintenance, Cemetery, Memorial Hall & Dagnall 846.01  
Domestic supplies for Edlesborough Memorial Hall 234.11  
Salaries, PAYE & NIC 1,248.64  
Miscellaneous caretaking expenses – Memorial Hall 22.95  
Administration expenses 45.00

The General Purpose Committee were requested to consider quotes for Street Lighting.

Clerk to produce details as to how the expenditure compares with what is in the budget. Cllr Cabbage informed the Parish Council that he would be liaising with Mrs. Kerr to endeavour to resolve the discrepancy in a previous audit and requested that Mrs. Kerr should be remunerated for the time she would be spending on this matter.

The Bank Mandate was to be signed and Clerk to compare the services, charges and interest rates of other Banks for consideration by the Parish Council.

#### **General Precept**

Cllrs and the General Purposes Committee were asked to consider projects and the budget for April 2005/6.

## **Planning**

### **Applications considered at meeting on 16.9.04**

<p>04/01823/APP</p> <p>Peppiatts Farm, Leighton Road, Northall</p> <p>Change of use of ground floor to day centre for the elderly (Retrospective)</p> <p>Current use of Peppiatts Farm as a day centre is inappropriate in view of its close proximity to neighbouring houses caused by vehicular traffic, parking problems in the limited space available and noise. The traffic being generated is exacerbating an already difficult entry/egress point on to the busy A4146. Overall there is an unacceptable and significant loss of amenity for neighbouring properties</p>
<p>04/01936/APP</p> <p>Land off South End Lane, Northall</p> <p>Erection of detached double garage and store</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>04/02086/AOP</p> <p>Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall</p> <p>Site for demolition of existing residential and commercial buildings and erection of four detached dwellings.</p> <p>Support development but conditional upon approval being given for no more than two houses.</p>
<p>04/02091/APP</p> <p>27 Nelson Road, Dagnall</p> <p>Part two storey part single storey rear extension</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>04/02356/APP</p> <p>2 Greenacres, Northall</p> <p>Erection of double detached garage</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>04/02322/APP</p> <p>27 Brook Street, Edlesborough</p> <p>Single storey front and side extension to form garage with storage above</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>04/02368/APP</p> <p>5 Greenacres, Northall</p> <p>Single storey front extension to infill to garage</p> <p>No comment</p>
<p>04/02489/AHR Land off Chapel Lane, Removal of 3x15m sections No comment</p> <p>(received 16.9.04) Northall of hedgerow and 1.5m section</p> <p>of hedgerow</p>
<p>Application No. 04/01823/APP – Peppiatts Farm, Northall – Refusal received 16.9.04</p> <p>Application No. 04/02086/AOP – Kircutt, Chapel Lane, Northall – Cllr Connacher expressed the view that in his opinion the 4 houses proposed would not be detrimental to the site in Chapel Lane. The Chairman commented that affordable housing would be appropriate on this site, agreed from the floor.</p>

### **Applications Permitted/Refused, Meeting informed 16.9.04**

<p>04/01418/APP amending application 98/02027/APP</p> <p>Unit 2, Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall</p> <p>Erection of garage</p> <p>Permitted</p>
<p>04/01424/APP</p>

Old Thatch 1 The Green Edlesborough

single storey rear extension with accomodation in the roof space demolition of garage and erection of detached double garage/store with accommodation in the roof space.

Permitted

04/01425/APP

Old Thatch 1 The Green Edlesborough

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension chimney stack and existing detached garage, internal alterations and erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage/store with accommodation in the roof space.

Permitted

04/01366/APP/MA SEE 03/02251/APP

Beacon View house type plot 2 South End Lane Northall

Add a conservatory

Permitted

04/01634/APP

Watermead, Churchgate High Street Edlesborough

Change of use of land residential curtilage

Permitted

04/01672/APP 03/03101

8, Church Croft, Edlesborough

demolition of garage and erection of side extension with rear conservatory

Permitted

04/01694/APP

3, The Willows Edlesborough

single storey rear extension

Permitted

04/01758/ALB

Yew Tree Cottage, 33 Pebblemoor Edlesborough

Replacement boiler with flue

Permitted

From Buckinghamshire County Council

Dagnall County First School Main Road South Dagnall

Classroom extension to side and rear and demolition of external former toilet block.

Permitted

04/01918/ACL

24 Summerleys, Edlesborough

Single storey rear extension.

Certificate of Lawfulness

04/01930/APP

2 Knolls View, Leighton Road, Northall

Change of use of landscaping area to hardstanding

Permitted

### **Clerk's Report and correspondence received**

All correspondence and information was passed to Councillors for information.

Cllr Munday enquired as to whether any Councillor would consider taking over the position of Parish Tree Warden.

### **General Purposes Committee Report (GPC) incl. Churchyard**

Cllr Brown, the Chairman, gave the following report following the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 8.9.04

Cllr Brown apologised for late publication of minutes for June and July General Purpose Committee Meetings, there had been some confusion in the changeover of Clerks and this will be rectified shortly.

Various small jobs have been carried out or Contractors briefed. By the end of September we hope to have caught up on all the outstanding jobs.

Three matters of significance

The GPC had issued a revised user Agreement for all Memorial Hall users for 2004. We received representation from the 'Under 5's' and have agreed to a side letter waiving the standard condition that children should not be allowed in the kitchen. There are special circumstances for the 'Under 5's' and we have assurance of property supervision by that group.

Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> with Churches Conservation Trust and we have subsequently

Received indication that they will fund a tidying up of shrubs around the church and some tree works.

We agreed a solution to the problem of the Remembrance Service. There is a site above

The Memorial which can be used. The Clerk is to write to the Vicar about it.

I would request that all Councillors and the public continue to report to the Clerk any matters that require attention, lighting, highway issues, hedge cutting etc. so that the necessary action can be taken.

Any Councillor is encouraged to write a report on any special area of interest to them, and submit it to the Clerk 10 days before each GPC meeting so that it can be considered alongside the reports

we get from the Caretaker.

### **SID**

The Clerk had received a copy of letter from Claire Prince which had been sent to County and District Councillors, the Local MP, Police and Eaton Bray Parish Council setting out the problems encountered with traffic speeds in Edlesborough.

### **Traffic Calming Report**

Dagnall Traffic Calming – Clerk to ascertain position regarding responsibility for maintenance of School Flashing lights. The Chairman thanked all those responsible for their hard work in reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

#### Edlesborough Traffic Calming – Shops in High Street and Summerleys

The report from BCC is awaited.

The Parish Council were concerned regarding the number of cars parked outside Edlesborough School particularly as the children leave school in the afternoon. Parking was now taking up the whole of the School side of the road from Church End to Yew Tree Close round two bends rendering it extremely difficult and dangerous for other vehicles to drive up and down the road. Clerk to write to the relevant authorities for suggestions as to how this continued problem can be dealt with.

#### Northall Traffic Calming – Bus Stop

Cllr Cabbage reported on the outcome of a meeting held with representatives of Bucks.C.C. on 14<sup>th</sup> September. It appears that changes are already in operation for the School Bus to make three stops along the route and to pick up and drop off either side of

the road. Discussions also took place regarding the extension of the footpath from Knolls View towards Leighton Buzzard, a hardstanding area for the bus to pull in and speed limit in South End Lane. More information would be available shortly.

The Parish Council will liaise with Bucks.C.C. regarding suggestions for speed limits in South End Lane, Northall and Studham Lane, Dagnall to be designated 'Quiet Lanes' prior to the Speed Limit Review in April 2005.

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

#### **Dagnall**

Work is due to be commenced on the new footpath on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Clerk to obtain quotations for fencing.

Cllr Spencer would be liaising with the Clerk to amend some of the details in the Rights of Way report recently submitted to Bucks. C.C.

Clerk to question why the No. 61 Bus does not pick up at Dagnall

The Allotment rents for Dagnall will be collected on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Allotment Hut.

#### **Edlesborough**

Bucks. C.C. have agreed to erect a 'Ducks Crossing' sign in Moor End as you leave the Village. Bedfordshire County Council have been asked to supply a further sign to be positioned in Moor End as you enter the Village from Eaton Bray – response awaited.

Bucks C.C. have been requested to attend to the pavement at Tasker's Row and to remove the 'Old People's' sign

The Parish Council agreed to extra Cup Football Matches being played on The Green provided the pitch is playable in event of inclement weather and to check with the caretaker beforehand.

The Beavers requested permission to continue the planting of daffodils inside the hedges on The Green – the Parish Council agreed.

#### **Northall**

Nothing to report

### **School Bus to Aylesbury from the Villages**

The Parish Council were concerned at the number of pupils travelling on the School bus which appears to have increased dramatically giving rise to a number of pupils having to stand for the length of the journey. Clerk to express this concern to Bucks. C.C.

### **Footpaths**

At the recent meeting with Bucks. C.C. representatives held in Northall the Parish Council's concern was raised regarding various extensions to the footpaths throughout the Villages and The Parish Council were asked to specify its priorities to extend the footpaths. The Parish Council agreed to request that 1) Northall footpath from Knolls View towards Leighton Buzzard be the first priority followed by 2) a footpath from Dagnall to the Travellers Rest 3) over the hill from Church End to Pine Road/Ivinghoe Way, Edlesborough thereby linking the whole Parish.

### **Village Library Service**

Numerous Parishioners in Dagnall and Northall had been angered to discover that the Mobile Library Service had changed the day to call at these Villages from Wednesday to Tuesday, Tuesday being the day on which a bus goes to Leighton Buzzard giving many parishioners their only opportunity of getting to Leighton Buzzard. The Clerk has written to the Mobile Library Service and is awaiting a response.

### **Proposed Changes to Primary School Catchment Areas**

The Chairman had received numerous telephone calls following publication of the new Catchment areas which indicated that children from Dagnall would no longer be able to attend Edlesborough School. Following several discussions with the relevant authorities it was ascertained that regrettably 'arrows' on the map published were pointing in the wrong direction and it was resolved that Dagnall children will still be able to attend Edlesborough School. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support Ivinghoe Aston in their attempt to be part of this Catchment area.

### **P.A.I.N Report**

Cllr Wilkinson had attended a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Luton Airport had put forward a very professional case but received an overwhelming objection against their proposals. The matter is deferred until 8<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Wilkinson has a copy of the Report.

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### **Scout request for funding Assistance**

No further correspondence received. The Parish Council would enquire as to how much the Scouts have raised themselves towards this project.

### **Matters to Report to the Police for Monthly Police Report**

A Parishioner had reported to the Chairman a burglary that had taken place in Orchard End, Edlesborough and although a call was made to Ringmaster and the parishioner had a good description of the person involved in the burglary the Police did not return her call. The Clerk would write to the Police accordingly.

Invitation received to attend a Police meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October – unfortunately the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Edlesborough Village Hall**

The Rates to be an item to be included in the Parish Precept and Parish Council to ascertain what needs to be done to avoid having to pay Rates on the Memorial Hall and to look into the possibility of setting up a Hall Committee sometime in the future.

### **Items for the next Agenda**

General Precept – to be discussed in November

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.45pm

**Next Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2004 starting at 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Edlesborough.**