

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 20th March 2003 at 8pm at the Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Present

Mrs Thompson (Chairman) (AT), Mr Cabbage (KC), Mr Wilkinson (JW) Mr Atherton (JA)

Mrs Prys-Jones (MPJ), Mr Munday (SM), Mr Grigg (G), Mrs M Kerr (Clerk) and two parishioners.

Apologies

Mr Spencer (GS), Mrs Ratheram (JR) and Mrs P Hannelly (District Councillor)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

Highways/ by-ways/footpaths/ lighting

Lights Out

There was a report of lights not working at 12, The Pastures.

Main Road North Dagnall going towards Edlesborough before the 30 mph sign.

Leighton Road light

24/7 are connecting this should happen in the next week

Fly tipping Litter, dumping of rubbish and AVDC responsibilities

Awaiting response from AVDC /BCC

SID

Agreed the Clerk would request the week commencing 23 June and as an alternative the 30 June.

Dagnall Traffic Calming

Clerk chasing AVDC

Road Repairs to report

There were ruts in the road near the Ford and a road sign for Jackson Close needed replacing. Clerk to report. The Clerk and Chairman would be carrying out the annual inspection of the roads in the Parish.

Footpaths/PPP

Nothing to report John and Sue Parker had just handed over the paper work to the Clerk who would now contact Mr and Mrs Webster who were the Parishes PPP Representatives and send the paperwork to Buckingham County Council.

The brush cutter which John and Sue Parker had been looking after needed a new home. It could not be kept at the Hall or Pavilion and needed to be placed in a brick building. Clerk to look into.

Pebblemoor Salt Grit Bin

This has been delivered awaiting reply from Bucks CC as to whether it can be put in the same place. Clerk to chase

The Green, broken fence.

This is part of the perimeter fence on the Green backing onto the Pastures. The Clerk will have a look and arrange for it to be repaired.

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Projects

EPC Web-site

KC said that the Council had said that it should be up and running by the 1 April 2003. He and JW would migrate pages from the draft web site onto the new website before the 1 April 2003. It was resolved that everybody would have an e-mail address which would read as follows with the persons Christian name then a dot then the surname for example

john.smith@edlesborough.gov.uk. There would be a link to everyone's own e-mail address. It was agreed KC would ensure anonymity would be preserved. KC would bring his camera to the next meeting to take pictures of the Councillors to go on the Web site.

Dagnall seats

Clerk and Chairman to liaise.

Pavilion changing room seats/lockers

Stephen Janes has been asked to quote.

The Villages

Retirement Party

Sue Parker's Party was all organised with help from the W I. John Bercow MP would be attending.

EPC strategic review and 5 year plan

A general discussion was held to set out the Councils and the Parishes aims for the next five years. Topics to be considered were Traffic Calming; Floodlighting the Village Church; Web site; Wildlife area at the allotments at Northall; cycle paths; safe walking routes to school; street lighting; consider legislation and how it would effect the Parish; facilities for children in Northall; Greater involvement of the villagers; grazing rights; drop kerbs for prams pushchairs and wheelchairs; KC and the Clerk to meet to discuss a strategy.

St Mary's Village Carnival 2003 on 5 July 2003

The Clerk reported that the theme this year was the circus with workshops and stalls. The Committee were looking for a Town crier could we help.

Northall. Proposed Amenity Contribution.

The Clerk reported that AVDC were happy for the Amenity Contribution money to be spent on windows for Northall Village Hall and a letter had been received from AVDC asking whose name would go on to the S106 Agreement. It was resolved that the Chairman and the Clerks name should go on the S106 Agreement.

Northall Village Hall Committee had met on the previous Friday. They had considered asking for money towards a children's playground instead of new windows for the Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to AVDC and Mr Porthouse.

Northall Arson attack

Nothing further to add at present

Edlesborough. Ted Bowers Memorial seat for Edlesborough Green request.

Clerk awaiting reply from the organisers.

Rural Housing Trust Seminar

The Clerk had attended the Seminar and reported that the RHTS Strategy was to carry out a survey to see if a 'need' for housing existed and then consider if there was any suitable land to build on. The Chairman indicated that several years ago the Council had discussed the matter and the RHTS could not find any suitable land. The Council should consider Rural Housing regularly to see if anything had changed.

Abandoned vehicles

There had been an abandoned vehicle down by the Ford which had been reported but nothing appeared to have been done about it for a couple of weeks. It was resolved the Clerk would find out why it had taken so long to move it as it was very dangerous. It was reported that a trailer had been left in the Pavilion Car Park. Clerk to arrange to have it removed.

Garage License

It was resolved that the Chairman would talk to the Garage owner as there were cars being parked on the Green side of the Car Park. It was resolved to place a notice in the Car Park stating that it was for the sole use of people using the Village Green and The Memorial Hall. The Clerk to organise and draw up suitable wording.

Parish Councils Obligations

Freedom of Information Act.

The Clerk reported that our scheme has been accepted and approved for a period from 28 February 2003 to 28 February 2007.

Standards Board for England Presentation

JA attended the talk in London. One of the issues raised was the fact that if a Councillor was accused of wrong doing even if it was latter discovered after an investigation not to be the case the Councillor still bore the costs of being legally represented and clearing his name.

Most complaints were planning applications. It was resolved that The Clerk would speak to AVDC to seek guidance in considering planning issues and look into the procedure used for considering planning applications.

Church and Churchyard

Floodlighting

Vicar has agreed to join the sub-committee

Churches Conservation Trust

The Clerk had met with the Churches Conservation Trust and reported as follows:

1. Churches Conservation Trust say they have no spare cash.
2. The Notice Board is being prepared
3. They are planning a Grand Opening on the 10th May 2003.
4. They would like to resolve access through the Churchyard to The Parish Council Cemetery. Do we have a right of way? Where is the evidence?
5. They may be raising money for the new clock. Can we help?

It was resolved that the Clerk would look at the Paperwork and speak to Sue Parker on the issue of access through the Churchyard to The Parish Council Cemetery.

Parish Cemetery

Roe Memorial

A reply had been received from the stonemasons stating they had checked with Mr Roe prior to preparing and placing the stone in the Cemetery and he was adamant the Memorial was going in the Churchyard. Mr Roe told the stonemasons that he didn't realise there was a distinction. The Clerk was awaiting a reply from the Churches Solicitors. It was resolved to await the outcome of a reply from the Church Solicitors.

Open Spaces

Dunstable Rd / Dagnall RF/Path

Solicitors still negotiating the Lease which was with AVDC. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Mrs Hannelly (District Councillor) for help.

Knolls Amenity Land

It was resolved that the Clerk would check this matter.

Hedge around the Green

A resident has requested the Parish Council re-lay the hedge at the front of their garden. The Clerk to inform the Parishioner it was not the Parish Councils responsibility.

Allotments

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Clerk reported that she was preparing basic plans of the Allotments

Northall Land

Solicitor has papers more information requested and supplied. Reply should be received by next meeting as quite complicated.

Pavilion and EMH

See attached report.

Boundary Reviews

The Boundary Committee for England were reviewing the electoral arrangements. This would appear in the local press shortly.

Planning

Applications Received see attached.

P.A.I.N

Flight Paths/ P.A.I.N. JW reported that there had been a meeting but he had been on holiday. He had requested a copy of the minutes.

Employees of the Parish Council

The Clerk left the room while the Parish Council discussed the job descriptions and salaries for the Clerk; Memorial Hall Bookings Secretary; Caretaker; Edlesborough Green, Pavilion and Play Equipment Caretaker and Bookings Secretary; Memorial Hall Cleaner; Pavilion Cleaner and Handyman. The salaries were proposed by JA and seconded by SM

Finance issues

Annual Audit 31.03.2002

Annual Audit 31.03.2002 has not been completed. The Accountant was refusing to give the Auditor the information requested. The Clerk with help from the Chairman was now resolving the matter.

Monthly Finance Statement.

Details of invoices to be paid (see attached), with the addition of a cheque for £200 to The Edlesborough Tennis Club, were provided to the Councillors and resolved that the cheques should be issued.

Elections

The Clerk stated that details of the forthcoming elections and nominations were on the Parish Notice Boards

Correspondence

The Councillors were provided with details of correspondence received see attached. The Councillors discussed an email from a Parishioner wanting more involvement from locals in the Parish Council meetings. The Chairman made it clear that the Council had always been willing to listen to Parishioners and Parishioners who attended meetings. The Clerk to look at other points raised.

Local Plan

JW explained the local draft plan didn't make any mention any new houses for Dagnall and Northall.

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NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 17th April 2003 starting at 7.30pm

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