

EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th February 2018 at Edlesborough Memorial Hall

<u>Agenda Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
Open Forum	<p>Lorna Cubbage informed that Council that the “Litter Pickers” had recently carried out a litter pick in Edlesborough resulting in 14 bin bags of litter. AVDC collected and disposed of all the litter.</p> <p>The next litter pick is planned for Saturday 3rd March, anyone wishing to help should contact Lorna Cubbage on 01525 220361.</p> <p>The Keep Britain Tidy group have launched the Great British Spring Clean campaign for 2018 more information can be found at: https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/keep-britain-tidy-great-british-spring-clean-2-4-march-2018</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to publicise on Facebook. Cllrs Mrs Owen & Green to ask Dagnall if any volunteers would like to arrange a litter pick for the same day in line with the Great British Spring Clean campaign.</i></p>	Clerk, TO & AG
Thames Valley Police Report	<p>PCSO Megan Harriet and PC Phil Duthie attended the meeting providing the following crime figures from November 2017 - today:</p> <p>Dagnall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 theft from a motor vehicle • 2 burglaries <p>Edlesborough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thefts from vans on High Street and Chiltern Avenue <p>Northall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 theft from a motor vehicle • 1 theft of sheep • Reports of hare coursing <p>PC Duthie confirmed that following the discovery of two containers of stolen tools in Edlesborough six people have been arrested and are currently on bail, with overnight curfews. Some of the recovered goods were marked and have been reunited with owners from all over the South of England and Wales. Following the arrests, the number of thefts from motor vehicles has reduced.</p> <p>Cllr Mineikis raised the issue of the lack of a Police presence at the November 2017 Remembrance Day Service and</p>	

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	<p>requested that an officer be in attendance in 2018. PC Duthie will try to ensure this happens.</p> <p>Cllr Mineikis also commented about calls to 101 not always being answered. PC Duthie explained that currently there is a shortage of operators and that calls are all being collated in one location, with 999 calls being prioritised. He reminded all that reports of crimes should be 101 and 999 is for emergency calls only.</p> <p>Cllr Williams thanked PC Duthie & PCSO Harriet for attending the meeting.</p>	
The Chairman formally opened the meeting at 19.46		
Present	Cllr Williams, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mineikis, Cllr Pratt, Penny Pataky (Clerk), District Cllr Chris Poll, PCSO Megan Harriet, PC Phil Duthie and three parishioners.	
Apologies	County Cllr Anne Wight	
Declarations of Interest	None were declared.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2018 were ratified and signed with no amendments.</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed that a summary of County Cllr Anne Wight’s reports would be included in the minutes and monthly Focus report with a copy of her full report being placed on the website. All agreed.</p>	
Matters Arising	None were raised.	
District & County Councillors Reports	<p><u>District Cllr Chris Poll reported the following:</u></p> <p>Residents and businesses across the Vale can look forward to improved waste collection and recycling services following a £3.6m investment in a new fleet of 17 Mercedes-Benz Econics state-of-the-art refuse vehicles. The new vehicles offer enhanced performance, improved fuel economy and greater safety, compared to the leased vehicles they are replacing. As well as providing an opportunity to increase recycling rates the new fleet are also best-placed to cope with the increase in demand which will inevitably result from the increase in new homes across the Vale.</p> <p>The Commercial Council initiative has been paused. After the transfer of interests in AV Broadband, the Incgen and Limecart ventures have been made dormant. These ventures have progressed less well than anticipated so a period of reflection will take place.</p>	

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	<p>At our council meeting last week our 4-year budget plan was approved. This includes a 2.99% rise taking a band D average home to £2.87 per week for all services provided by AVDC. Our council tax setting meeting will be held on the 22nd February.</p> <p>A decision on the unitary proposals for Buckinghamshire was expected in January but I understand this will now be made by the office of 10 Downing Street. It is not known when any decision will be made.</p> <p><u>County Cllr Anne Wight reported the following:</u></p> <p>County Cllr Anne Wight sent a report which was circulated to the full Council prior to the meeting, the report can be viewed as a separate document on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>The current report covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Works in Cheddington - Footpath Pitstone to Marsworth - Marsworth Airfield Planning Application - Luton and Heathrow Expansion Consultations - Opportunities for young people in Bucks - Royal British Legion News - Active Bucks 	
<p>Parish Amenities (as reported by the Manager, Penny Pataky)</p>	<p><i>The Clerk, Manager and RFO had, prior to the meeting, provided all Councillors with detailed reports on the Memorial Hall, Pavilion, Green, Playground, Car Parks, Sports Clubs, Allotments, Cemetery, Churchyard, Street Lighting, Bus Shelters, Notice Boards and general Parish Council matters</i></p>	
<p>Defibrillator</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>EMH</p>	<p>PAT test – Booked for week commencing 19th February</p> <p>Repairs to fire door – Booked for Friday 9th March</p>	

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	<p>The manager has requested that the handyman clean the gutters when he is next able.</p> <p>The hall was not left in a “leave as you wish to find” condition after a recent booking this resulted in £15 of the £50 deposit withheld.</p>	
Pavilion	<p>PAT test - Booked for week commencing 19th February</p> <p>Water tanks – Lee Hutt has explored options for covering the tanks at this time but to date has found no suitable materials.</p> <p><i>Action: Manager to explore this option further with Lee Hutt.</i></p>	Manager
The Green	<p>Council considered two quotes for the pruning of Walnut Tree adjacent to the tennis courts. It was agreed that the quote from Roderick Wilson will be accepted.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to contact both contractors informing them of the Councils decision and to arrange for the work to be carried out.</i></p> <p>Following concern being raised about the adult goal posts holes on the Green being hazardous the Councils contractor has filled the holes. EB Lions FC have been consulted regarding this action.</p>	Clerk
Play Area	Nothing to report.	
Sports Club & Parking Issues	<p>It has been confirmed that there are no clashes between ECC fixtures & the ETC finals days.</p> <p>ECC have been sent their agreements for completion & invoice for the 2018 season, the club has also been reminded of the Council’s concession to allow two vehicles to be parked on the Green during cricket fixtures. This concession of two cars is for spectators with mobility issues only.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to respond to ECC stating that the concession is for two cars for spectators with mobility issues only. This is in line with the Byelaws of the Green which states that “no motorised vehicles may be brought onto the green.” The concession is at the discretion of the Council.</i></p>	Clerk
Allotments	<p>New tenants have taken on plots at the Dagnall and Cow Lane sites.</p> <p>There are currently plots available at both Dagnall and Northall.</p>	

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	<p>The Dagnall site still requires a warden. <i>Action: The Clerk will place notices on the gates asking for a volunteer.</i></p> <p>Council discussed the recent parking issues at Northall allotments. It was acknowledged that the current weather conditions do make driving in & out of the site difficult however it was agreed that parking in front of the gate is not permissible. This causes an obstruction to pedestrians and the visibility of drivers. <i>Action: Clerk to arrange for a “no parking in front of this gate” sign to be installed on the gate. Clerk to inform warden of Council’s decision.</i></p> <p>Following the need to replace a further broken tap at Cow Lane allotments Cllr Wilkinson proposed that the water be turned off at the mains at each site from November to the end of February each year. All agreed. <i>Action: Clerk to liaise with site wardens to arrange for this action to be taken commencing November 2018.</i></p>	Clerk
Cemetery	Nothing to report.	
Churchyard	Nothing to report.	
Bridle Path	<p>A tree is scheduled to be removed from the Churchyard on 23rd February, this will lead to restricted access to the bridle path on this day. <i>Action: Clerk will place notices on the gate and Council Facebook page informing parishioners of the work and possible restrictions on the accessibility to the path.</i></p>	Clerk
Bus Shelters	Nothing to report.	
Litter Bins, Dog Bins, Car Parks	Nothing to report.	
Noticeboards	Nothing to report.	

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<p>Streetlights</p>	<p>Council discussed Carey’s request for EPC to adopt the new streetlights in the Cow Lane development. Cllr Wilkinson proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council do not adopt the lights on Damson Way as this road will not be adopted by Bucks CC. • Council do adopt the two new lights on Cow Lane provided that CU Phosco confirm that these lights will be covered by their warranty. <p><i>Action: Clerk to ask CU Phosco to confirm that they will provide the same level of cover on the new Cow Lane lights as the Council currently have on their existing lights. Clerk to inform Carey’s of the Council’s decision.</i></p>	<p align="center">Clerk & KC</p>
<p>BCC Devolution</p>	<p><u>Outstanding Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30mph sign on B440 has been repaired with new internally illuminating light. • Dagnall Roundabout new streetlight has been installed. There is a delay on the replacement blue/white arrows due to the wrong bracket being sent. The new bracket and arrows should be installed within the next fortnight. • Travellers Rest crossing islands & pavements no work carried out to date. • TfB have confirmed that the Travellers Rest bollards on the roundabouts will remain in place until they are damaged again, following this the roundabout will be painted white. • Travellers Rest bus stop no work carried out to date. • Damaged 40mph sign between Edlesborough & Northhall still not repaired. <p><u>Additional Grass Cutting</u></p> <p>Council agreed that it would follow the recommendation of their contractor on the start date of the new grass cutting contract. If this needs to begin in March this is acceptable. The Clerk will confirm the start date with the “Litter Pickers” to hopefully enable a litter pick to take place first.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to confirm Councils decision with contractor. Clerk to inform “litter pickers” of contractors start date and which day of the week the verges will be cut on.</i></p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p>Finance</p>	<p>The Accounts for month ending 31st January 2018 having previously been circulated to Councillors were agreed.</p>	

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EMH	£564
Pavilion	£479
Green	£444
Open Spaces	£2,139
Bucks CC Devolved Services	£465
Allotments	£298
Street Lights	£124
Cemetery	£74
Churchyard	£368
Dagnall Rec	£162
Staff	£1,461
Office Costs	£63
Total	£6,641

The February payment and cheque run was agreed. An additional cheque for £25 was raised for the entry into the Best Kept Village Competition.

Concern was raised that the CCT still have not raised an invoice for the cost of the electricity for the Church floodlights.
Action: Clerk to contact CCT regarding this matter.

Clerk & AW

Projects

New Pavilion

The Trustees will hold a meeting to discuss the projects future on 27th February, Cllr Williams will feedback to the Council following the meeting.

Surgery Car Parking

Cllr Williams and the Clerk attended a meeting with representatives from the Surgery to discuss the parking issues in Cow Lane.

Cllr Williams summarised the discussion for the full council:

- Currently the Surgery view the issue as a Parish problem not a surgery problem.

AW

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The surgery could increase the current car park by a net of five spaces however this is not cost justified. • The surgery outlined their plans for the future which include expanding the building, probably in the window of the next Neighbourhood Plan due to the current constraint of the settlement boundary. • The surgery are aware of the plan for Damson Way to be a private road so expect no prospect of anyone using that to visit the surgery. • Cllr Williams explained to the surgery the current restrictions on the amenity land adjacent to the current car park. • <p>Council agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing working with the Surgery to expand the current car park is not viable. • The Council will continue to explore with AVDC the possibility of utilising some of the amenity land space for additional parking. • The current deeds state that the amenity land must be kept in a “neat & tidy” condition, this is not currently the situation. • When entering into discussions with AVDC EPC would offer to part fund parking spaces in this area with the aim to improve the condition of the land and help alleviate the parking issues. <p>Cllrs Wilkinson, Williams and Mrs Thomas will continue as the working party on this project. <i>Actions: Working party to pursue a dialogue with AVDC on the possibility of utilising the amenity land.</i></p> <p><u>Wellers Hedleys & Allotment Registration Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Mclarney from Weller’s Hedley has acknowledged the Councils letter and will respond shortly. 	<p align="center">AW, JW, CT & Clerk</p>								
<p>Planning</p>	<p>The following new applications were considered and it was agreed to submit the responses below to AVDC</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 1166 1877 1391"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="331 1166 591 1230">Application No.</th> <th data-bbox="591 1166 831 1230">Address</th> <th data-bbox="831 1166 1435 1230">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1435 1166 1877 1230">Parish Council Response</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 1230 591 1391">17/02222/APP Revised plans submitted</td> <td data-bbox="591 1230 831 1391">Land at rear of Good Intent, Edlesborough</td> <td data-bbox="831 1230 1435 1391">Redevelopment of site to provide 14 residential dwellings, including access and parking.</td> <td data-bbox="1435 1230 1877 1391">OPPOSE Still does not conform to Neighbourhood Plan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	17/02222/APP Revised plans submitted	Land at rear of Good Intent, Edlesborough	Redevelopment of site to provide 14 residential dwellings, including access and parking.	OPPOSE Still does not conform to Neighbourhood Plan	
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	17/02539/AOP Revised plans submitted 31 st Jan 2018	Land off Slicketts Lane & Dove House Close, Edlesborough	Outline planning application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for up to 40 residential dwellings and associated landscaping, infrastructure and car parking.	SUPPORT Conforms to Neighbourhood Plan		
	17/04106/APP Revised plans submitted 6 th Feb 2018	30 Dunstable Road, Dagnall	Demolition of existing garage and construction of side extension, part two storey/ part single storey	No objections Appropriate off-street car parking provision now identified		
	18/00365/COUA R 8 th Feb 2018	Deans Poultry Farm, South End Lane, Northall	Permitted development notification of intent to convert a disused agricultural building into two four bedroomed residential dwellings.	No objections Appears to meet permitted development criteria		
	No decisions were notified by AVDC this month					
Website & Facebook	<p><u>Facebook</u> Complaints about the various potholes around the Edlesborough.</p> <p><u>Website</u> The following information has been shared on the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Smart Meter roll out scheme. • Thames Valley Police contact information. • February Village Diary. 					

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<p>EDaN Traffic Management Update</p>	<p>Cllr Williams provided the following report:</p> <p><u>Rabbits in Churchyard</u> Council agreed to pay for Cllr Mineikis’ membership of the BASC to enable the plans to manage the rabbit issue at the Churchyard to move forward.</p> <p><u>Speedwatch</u> Ivor Thorne will be resigning as the chairman of the Speedwatch Group, Cllr Williams will attend the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Owen offered to try to recruit some Dagnall parishioners to become active in this group.</p> <p><u>Vicky Lee</u> Vicky Lee from Dagnall has sadly passed away. Vicky was a valued member of the EDaN Steering Group from the beginning and will be greatly missed.</p> <p><u>Russ Phipps</u> Russ Phipps is no longer able to continue as treasurer for EDaN. Our thanks go to Russ as he has worked quietly and diligently on behalf of EDaN in his role for a good number of years. The records will be passed to Cllr Williams for consideration of the future role.</p> <p><u>Planters</u> The EDaN Beautification Team have received quotation information for the cost of replacing the last of the wooden sleepers for the planters and the surround for the Edlesborough village sign. The quotations are close to £1,400. A £400 donation was made from ‘Congregational members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, it comes with best wishes from all our church members.’ <i>Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for the installation of the new planters.</i> Council thanked the representatives of the Plymouth Brethren who were attending the meeting for their generous donation.</p> <p><u>Don’t Lose Your Way</u> Council briefly discussed the project to protect the local Rights of Way. Cllr Williams hopes to revitalise the EDaN “Footpaths & Cycleways” Team with new members who should be able to take on this matter.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AW & TO</p> <p>AW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p><i>Action: Clerk to ensure the Council office has copies of the definitive maps.</i></p> <p><u>Traffic Management</u> Cllr Williams had shared the disappointing response he had received for the proposals for the Traffic Calming feasibility studies the Council had submitted. He will pursue this matter with Simon Garwood (LAF Leader). PC Phil Duthie confirmed that the response regarding TVP's support of speed reduction is incorrect. <i>Action: Cllr Williams to pursue at the LAF on March 1st.</i></p> <p><u>First Responder</u> Our Community First Responder, Nicola Lack has responded to seven 999 calls in recent weeks. She continues with her training. Representatives from the organisation plan to attend the Carnival in July.</p>	AW
Villages	<p><u>Edlesborough</u> Council agreed to enter the Best Kept Village 2018 competition. <i>Action: Clerk to pass to Christine Yates to enable any queries on the rules and conditions to be addressed.</i></p> <p><u>Potholes</u> in Summerleys and Brownlow Avenue and the condition of Slicketts lane have been reported to Transport for Bucks. The local area technician has informed the Clerk of the following regarding Brownlow Avenue "4 areas have been marked up to make safe until we can get the permanent patch done. We're being inundated with potholes at the moment so I can't give an approximate date for when this will happen."</p> <p><u>White Foam Bales</u> A resident's concerns about McCann's storage of white foam bales on the field behind Pebblemoor and the planting of a new laurel hedge were shared with the Council. Council reiterated that they have no jurisdiction over this matter and that the resident should raise their concerns with the landowner and McCann's.</p> <p><u>Dagnall</u> Council considered and accepted a quote to clear the moss and weeds from the pavements in Deans Meadow, Huntsman's Close and the path to the Dagnall allotments.</p>	Clerk

