# **EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**



# Edlesborough Parish Council News (Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall) March 2017

## Edlesborough Play Area

At the time of writing this report it is anticipated that the improvements to Edlesborough Green Play Area will be commencing in early March.

Our contractor will be:

- removing the central fence and bark chippings
- Laying new top soil to replace the bark chippings
- Installing RAPRA Approved safety matting and sowing grass seed.

When this work commences it will be necessary to temporarily close part of the play area for approximately six to eight weeks to allow the grass seed time to germinate.

EPC ask that parishioners do not enter the area during this time.

The main gate to the play area will also be replaced.

# Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Plan

The consultation period for the Pre-Submission Plan has now ended. EPC thanks parishioners for attending the meetings and their responses.

EPC and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will now analyse all the responses, in addition to closely monitoring the situation with VALP and the CALA Homes planning application. Changes may be made to the plan where appropriate.

It is imperative that EPC and the NP Steering Group follow due process, so as not to risk having the plan thrown out, which WOULD result in the villages having NO protection against even MORE and quite possibly even larger developments.

EPC will then submit the Neighbourhood Plan to AVDC for approval.

If AVDC approve it an independent Government Inspector will examine it to see if it meets the requirements laid down for a Neighbourhood Plan. If so it may then be approved.

Finally, the plan will be put to all parish residents on the Electoral Register to vote Yes or No.

A simple majority of those who vote is needed to determine the result.

We have to have a plan that allows for the building of the minimum number of dwellings required by the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan. This should then give us protection from additional opportunistic developments until the next planning cycle in 2033.

If we fail to get an approved plan for our parish then AVDC and the developers will decide what, when and where to build for the next 15+ years.

### **Dog Bins**

As many parishioners are aware there was an issue with the dog bins being emptied in January. It is the responsibility of AVDC to empty these bins to EPC. EPC reported the issue several times to AVDC but to date no explanation as to why the bins were not emptied has been received.

Should this issue occur again EPC reminds parishioners that poo bags may be placed in the green rubbish bins around the Parish. Poo bags are NOT placed in the Green bins on the village greens. Alternatively please take the poo bag home. Please do not dump it on or around the overflowing bins as this creates a health and safety hazard to other parishioners.



#### Siding Out and Parking in the Parish



As you will be aware Bucks CC has devolved many responsibilities to EPC, this includes the siding out of pavements within the 30mph limit.

In addition to this EPC have put extra funding towards siding out other pavements in the parish, including the following pavements:

- From Pine Road to Ivinghoe Way
- From Sparrow Hall Farm to Northall
- The pavements surrounding the Travellers Rest roundabout.

Our contractor has been working hard to restore many pavements to a minimum width of 1.1m. Unfortunately this is not possible in some locations due to the road layout.

Despite previous requests from EPC some drivers continue to ignore the Highway Code and EPC's requests to refrain from parking on the pavements and the grass verges in our parish. EPC will forward photographs, with times and dates of repeat offenders to Thames Valley Police. Parking in this way is an offence and obstructs and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.



# **Edlesborough Memorial Hall Improvements**

EPC are currently considering quotes for panels to be installed in EMH to improve the acoustics of the hall. In addition EPC are also giving consideration to quotes for the interior of the building to be redecorated.

## Streetlights

Please report failed streetlights in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall to the Clerk for repair.

When making a report please ensure you provide the Clerk with the information displayed on the lamp post.

## Resurfacing of Edlesborough High Street

TfB have advised EPC that Edlesborough High Street has been scheduled for resurfacing and lining. If you notice any other road markings in need of repainting please report those to Bucks CC.

#### Allotments

Edlesborough Parish Council currently has vacant allotments. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 10 - 20 poles.

#### Speedwatch

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in slowing down traffic in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Louise Turner on 01442 843123 or by email at <a href="mailto:louisefanthorpe@yahoo.co.uk">louisefanthorpe@yahoo.co.uk</a>



# **Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings**

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place as follows Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday  $16^{\rm th}$  March 2017

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 This evening will include the Annual Parish Meeting where the council will review the achievements of the past year and set out the plans for the future. Parishioners are invited to raise issues and debate them with the council.

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend all Ordinary Parish Council meetings and may ask questions, raise issues and give suggestions during the Open Forum before the formal start of the meeting. The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are normally available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

Clerk: Miss Penny Pataky Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10:30am – 2:30pm (excluding Wednesdays) Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk">clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk</a> 01525 229358 Website: www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk

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