

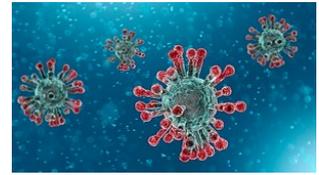


EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Edlesborough Parish Council News (Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall) May 2020

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic

Edlesborough Parish Council wishes to thank all the parishioners who are practising Social Distancing and those who are stepping up to help their friends and neighbours during this difficult time.



The Council also thanks all those parishioners involved in the Eaton Bray Good Neighbours Scheme and the St Marys Church Pastoral Team. Additionally, the Council thanks the team of volunteers coordinated by Cllr Mrs Trish Owen who are looking after the residents of Dagnall.

The Council is using its website and Facebook page to share important information about the pandemic and precautions parishioners should be taking.

Some of the precautions taken by the Council following government and County Council advice include:

- Closing the play area and taping off the children's roundabout on Edlesborough Green.
- Attaching notices to all the benches on the Green with the aim of discouraging social gatherings.
- Temporarily closing Edlesborough Cemetery with the exception of funerals (these will need to adhere to strict Government guidelines).
- Temporarily closing Edlesborough Memorial Hall and providing all its affected hirers with full refunds.
- Providing guidance to all allotment holders with regard to safety at the allotments during the pandemic.

The Council asks that all parishioners continue to follow the Government guidelines.

Buckinghamshire Council

On the 1st April your council changed. The new Buckinghamshire Council replaced all five of the district and county councils in Buckinghamshire, and over the coming weeks and months you'll start to see some changes as you come across the new look council.

What does the new council mean for me?

- **The same services, better together.** For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services you use. This includes bin collections, looking after our elderly and young people, libraries and parking. The focus for the future will be on improving these services as a new council together.
- **One council.** Getting in touch with the council will be simpler because you'll only need to contact one council for all the services currently provided by the county and district councils.
- **Face-to-face advice, support and information** from your council through a network of 17 local Council Access Points based at the heart of your local community – in current council offices and libraries across the county. The five council offices in Aylesbury (Walton Street and The Gateway), High Wycombe, Amersham and Denham will be 'access plus' points, geared up to handle more complex enquiries.



- **Stronger links with local communities.** Buckinghamshire Council councillors will work closely with local people and community organisations to understand and respond to the key issues affecting their local area through 16 Community Boards.

The new council website is <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages

Now that the spring time has arrived the cutting of the grass verges has resumed. EPC requests that parishioners do not park on the grass verges as this causes damage to them and inconveniences the contractors.



EPC asks all parishioners whose hedges border the pavements to ensure that their hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.

EdleFest 2020

Unfortunately, EdleFest 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19 all tickets sales have been refunded. The team have managed to secure many of the acts for EdleFest 2021, June 11th and 12th.

Allotments

All tenants have been issued with guidelines to follow in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

EPC currently has plots available at the Dagnall site. Anyone wishing to take on an allotment should contact the Clerk for more information. Fees are £2 per pole and plots range in size from 5 – 10 poles.

New Pavilion

At the March Council meeting Cllrs agreed to the following Resolution:

Edlesborough Parish Council will make a loan application, at interest rates available to local councils, to the Public Works Loan Board for £175,000 to complete phases three and four of the New Pavilion on Edlesborough Green.

- The loan will be over a 30 year period.
- Repayments will be in the order of £8,480 per annum for principal and interest. Repayments will be made from the Special Projects fund currently in place. It is planned that the loan will be repaid when the S106 monies from two of the remaining three S106 sites, in our Neighbourhood Plan, becomes available.
- There is no effect on the Parish Precept which will not be increased to meet loan repayments.

Work on the new Pavilion has temporarily ceased due to contractors self-isolating and the difficulty in obtaining building materials at present.

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.

EPC Meetings

EPC will continue to hold their monthly meetings throughout the Covid-19 pandemic however these will be held via the social meeting platform Zoom. Any parishioner wishing to observe the meeting or speak during the Open Forum should contact the Clerk for the meeting access information.

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place as follows:

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 21st May 2020
This evening will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th June 2020

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 available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

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