



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Edlesborough Parish Council News **(Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)** **July 2021**

Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council

On the 20th May Edlesborough Parish Council held its Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in Edlesborough Memorial Hall. This was the first time Councillors had physically attended a meeting in over a year. Thanks to modern technology Councillors who were unable to attend in person and parishioners were able to join the meeting via the social media platform Zoom.

At this meeting Councillors unanimously voted for Mr Alan Williams to continue as Chair and Mr Kevin Cabbage to continue as Vice Chair to the Council.

In order to minimise the time spent together in an enclosed space, Council worked their way through a short agenda addressing Councillor responsibility, finance and planning matters. A copy of the minutes can be viewed on the Council website.

Parking Issues

During the past month the Parish Council has been contacted several times about inconsiderate and dangerous parking in the Parish, in particular in the village of Edlesborough.

Council reminds all parishioners to consider how their parking affects others.

When leaving your vehicle:

- ***Does it restrict access on the pavement so as to force a pedestrian, pushchair or wheelchair user on to the road?***
- ***Does it restrict the view of other drivers exiting a junction or their driveway?***



Council reminds all drivers that they should avoid parking on the white lines near the shops and school. Edlesborough Parish Council does not have any enforcement powers over parking in the Parish. Only the police (Thames Valley Police for Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall) have powers (outside of London and Wales) to enforce against pavement parking. They can do this where there is an obstruction (including to a buggy/wheelchair user) or a safety issue, such as parking within 10m of a junction.

The recent issues at the top of the High Street in Edlesborough have been drawn to the attention of both Buckinghamshire Council and Thames Valley Police.

Thames Valley Police have advised the Council that if a vehicle is parked with 10m of the junction of the High Street and the B440, regardless of who it is, visitor, workman, or resident then Thames Valley Police will start issuing tickets.

We have been asked by Buckinghamshire Council Highways Department to encourage Parishioners wishing to report dangerous or obstructive parking, to do so to Thames Valley Police.

Edlesborough Parish Council is open to proposals on possible solutions on a range of issues regarding traffic of any kind. If you are interested in helping to develop initiatives on traffic subjects such as road parking, pavement parking, reducing speed, HGVs, road safety etc. please contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or on 07828 398371

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

During May and June EPC delivered two flyers to all homes in the Parish informing them about Buckinghamshire Council's Ivinghoe Freight Zone Strategy Consultation.

EPC strongly believes that Buckinghamshire Council should reconsider their position not to include the B440 (Leighton Road) in the Freight Strategy. If the B440 is not included in the strategy EPC believes there will be a 50-70% increase in HGV vehicles using the B440

EPC thanks all the Parishioners who took time to respond to Buckinghamshire Council's Consultation.

The image to the right shows HGV vehicles trying to pass each other on the B440 on the hill at the junction with the High Street in Edlesborough. (Image courtesy of Georgie Lowde).



Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages

Grass Verges

Now that the growing season is in full swing my Council requests that drivers do not park cars on the grass verges in the villages. Parking on the verges causes damage to them and makes it difficult for the Council's contractor to cut the verge.

Hedge Cutting

The Council contractor is scheduled to cut the Pastures hedge in the **last week of June/first week of July**. The hedge will be cut to the recommended height of 8ft.

The Council is aware of concerns about nesting birds and endeavours to do all it can to protect them. However the Council is also duty bound to ensure that the hedge does not overhang the footpath so as to:

1. Endanger or obstruct the passage of pedestrians
2. Potentially causes danger to the surface of the footpath.

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.



Edlesborough Pavilion

At the time of writing this report EPC is expecting Edlesborough Pavilion to begin opening sometime in July, hopefully.

Dagnall Forest School

Following the hard work of Cllr Trish Owen and her small team of volunteers the wooded/copse area in Dagnall allotments is now ready for Dagnall School to use as their Forest School. This will provide the pupils with many opportunities to learn about wildlife, survival skills and conservation. This new use of the area will be a great asset to the allotments and the Council hopes that it will in turn help reduce the amount of rubbish being dumped in the area.

Below are images of some of the rubbish cleared from the area.



Allotments

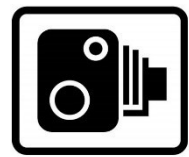
All Allotments in the Parish are let and the Council now holds a waiting list for anyone wanting an allotment plot.

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch – more information can be found at [Restart and relaunch for Community](#)

[Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Any parishioner interested in becoming involved with the EDaN Community Speedwatch for Edlesborough Parish should contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or on 07828 398371



Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 15th July 2021.
- Thursday 16th September 2021.

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

In line with current Government legislation all council meetings must again be held face to face, with the facility for public attendance where possible, meetings can no longer be held purely remotely as allowed for the past year. Any parishioner wishing to attend the Ordinary Council meetings should visit EPC's website for the latest information.

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. Council requests that where possible questions, issues and suggestions are submitted in writing to the Clerk by the Tuesday preceding the meeting.

The full minutes of the Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

All the [hyperlinks](#) in the information above can be accessed through the Edlesborough Parish website.

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