

EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Edlesborough Pavilion

Edlesborough Parish Council is pleased to announce that the long awaited Edlesborough Pavilion is now complete.

EPC have signed a lease with ECSC who have now taken over the running of the building. Many parishioners have already been able to enjoy the wonderful new parish facility.

Christmas Wreaths in Edlesborough

EPC will, once again, be hanging the Christmas Wreaths along Edlesborough High Street. Bas Westrope has kindly agreed to donate his time and machinery to hang and remove the wreaths.

Any local business or parishioner wishing to sponsor a wreath should contact the Clerk. This year's sponsorship money will be put towards improvements to the play area on Edlesborough Green.



Edlesborough Green

Edlesborough Green is now being widely used by parishioners for dog walks, exercise, and carefully coordinated sports activities.

EPC reminds all parishioners to:

- Keep <u>dogs under control</u>. If your dog does not have excellent recall it must be kept on lead to ensure that is does not spoil the enjoyment of Edlesborough Green for other users.
- Use the litter bins provided or preferably take all rubbish and recycling home.

Clean up after your dog!

- Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the emptying of the dog bins in Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall. These are currently scheduled to be emptied on a Friday. If a bin is overflowing please call the number on the bin and quote the reference number on the bin. If a bin is broken please inform EPC as soon as possible to enable a swift repair or bin replacement as necessary.
- Now that the evenings are darker please be extra vigilant when walking your dog to ensure you clear up after them.



Salt Bins

The responsibility for filling these bins is with Transport for Buckinghamshire.
 When supplies are running low a refill request should be submitted via their
 website https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/. It is more appropriate if a
 parishioner living close to the salt bin makes the request but in practice anyone
 can make the request.



<u>Ivinghoe Freight Strategy - Parish Council Update</u>

Edlesborough Parish Council has received the following update from Buckinghamshire Council: "As you are probably aware the proposed freight zone went to statutory consultation ending on the 3rd June 2021. Highlights of the consultation and survey are shown here:-

- The consultation ran from the 7th May 2021 to 03rd June 2021.
- A total of 1,103 responses were received in written form by letter, email and online survey feedback.
 - o 993 responses via the online survey.
 - o 110 responses via letter or direct email.

- Of the 993 online survey responses, 600 were in favour of the proposal.
 - o Many stated that the proposal would improve the environment and traffic in their villages; mainly lvinghoe and those villages within the proposed zone.
 - o Some responses agreed with the proposal but believed that including the B440 within the proposed weight restriction zone would be a better proposal
- Of the 110 written responses received, 25 were in favour of the proposal stating improvements to quality of life.
- 32 responses were unsure on the proposals.
- 361 online survey responses were against the proposal as presented.
 - Many suggested that the proposed zone would increase HGV traffic in their area.
 - The majority agreed with the intention behind the proposal but, disagreed with the area proposed.
 - The majority of these wanted any proposal taken forward to include the B440 within its restricted area.
- 85 from the 110 received written responses were against the proposal,
 - As with the online responses many who objected to the proposal were in favour of a freight exclusion zone that included the B440 as part of the weight restriction zone.
 - Those against the proposal stated that their villages have had enough HGV traffic and the roads are not suitable for any increase, especially those transporting heavy goods.

The results from the statutory consultation have been summarised in a 'Key Decision Report' and presented to the Cabinet Member for Transport to determine how best to move forward with the Freight Strategy for the area. The report recommends that in light of the number of objections received with counter suggestions to include the B440 in the proposals, Buckinghamshire Council should now investigate the possibility of including the route of the B440 between the A505 junction and the roundabout with the B489 in the weight restriction zone.

The Cabinet Member for Transport has accepted the report's findings and directed that we take steps to give due consideration to the inclusion of the B440 in the freight zone.

As a result of this decision:

- The proposal will need to be redrawn and the revised version to go through the statutory consultation process.
- Any extension to the proposed weight restriction to include the B440 will need the support of Central Bedfordshire Council.
 - o Communications will be undertaken with Central Bedfordshire Council to ensure full visibility of any plans and consultations
 - Legal permissions will have to be sort and obtained in order to effectively add the B440 to the zone
- Similar consultations will need to take place with Hertfordshire Council, with similar agreements and legal permissions obtained.
- The revised proposal will need to be re-advertised, legal papers redrawn and signage reviews reappraised and any additional surveys carried out; any additional costs allocated to the project's budget."

Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area

During the Summer EPC held five consultation sessions on Edlesborough Green to show parishioners the proposed design and location for a new play area;

- All attendees were asked to complete a brief questionnaire.
- Following the five sessions the questionnaire was put on the Council website for two weeks in August.

Below is a summary of the collated the results:



Total responses: 103 (of which 84 were in person and 19 via the online form)

Respondents which were Edlesborough residents: 78% (other respondents were from Eaton Bray, Northall,

Totternhoe, Pitstone and Luton)

Age range of respondents:

• Under 16 years: 14%

16-30 years: 5%31-55 years: 58%

• 55 years +: 21%

Those agreeing that the proposed design enhances the village green: 95% Those agreeing that the proposed design meets the objective of providing improved play facilities for children aged 6-12 years: 96%

There was also a section for suggestions and concerns, for which

responses were varied, but overall the feedback received on the proposal was very positive.

At the September EPC meeting Council agreed with:

- The latest design and location.
- To use the results of the latest consultation as part of the submission to the planning inspectorate for S38 approval.

Cllr Booth has now commenced work preparing the S38 application in readiness for submission to the planning inspectorate.

EDaN Community Car Share Scheme

This is a group of local volunteers who support parishioners with journeys to hospital etc. The group has been inactive due to Covid-19. It is hoped to resume the full service early in October.

The group is in need of more volunteer drivers. Any parishioner interested in volunteering should contact the co-ordinator Peter Williams via email at peterw500@aol.com or on 01442 842506.

EDaN Beautification Team

The EDaN Beautification Team continue to work hard tending to the various planters in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall which are all looking lovely.

Do you enjoy gardening and have some time to spare?

The EDaN Beautification Team is running low on volunteers for the tidying and watering of these planters. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping out with the watering should contact Mrs Christine Yates on 01525 220739 or christ@brooklyns.org.uk

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.

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch – more information can be found at <u>Restart and relaunch for Community</u>

<u>Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner (thamesvalley-</u>



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

Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 18th November 2021 in Northall Village Hall
- Thursday 16th December 2021 in Edlesborough Memorial Hall



The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

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

All the <u>hyperlinks</u> in the information above can be accessed through the Edlesborough Parish website.

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