



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Edlesborough Parish Council News

(Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)

February 2023

Thank You's

Once again volunteers in the Parish were busy making the villages festive for Christmas. EPC would like to thank the following people:

- ❖ Cllr Alan Williams and Penny Pataky for hanging the lights on Edlesborough Memorial Hall.
- ❖ Kevin and Lorna Cubbage for hanging the Christmas lights on the Northall Christmas Tree and village sign.
- ❖ Jane & Chris Woodcock for providing the power for the Northall Christmas tree and village sign lights.
- ❖ Stephanie Wilson for decorating the tree in Dagnall.

Unfortunately, due to a supply issue the two trees traditionally displayed in Edlesborough were unavailable in December. EPC thanks Christmas Trees R Us for all their past support.

Cllr John Wilkinson

In December 1997 Cllr John Wilkinson was co-opted onto Edlesborough Parish Council. At the December Council meeting Cllr Williams gave a speech thanking John for his dedication to the Council and Parish.

'December 2022 saw John achieve his 25th anniversary as a parish councillor for Edlesborough. John joined on the 18th December 1997. The minutes of the meeting recorded some items familiar to us today. Rising energy prices, speeding traffic, damaged lampposts and the costs for our annual financial audit going up too. At that time John was an active member of S.E.N.T (Stop Edlesborough New Town).

From then on John has dedicated himself to planning issues to the point where he has, for some considerable time, analysed planning applications on behalf of the parish council. He makes recommendations to EPC for submission to higher authorities. The Neighbourhood Plan that governs the development in our parish benefitted hugely from John's knowledge. John has also made it a point of knowing some of the history, going back to the Enclosure Acts, that helped shaped parts of the village. In addition, John also has developed expertise, in many other council responsibilities, that helps to guide us as the role of the council develops. Edlesborough Parish Council is privileged to have John as a councillor and friend. We look forward to him continuing to serve the community for some years to come.'



Cllr Alan Williams

EPC is also delighted to hear that Cllr Alan Williams has been honoured in His Majesty King Charles III's inaugural New Year Honours List. Cllr Williams has been awarded the Order of the British Empire (BEM) for services to the community of Edlesborough.



EPC Surgery

Do you have a question or a suggestion for the Parish Council?

EPC will be holding its first EPC Surgery of 2023 on **Monday 13th February** in Edlesborough Pavilion from 10am – midday. All parishioners are welcome to pop in and speak to the Clerk or a Councillor about local matters at this surgery.



EdleFest 2023

The EdleFest dates for 2023 have been confirmed as 9th and 10th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Traffic Calming

Buckinghamshire Council have now agreed to allow the installation of the MVAS supporting posts to be installed across the Parish. Once installed this will enable EPC to deploy the three Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) across the parish.

The purpose of these signs is to remind drivers of the speed limit and to encourage them to reduce their speed through our villages. Data collected by the signs can also be used as evidence for other traffic calming measures.



Ivinghoe Freight Strategy – Update

EPC have received the following update from Buckinghamshire Council:

“In order to get the proposed zone restricting HGV movements to those which have a business reason to be there, encouraging through traffic to use more appropriate routes around the area, the implementation has been divided into two phases.

Phase 1 covers the installation of signage around the zone making the 7.5 tonne environmental traffic regulation order restricting HGV traffic with exception for local access legal. The installation although extensive is relatively straight forward using standard compliant signs on existing or new poles as needed. The TfB construction team have completed the tender process for the works and a contractor has been appointed. We are waiting on the contractor providing a programme which will give us the planned start date and the completion timeline. In the meantime it is reasonable to suggest that phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of February 2023. Phase 2 will cover the advance notice signage on key routes around the zone to alert drivers and operators about the restriction enabling them to avoid breaching the order and following more suitable roads. The signage is more bespoke and includes the positioning in our neighbouring Central Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire authorities. The TfB design team are finalising the drawing and development work over the next few weeks. The plan is to give phase 1 time to operate in order to solicit feedback from the public to help identify the locations where the advance notice signs can be most effective to minimise avoidable breaches of the zone. The timeline for these works is more difficult to establish at this stage and we must consider the potential impact of the upcoming change of the highways contract.

We are continuing to monitor progress through the implementation phase and will look at issuing a press release as the phase 1 installation gets underway. Details on the scheme can be found on the council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-freight-and-heavy-goods-vehicles-hgvs/ivinghoe-freight-zone/”



Once the zone is in place parishioners should report breaches to www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-freight-and-heavy-goods-vehicles-hgvs/report-an-hgv-using-a-road-that-has-a-weight-restriction/

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.



Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 16th February 2022 – in Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thursday 17th March 2022 – 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.

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