



## EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

### Edlesborough Parish Council News (Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall) November 2018

#### Cow Lane Parking Issues

EPC have been working with AVDC in an attempt to gain permission to utilise some of the amenity land adjacent to the Edlesborough Surgery to help alleviate some of the parking issues in Cow Lane. Unfortunately AVDC have now erected a fence preventing the land from being used in this way and have advised the EPC that we are unable to proceed with this proposition because the land is covenanted and has to be kept as open space amenity land. EPC now hope to reopen discussions with the Edlesborough Surgery with the aim to explore ways in which the current car parking facilities can be improved.

#### Dogs on Edlesborough Green

Edlesborough Parish Council and AVDC have both received complaints regarding dogs on Edlesborough Green.

EPC remind parishioners that the Byelaw No 4 states the following:

*“A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to remain in the ground unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control and effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person and from worrying or disturbing any animal.”*



Some people interpret that to mean all dogs must be on a lead at all times, but what constitutes effective restraint depends to some extent on the dog and the owner. An unruly dog on a longish lead can cause problems, whereas a well-trained dog that responds immediately to its owner's commands can be effectively restrained without the use of a lead.

The problem with any byelaw of course is enforcement. Thames Valley Police have provided the following information:

- The law states that dog on dog attacks are a civil matter, where owners should exchange details and the offending dog's owner should cover any vets costs; however they do not have to.
- If the injury is a serious one, people can call the police who would look at whether or not that dog is a danger and could oversee payment by liaising between parties.
- Dogs being a nuisance and not in proper control, is a dog Warden issue and should be reported to AVDC Environmental Health.
- Dogs that bite a person causing injury is a police matter and the police should be called every time.
- In addition if a dog is seen fouling and it is not being picked up and photographic evidence is presented the police can issue an on the spot fine as can a dog warden.

EPC reminds dog owners that:

- Not all users of the Green are “dog people” and an excited dog bounding up to say hello can be terrifying to adults, children and other dogs.
- Dogs must not enter the play area under any circumstances.
- EPC provides numerous dog bins around the edge of the green, all dog owners must clear up after their dogs.

If you think you witness any users of the Green breaching the Byelaws please report this to Thames Valley Police on 101.

A full copy of the Byelaws is displayed on the Pavilion, parishioners can also request a copy from the Clerk.

#### Bucks CC Devolved Services

### Hedge/Overgrowth on the corner of The Green

Under Bucks CC Devolved Services EPC the maintenance of the hedge/overgrowth on the Corner of The Green has become the responsibility of EPC.

At the June EPC meeting the Council agreed to remove the overgrowth and untidy hedge and to reinstate the grass verge at this location. The primary reasons for this decision were to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. The verge has now been levelled and grass seed sown. The grass verge will now be maintained by the Councils' contractor to the same standard as the other grass verges in the Parish.

### Devolved Services – The Future

Bucks CC have now introduced a three levels of devolved service.

Currently EPC are operating the Silver Level of Service.

Bucks CC have introduced a Gold Level which includes:

- *This is Silver Service Plus!*
- *Allows local councils to undertake repairs to local residential roads (minor roads only, 30mph speed limit).*

EPC have agreed to continue undertaking the Silver Level of Devolved Service but will also ask to be considered for a one year trial of the Gold Level Service.

### The Green – Siding out

At the time of writing this report Council have authorised their contractor to side out the grass verges along the road known as The Green and to remove the nuisance weeds under the hedge thereby reinstating the pavement to its correct width.

### Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Following a request from parishioners EPC have been exploring the feasibility of installing outdoor exercise equipment in the Parish. Please see the separate article in Focus about this.



### Remembrance Day Service

The Act of Remembrance will take place at The Church of St Mary the Virgin in Eaton Bray on 10:30am – 11:30am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### County Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Wight attended the September EPC meeting and reported on the following matters, her full report can be found on the EPC Website:

- Brownlow Bridge closure
- Household Recycling Center Service Consultation
- Parking Permits
- Children in Care
- The Chiltern Walking Festival

### 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.

### Allotments

The Council are pleased to announce that Val Pratt has kindly agreed to take on the role of warden at the Dagnall site.

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 5 – 10 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 Cllr Alan Williams on 07828 398371

### **Potholes, Road Issues & Rights of Way**

Any parishioners that have concerns about a Highways issue should report their concerns to Transport for Bucks via the Bucks CC website.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/)

### **Future Meetings**

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

- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

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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