



## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Edlesborough

held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

at Edlesborough Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr Williams (Chairman), Cllr Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mineikis, Cllr Mrs Owen & Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Green, District Cllr Chris Poll, County Cllr Anne Wight, Penny Pataky (Clerk), Nicola Lack (CFR) & Peter Cooper (CFR) and seven parishioners

### Apologies

Cllr Pratt & Cllr Cabbage

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance.

### Thames Valley Police Report

Unfortunately representatives from Thames Valley Police were not present.

### Community First Responders Report

Community First Responders Peter Cooper and Nicola Lack attended the meeting and gave the following report:

The service is continually increasing in numbers and skill levels. A new series of courses have recently been introduced for the CFR's meaning they will have the skills to deal with an increasing number and types of incidents. Currently CFR's are ring fenced to attending category one and two calls (life threatening) to the emergency services.

Nicola Lack has now been equipped with a dedicated CFR car. This car will shortly be fitted with specialised lifting equipment, enabling Nicola to attend calls and help people who have had a fall. NG Autos have kindly agreed to maintain and safety check the vehicle. She is able to attend calls within a 3 to 5 mile radius. At this time she is only able to work with in the South Central area so is unable to cross the border into Eaton Bray and Bedfordshire.

Nicola will shortly be attending another course extending her skill set.

The CFR's are also being given new smartphones which are linked directly with the emergency services communication system. The smart phones will provide the CFR's with details about the incident, a route to the incident, the ability to record the patients treatment and to eventually access the patient's medical information.

Nicola has been an active CFR since late September 2017, she is attending about ten calls a month in the local area.

Nicola and Peter hope to attend the St Mary's Carnival in July and want to give the scheme as much publicity as possible especially as the scheme is run completely on donations.

Nicola and Peter will be running a free course in Edlesborough Memorial Hall at 2pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Spaces are limited, anyone wishing to attend should register their interest with the Parish Clerk.

Finally Peter thanked the Parish Council for their generous donation towards the scheme.

### The Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with no amendments.

### Councillors Attendances

The following attendances had been recorded during the year. There had been 11 Meetings of the Parish Council, since the previous Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2017, being April 2017 to March 2018 which are recorded as:



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Name	No. of Meetings	Name	No. of Meetings	Name	No. of Meetings
Mr Williams	9	Mr Nevard	10	Mr Green	10
Mr Wilkinson	10	Mrs Thomas	10	Miss Penny Pataky (Clerk & Manager)	11
Mr Cabbage	9	Mrs Owen	10		
Mr Pratt	7	Mr Mineikis	9		

### Accounts

Cllr Nevard summarised the end of year accounts with the full council.

Council had budgeted for a small surplus of income over expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2018. The actual figure was £47,475 due partly to lower administration and street light costs but mainly due to the services devolved from Bucks CC costing less than budgeted and delays in funding required for the councils ongoing projects.

Currently EPC has reserves of £169,563 most of which is allocated to be spent on ongoing projects.

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a 'PowerPoint' presentation of the Council's intentions for the past year, achievements during the year and plans for the future.

This included:

- Extending Bucks CC Devolved Services
- Completing the Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan
- New Pavilion
- Community First Responder
- Traffic Calming
- Streetlights

Cllr Williams thanked the Cllrs, District & County Cllrs, Thames Valley Police, the Clerk and the many volunteers who aid the Parish Council throughout the year; including the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Villages Teams, EDaN Teams, Allotment Wardens, Charity Trustees and the parishioners who help to keep the village tidy.

A full copy of the Chairman's report can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

### Parishioners' Questions

The Chairman invited the Parishioners to raise any questions or concerns.

Residents from Dagnall and Edlesborough raised concerns over the speeding traffic in both villages and the increasing number of traffic accidents in Dagnall.

An Edlesborough resident requested more speed limit signs be installed throughout the village and offered help with procuring the signs. This will be followed up by the EDaN Traffic Management Team.

Dagnall residents requested a speed camera and 20mph limit in Dagnall.

The residents are frustrated that Bedfordshire are actively enforcing 20mph limits in so many locations, but Bucks appear to be taking no action. (See reference to traffic calming studies below)

The Council sympathised with the parishioners, particularly the Dagnall residents whose son had been run over recently.

Cllr Wilkinson and Williams responded with the following information:

- Bedfordshire and Bucks have a very different approach to traffic management.
- The Council is currently trying to revitalise the EDaN Traffic Management Team and recruit volunteers to man the 'Sentinel' 'Speedwatch' equipment in the villages.



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- The Council are working with Bucks CC with the aim of carrying out traffic calming feasibility studies in three identified areas in the parish. These cost in the region of £6,000 and does not guarantee any traffic calming projects as a result.
- Speed Cameras are the responsibility of Bucks CC and EPC have no jurisdiction over this request.
- The A4146 has now been downgraded to the B440 which will hopefully allow more scope for traffic calming possibilities.
- EPC have limited input into traffic calming and parishioners must continue to address their concerns to Thames Valley Police and Bucks CC who are the Highways Authority.

Cllr Mineikis asked County Cllr Anne Wight if Bucks CC had a Speed Policy for outside Schools, she stated that she was unaware of one but would investigate.

### Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.38

Signed: *Cllr Scott Mineikis*      Date: *18<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

Chairman Edlesborough Parish Council