



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Edlesborough Parish Council News (Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall) July 2019

The Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council was held on 16th May in Edlesborough Memorial Hall. The Council elected a new Chair, Cllr Alan Williams and a new Vice Chair, Cllr Kevin Cabbage. The Council thanked Cllr Scott Mineikis for his work as Chair over the past year. The full minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Council website.

Accounts

EPC's end of year accounts have been completed, internally audited and approved by the full Council at the June EPC meeting. They have now been submitted to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP for external audit.

Grass Verges

Three years ago Bucks CC devolved the cutting of the grass verges in the 30mph limit in the three villages to EPC. Last year EPC extended this grass cutting to include the verges in the 40mph limit ensuring greater consistency across the villages. EPC will be continuing with providing this service to the Parish.

EPC requests that parishioners **do not** park their vehicles on the grass verges as this results in damage to the verges and prevents the contractor from cutting the grass.

**Please do not
park on
grass verge**

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

The EDaN Traffic Management team are looking for new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. If you have an interest in traffic management in the villages or are concerned about Road Safety, please contact Cllr Alan Williams at Alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or 07828 398371

County Cllr Anne Wight

County Cllr Anne Wight continues to provide EPC with comprehensive reports which include information about:

- The Brownlow Bridge
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Planning Applications CM/0017/9 and CM/0018/19

These planning applications are for additional industrial waste processing of 25,000 tonnes and 87,500 tonnes respectively per annum on the Marsworth/Cheddington Airfield Industrial Estate and are currently open for comment.

Should anyone wish to comment, simply use the link below, press the view application button, and input the application number you wish to comment on into the search bar.

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/planning/viewing-planning-applications/>

A full copy of Cllr Wight's report can be found on the EPC website.

District Cllr Chris Poll

District Cllr Chris Poll gave the following report at the May EPC meeting:

"Unitary update

The necessary legislation has passed through the commons and is at present with the House of Lords. The new shadow authority could be up and running within the next two weeks or so.

A meeting for members of the 5 existing Councils will be held in the Oculus next Tuesday. This will provide an opportunity to meet colleagues from the other Councils and have an update on progress from officers who will also be manning service stalls which will help us understand what each council does at present. This will be followed by a political group meeting of all 140 Conservative councillors where seats on scrutiny committees will be allocated to those that wish to gain membership. These committees will be made up of all political groups on a proportional basis.

AVDC will invest a six figure sum into the planning department to try and resolve the issue of decision delay. There will also be some member training that we may be better able to field questions from constituents. I am very pleased and honoured to have been elected as Vice Chairman of AVDC at our annual meeting yesterday. This is a ceremonial role to support the Chairman, which I look forward to immensely. I will no longer speak in debates in the council chamber but I will be able to vote. I will also be spending more time with the leadership of the council so will have more opportunity to quiz the decision makers.”

Cllr Poll also explained that he had raised the question about the lack of a decision on the Swallowfields planning application at Council, he then subsequently met with the Cabinet Member. He has been informed that the Council are making changes to improve the decision making process. The Council is currently unable to employ more planning officers but is making it possible for more of the existing planning officers to sign off decisions.

Cllr Williams asked why a decision has not been made in regards to the Swallowfields application, Cllr Poll responded that the planning officers wanted to ensure that the decision is completely correct.

Best Kept Village Competition

Edlesborough have once again entered the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, judging will take place between 1st June and early July.



Litter Picking

Our volunteer litter picking teams are regularly out and about in the villages collecting rubbish. EPC thanks the volunteers for all their hard work. Anyone wishing to get involved with the EDaN Beautification Team or Litter Picking group should contact Mrs Lorna Cabbage on 01525 220361.

Special Projects within the Parish

In addition to the normal Council running costs EPC uses its funding for Special Projects within the Parish such as the upgrading of the street lights, providing off road parking at the Northall allotments and refurbishing the children's roundabout on Edlesborough Green.

During 2018 EPC contributed just over £14k to the refurbishment of the Dagnall Village Hall toilets.

At the May EPC meeting Councillors agreed to the following:

1. The Council commit the remainder of the £20K left after toilet refurbishment to DVH to add to their play equipment fund.
2. The Council earmarks a matching £20K to NVH for their car park extension project.
3. The Council retains the existing earmarked amount of £85,880 for the new pavilion project.

All with the proviso that this does not set a precedent for future financial contributions and spends.

Fly Tipping, Potholes, Pavement & Road Issues

Should you notice or witness **fly tipping** in Edlesborough, Dagnall or Northall please report this to AVDC using the following link www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/section/fly-tipping-and-other-street-care-issues

Issues with **roads & pavements** should be reported to Bucks CC using the following link www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

IMPORTANT: If you consider the issue to be dangerous or an emergency, please call Transport for Bucks on: 01296 382416 (09:00 – 17:30 Mon-Thurs, 09:00 – 17:00 Friday) or 01296 486630 (out of hours and weekends).

Posting about it on Facebook can be useful to Parishioners this does not however lead to roads/pavements being repaired or fly tipped items being removed.

Allotments

EPC currently has plots available at our Dagnall and The Green sites, with short waiting lists at the Northall and Cow Lane sites. 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.

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.

Future EPC Meetings

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

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 18th July 2019

Edlesborough Memorial Hall, Thursday 19th September 2019

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.

To keep up to date with the latest information in the Parish please visit the Edlesborough Parish website and our Facebook page.

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