



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Ivinghoe & Wing Freight Strategy

Please see the separate article about the Ivinghoe and Wing Freight Strategy.

EPC urges parishioners to participate in the public consultation when it is announced.

Christmas in the Parish

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

- ❖ Christmas Trees R Us (Cow Lane) for donating two wonderful trees.
- ❖ Cllr Alan Williams, Christine & Mick Yates for hanging the lights on Edlesborough Memorial Hall.
- ❖ Ken Holloway for enabling the hanging of lights on the Edlesborough Pavilion.
- ❖ Bas Westrope, Kai Brown & Matthew Caller for hanging the wreaths along the High Street.
- ❖ NMJ Service Centre, Freed Veneers, Naomi Star, Lynn Blair & Penny Pataky for sponsoring the wreaths.
- ❖ Christine & Mick Yates, Sharon & Bob Stilliard, Martyn Jones & Karine Daly for decorating the Christmas trees.
- ❖ Edlesborough Methodist Chapel for providing the power for the Cow Lane tree lights.
- ❖ Kevin & Lorna Cubbage for hanging the Christmas lights in Northall Village Hall and on the Northall Christmas Tree and village sign.
- ❖ Jane and Chris Woodcock for providing the power for the Northall Christmas tree and village sign lights.
- ❖ With thanks to Trish and Jay Owen for decorating the tree and DVH

Images can be viewed at <https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/media/2135/christmas-in-the-parish-2020.pdf>

New Pavilion

During December the Pavilion was decorated in Christmas lights and a Christmas Tree was erected just outside the compound.

At the December Council meeting Cllr Cubbage informed the Council that good progress had been made in attaching the Cedar wood cladding to the outside of the building in addition to good progress inside the building. There is currently a

slight delay on the floor screeding due to an issue with the sub-contractor. The current estimated completion date is the end of March 2021.



Children's Roundabout on Edlesborough Green

At the time of writing this report the children's roundabout is temporarily closed due to safety issues with the platform surface. A purchase order has been raised for repairs to be carried out.

At the December Council meeting Council agreed that this would be the last time that the Council would invest in repairing the roundabout and that if it fails again Council would look to removing and replacing the piece of equipment.

EPC Projects Update

Despite the ongoing challenges of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic EPC continues to work to make improvements to the parish. Below is a brief summary of the Councils current projects.

Outdoor Gym Equipment – led by Cllr Mrs Owen

The Council contractor has taken delivery of the outdoor gym equipment for Dagnall and will arrange installation shortly.

Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area – led by Cllr Mrs Booth

The Edlesborough Play Area Village Questionnaire went live on the website on 30th November Hard copies were delivered to all homes in Edlesborough.

Summary of the Response to the Edlesborough Green Play Area Village Questionnaire:

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who took the time to complete the recent survey on a potential project to improve the provision of equipped play areas on the Green.

We had a total of 140 responses, which is considered a very good response rate for a survey of this type, especially during the COVID restrictions at the time. The key finding is that 83% of all respondents said that they were supportive of a project to improve the provision of play equipment on the Green. It was also very pleasing that 29% expressed an interest in being involved in the project going forwards.



Given the level of support, this will now become a focus project for the Parish Council. The next step is to engage with those respondents who expressed an interest in being involved to form a “working party” to further develop the project into one or more firm proposals. Further, village-wide, consultation would then take place before submitting the plans for approval to the Planning Inspectorate, whose jurisdiction any built items on the Green comes under.

EMH Internal Redecoration – led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

At the time of writing this report the boxing in of pipework and repairs to the front door have been completed. The internal decorating has commenced and is well on its way to completion.

EMH Toilet Refurbishment – led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

This project is currently in its early stages. EPC are looking into the required number of toilets needed and whether relocating the toilets is feasible.

Conservation Project - led by Cllrs Mrs Owen and Miss Wells.

Cllr Mrs Owen is discussing the project at the Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board hoping to establish links with other Councils carrying out similar projects. Cllr Miss Wells has joined a “Re Wilding Britain” group and is currently undertaking research for the project.

The Council will explore setting up “bug hotels” in specific wild areas of the Churchyard.

The Council is also working with Dagnall School to repurpose a disused part of the Dagnall Allotment site to help them establish a Forest School.

Trees and Hedges in the Parish

Sadly the Christmas Tree on Edlesborough Green and the tree planted on the grass verge at the top of Cow Lane have died and been removed.

The Council is looking into applying to the Woodland Trust for free saplings to repair allotment hedges. If successful they will be available for planting in March 2021.

More information about the Woodland Trust's for free saplings can be found at

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

Buckinghamshire Council

Buckinghamshire Cllr Anne Wight attended the December Council meeting and reported on the following items:

- Buckinghamshire Council Christmas Present Appeal
- A Warning Regarding Green Homes Grant Scammers
- A Guide to Buckinghamshire Waste Services
- Household Recycling Centres remain open across Buckinghamshire
- Garden Waste suspension for Aylesbury Vale areas
- Additional information for Buckinghamshire residents
- Business Grants Available to Help During the Pandemic

The full report can be viewed on the EPC website <https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/media/2124/buckinghamshire-council-december-council-report-for-epc.pdf>

Fly-tipping, Potholes, Pavement & Road Issues

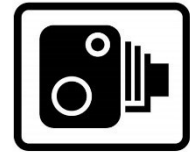
Should you notice or witness **fly-tipping** in Edlesborough, Dagnall or Northall please report this to Buckinghamshire Council using the following link <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>
Issues with **roads & pavements** should be reported to Bucks CC using the following link <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

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 but this does not, however, lead to roads/pavements being repaired or fly-tipped items being removed.

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

The EDaN Traffic Management team needs more new members and volunteers to help with their new Sentinel device. A few parishioners have volunteered but we need more to set up training to operate the video speed camera. 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



Allotments

Do you have a keen gardener in the family? We currently have plots available at our Dagnall site. 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.

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 practise anyone can make the request.



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.

Ordinary Council Meetings

EPC will continue to hold their Ordinary Council Meetings via the Social Media Platform, Zoom until it is deemed safe to resume holding physical public meetings.

Any parishioner wishing to attend the Ordinary Council meetings should visit EPC's website for more information.

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- [Thursday 21st January 2021](#)
- [Thursday 18th February 2021](#)

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

Please check the Council website for any changes in any of our current 'virtual' meeting plans via Zoom.

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.

All the [hyperlinks](#) in the information above can be accessed through the Edlesborough Parish website.

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