



# EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes for Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 via the social media platform Zoom

### **Agenda Item**

#### **Open Forum**

Mr Tom Miller a resident of Edlesborough read at statement to the Council in which he requested that Council give consideration to asking Buckinghamshire Council to include the B489 in the Ivinghoe and Wing Freight Strategy.

He agreed with EPC's concerns that the B440 will become a rat run between the Dunstable Exclusion zone and the Ivinghoe and Wing Freight Strategy and that this will lead to an increase in HGV's using the B489. Cllr Williams explained that EPC believe that by asking Buckinghamshire Council to include the B440 this will in turn prevent vehicles from using the B489.

Cllr Wilkinson explained that whilst Mr Miller is right in his belief that the number of vehicles using the B489 will increase there is currently no alternative route for the vehicles beyond the Ivinghoe junction on the B489. If vehicles are to be excluded from a road/area a viable alternative needs to be identified.

Cllr Williams thanked Mr Miller for attending the meeting and informed him of the actions EPC will be taking once Buckinghamshire Council publish their consultation.

Mr Miller confirmed he would forward a copy of the statement to the Clerk and that he will encourage his friends and neighbours to respond to the consultation.

**Cllr Williams formally opened the meeting at 7.45pm**

#### **Present**

Cllr Williams (chair), Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Harpley, Penny Pataky (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillors Mrs Wight and Chris Poll and three parishioners.

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Mrs Booth, Cllr Mrs Wells and Cllr Cubbage

The full Council sent Cllr Cubbage their best wishes and wished him a speedy recovery from his current illness.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Wilkinson declared that his wife is an allotment holder at Cow Lane.

Cllr Mrs Thomas declared that her husband is an allotment holder at The Green.

#### **Minutes**

Council agreed to the following change on page 10 of the December 2020 minutes;

~~"Council Agreed~~ It was suggested 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.

#### **Matters Arising**

No matters were raised.

#### **Ivinghoe and Wing Freight Strategy**

EPC's statement about the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy - Review of the B440 will be published on the EPC website and Facebook page once Buckinghamshire Council announce their consultation. The statement has been sent to The Focus Magazine for publication in the February edition.

A hard copy of the statement will be delivered to all homes in the Parish.

**Action: Clerk to publish on website and Facebook page. Clerk to place an order for the printing of the statement once the consultation is published, ensuring the link to the consultation is included in the statement. Council to deliver flyers.**

## Buckinghamshire Council Report

Including Community Board for Ivinghoe and Wing Ward

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January the Clerk attended the Town & Parish Council Clerks' Forum. At this meeting Clerks were advised that Buckinghamshire Council will be using Community Impact Bucks to signpost people to volunteer schemes to access travel to the Vaccine Hubs. Clerks expressed concern that many Community Car Share Scheme volunteers are 70+ and are themselves unable to volunteer at this time. Clerks were advised that protocols will be issued on safe car sharing and travel.

The Clerk has since received the following link from Katrina Kelly the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Coordinator;

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/community-hub/covid-19-vaccination-programme/getting-residents-to-vaccination-appointments/>

The intention of the link is to provide safety guidelines for people's neighbours to drive them for vaccines, answers FAQ's and states Buckinghamshire Councils Policy.

### Buckinghamshire Cllr Anne Wight

Gave a comprehensive report to the Council on the following matters:

- Covid Business Grants
- Covid Vaccination Centres
- An open letter from Neil Macdonald, CEO, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to our communities, patients and colleagues
- Further Support Information links and contact numbers
- Buckinghamshire Council Budget Proposals
- Night Flight Restriction Consultation

A copy of the full report can be found on the EPC website at <https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/media/2140/buckinghamshire-council-january-2021-report-provided-by-cllr-anne-wight.pdf>

### Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll

Cllr Chris Poll reported that Buckinghamshire Council is determined to have all people in the top four vaccination groups vaccinated by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. He informed the Council that resources from other areas who are ahead are being diverted to Buckinghamshire to ensure this deadline is met.

He reminded the Council that in the summer the infection rate number for the area was between 20 – 40, it is currently 474.

Finally he urged residents to correctly recycle small electrical devices and batteries in order to prevent fires in the refuse trucks. More information on this can be found at

[www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/electricals](http://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/electricals)

Cllr Poll also informed the Council that he will be pushing for evidence of where the figures in the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy were derived from.

### Community Board for Ivinghoe and Wing Ward

Cllr Wight asked that EPC reminds residents that they are welcome to Like and Follow the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Wing-and-Ivinghoe-Community-Board->

[104964671378244/](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/104964671378244/) here they can request invitations to any of the subcommittees if they are interested or have any views they wish to raise. The latest round of subcommittee meetings will be happening over the next few weeks. Katrina Kelly the board coordinator will post the information on the main page as to when those will be held.

Cllr Williams asked for Cllr Poll and Wight's support in fast tracking a temporary road closure of The Green to allow the utilities companies to carry out the necessary works for the New Pavilion. Buckinghamshire Council are currently requesting a three-month notice period for a road closure, this would cause even more delays to the opening of the Pavilion.

**Action: Cllr Poll confirmed he would look into this.**

## Planning

The following applications were considered and it was agreed to submit the responses below to Buckinghamshire Council Local Planning Authority

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response
20/04395/APP 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	5 Greenacres Leighton Road Northall	Single storey side extension.	No objections.
20/04396/APP 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Moor End Cottage 68A Moor End Edlesborough	Single storey side, rear and front extensions. Conversion of garage to residential use. Oak framed open front porch.	No objections. Subject to confirmation that the two parking spaces provided are the required size.
21/00023/APP 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	7 Huntsmans Close Dagnall	Single storey rear extension.	No objections. Modified roof configuration suggested.
21/00044/APP 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Chiltern View Farm Leighton Road Edlesborough	Demolition of existing barn and replacement with a barn style residential building.	No objections
20/03907/APP 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Land adjoining 14 Leighton Road Northall	Permission to install a mobile building for home office use.	OPPOSE Contrary to Policy EP8 of the Neighbourhood Plan

The following decisions had been notified by Buckinghamshire Council Local Planning Authority

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	LPA Decision
20/00701/AOP 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Yew Tree Malting Lane Dagnall	Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling and amendments to the site boundary to improve access	No objections	Permitted
20/03093/APP 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	13 St Mary's Glebe Edlesborough	Two storey side extension to detached triple garage with front and rear dormers to living accommodation above	No objections Subject to Planning Officer confirmation that EPNP Policy EP12 is not contravened	REFUSED

20/03615/APP 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020	Chiltern View Farm Leighton Road Edlesborough	Replacement of an existing barn with a barn-style residential building. Construction of a new front boundary wall and entrance gates.	OPPOSE	REFUSED
20/04014/APP 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020	The Old Bakery Leighton Road Northall	Single storey rear orangery to new dwelling approved under application 18/00757/APP and detached outbuilding.	OPPOSE Over development of the site	Withdrawn

Cllr Wilkinson reminded the Council that the S106 Agreement for the Bellway development included two highway contributions that do not appear to have been implemented as yet. These contributions were to be paid by the Developer to the Highway Authority, which leads Council to believe that it is TfB's responsibility to provide them rather than Bellway.

Council agreed that the Clerk would contact Buckinghamshire Council/TfB to establish the following:

- Who is responsible for installing the bus shelter?
- Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the bus shelter?
- If it is EPC does EPC have any say over the design of the bus shelter?

Councillors Wight and Poll asked to be copied into the communication/request for information.

**Action: Clerk to contact Buckinghamshire Council/TfB to establish what is happening with the S106 contributions.**

## Elections

Elections May 2021

- Currently preparations are proceeding as normal for Buckinghamshire Council, Town and Parish Council and Police Elections to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- Nomination forms will need delivering to The Gateway in Aylesbury. This can be done in bulk by the Clerk. All forms must have a wet signature.
- The following link can be used for more election information - [Local elections in England | Electoral Commission](#)
- The Cabinet Office minister Chloe Smith MP confirmed to NALC that confirm May's local elections will go ahead, but this would be kept under review.

## Villages

### Parish Path Maps

The Clerk has chased Buckinghamshire Council about obtaining replacement maps for the three villages.

### Fly-Tipping

Lorna Cabbage and the Clerk have made more than four reports to Buckinghamshire Council about fly tipping in the Parish. The worst locations are Cocks Close, Townside and Eaton Bray Road.

## Edlesborough

### Slicketts Lane Salt Bin

Following a conversation between Matthew Whincup the Local Area Technician (LAT) and the Slicketts Lane resident the LAT has informed the Council that it has now been decided that it would not be practical to provide a salt bin outside the resident's property.

Following receipt of the salt bin photo, the resident was unaware of how large and intrusive it was and was not happy with TfB positioning one on the edge of his access as per his original suggestion.

There is unfortunately no suitable alternative nearby which would be practical for the resident to access. If the resident changes his mind the offer is still open.

### Refuse Collections

The Council received a communication from a resident of Damson Way regarding the lack of bin collections over the Christmas period, he expressed disappointment in the refuse teams refusing to take away additional sacks of rubbish. The resident has additionally contacted Buckinghamshire Council about this matter. More information about the waste service can be found at

[www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/your-waste-service/](http://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/your-waste-service/) Details about additional waste collections can be found at [www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/bulky-waste-collections](http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/bulky-waste-collections)

### Burst water main in The Pastures Alleyway

On the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> January a water main burst in the alley between The Pastures and the Green. The water travelled all the way down to the bottom of the tennis courts. The leak was repaired within a couple of days. The Clerk has contacted the water board as the alleyway has been left covered in deep mud and is a slip hazard. Anglian Water have confirmed that the job is marked as "needing permanent reinstatement" so they will be returning to carry out further works in the future.

### Concern About Breaches in Social Distancing

EPC has received a complaint about the lack of social distancing by customers outside Heirloom. The resident has been advised that EPC has no jurisdiction over this and that they could take the following actions if their concerns continue:

- *Approach Heirloom and raise your concerns directly with them, it may be that they are not aware of the issues outside the business. The staff are most likely concentrating on their customers and it is often not in their remit to "police" the outside area.*
- *Report the business to Trading Standards Office this can be done using this link [Find your local Trading Standards office - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)*
- *Contact Thames Valley Police via 101*

The same resident also complained about parents allowing their children to use the children's roundabout despite it being fenced off.

Council asks that all users of the Green respect the barrier and do not use the roundabout at this time.

### Highways Issues

The issue with the dip in the High Street, outside the Bellway development has been chased again with the Local Area Technician.

### Carnival 2021

The Carnival Committee have been discussing the 2021 Carnival and are currently planning to hold it with the preferred date being the first Saturday in July – 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The committee plan to review the Covid-19 and vaccination situation at the end of March. The event will be somewhat scaled down, but the committee

hopes to retain activities such as the classic vehicles, fun fair, church stalls and the procession. They hope to encourage businesses to have a stall to promote themselves.

Gordon Gray is stepping down as Chairman of the Committee and Mark Kilfoyle is assuming the role.

#### Pebblemoor Car Park

A local resident has alerted the Council and Thames Valley Police to what appears to be low level drug dealing taking place in the Pebblemoor Car Park.

**Action: Clerk to contact PCSO Dodson to ask if it is possible for the car park to be patrolled more regularly.**

## Dagnall

#### Water Issues

On the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January Dagnall suffered with extremely low water pressure as a result of an issue elsewhere in the County. Cllr Mrs Trish Owen worked hard all weekend to keep the residents updated of the situation. This was very much appreciated by Dagnall residents.

#### Pothole by Red Lion Public House

The repair to the very large pothole opposite the Red Lion Public House was delayed due to the exceptionally wet weather. It was eventually carried out on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Deans Meadow – Blocked drains

A resident raised concern in October with Cllr Mrs Owen about blocked drains in Deans Meadow which she subsequently reported to TfB. The drains have not yet been attended to and residents are concerned about flooding. The Clerk has made a second report to TfB and has followed this matter up with the Local Area Technician. The technician has informed the Clerk that the drains are on the list to be cleared but this will not be until February at the earliest when the equipment will next be available for his use.

## Northall

Naomi Batson, Street Scene Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed that the wildflower section of the amenity land at Knolls View will be added to their schedule to be cut once a year. The Clerk has requested that this happens in September each year. Naomi Batson has also advised the Clerk that the hedge at this location is scheduled to be cut between now and the beginning of March.

## New Pavilion

Cllr Williams reported that the services companies are being less than cooperative in supporting the project and carrying out the necessary works.

The outside cladding will be completed as soon as the weather is conducive to this task. The underfloor heating is now complete and the floor should be screeded next week. The lift is scheduled to be installed in the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February.

ECSC have published their January newsletter on their website and all homes in the village will be leafleted shortly inviting parishioners to become a member. There are currently 200 members.

This is the link of a short video being shared by ECSC of the inside of the new pavilion:

<https://youtu.be/DdqGWtDJhhY>

## Projects

### Outdoor Gym Equipment

– led by Cllr Mrs Owen

There has been a slight delay in the installation of the gym equipment due to clarification about the instalment process and the poor weather conditions. The Council contractor has now clarified how the items should be installed and will proceed at the earliest opportunity. There may be a slight increase in the installation costs due to additional materials being required.

### Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area

– led by Cllr Mrs Booth

Prior to the meeting Cllr Mrs Booth had circulated the result of the Play Area Questionnaire to all the Councillors for information.

The Council 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.

The Summary of the Edlesborough Play Area Village Questionnaire has been shared on the Council website and will be published in the February edition of Focus.

Cllr Mrs Booth has begun contacting all the parishioners who expressed an interest in being involved to hold an initial meeting about the project.

### EMH Redecoration

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

The internal decoration is almost complete, the contractor plans to do touch ups, clean and finish the front door next week. The front door is of course weather permitting.

The decorator has advised the manager that the outside of the building is in need of redecoration, he will provide a quote for this work for the Council to consider.

Council agreed to explore replacing the curtains with new more modern window dressings and to investigate decorating the hall with images of the local village.

***Action: Cllr Mrs Thomas and the Clerk will explore new window dressing and contact two local photographers to ask if they would donate some of their images of the village to the Council for decorating the hall.***

### EMH Toilet Refurbishment

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

It has been confirmed that the minimum requirement for toilets is four "pans". Cllr Mrs Thomas has asked Commercial Washrooms to provide a design for the available space incorporating two female pans, one male pan plus one urinal, and one disabled pan.

A further site visit will then be held once lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

Landlord Status: Council agreed that Cllr Williams would speak to the Church Warden about the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Eaton Bray being the landlord of EMH. Cllr Mrs Thomas will also speak to Mr Banks of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Eaton Bray about this matter.

***Action: Councillors Williams and Mrs Thomas to speak to representatives of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Eaton Bray.***

### Conservation Project

- led by Cllr Mrs Owen and Cllr Miss Wells.



Cllr Mrs Owen held a site meeting with Mrs Gobby, Dagnall School, Head teacher. She will shortly be attending a further site meeting with Rebecca Mann with the aim to progress the use of the Copse Area at Dagnall Allotments as a Forest School.

## EDaN & Traffic Management Team Updates

### Traffic Calming

TfB has created a booklet to guide Councils through the process of implementing Traffic Calming Measures. This comprehensive guide outlines the options available to Councils, and the effectiveness of each of these options plus an indication of the costs associated with the measures available to Councils and how to apply. The booklet has been shared with the Full Council.

### FOTCOTH

Cllr Williams reported that there had been further badger activity at the Churchyard. As a result badger gates may need to be installed again in the Summer of 2021.

The damage to the fencing adjacent to the cemetery gate was reported to the landowner in December 2020.

### EDaN Beautification Team

The same volunteers who erected the trees, decorated them and EMH have removed all the decorations. Christine Yates is making arrangements for the two Christmas trees to be disposed of.

The Clerk has posted an article entitled "Christmas in the Parish" on the EPC website (<https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/media/2135/christmas-in-the-parish-2020.pdf>) and has thanked all the volunteers in the February Focus report.

## AED's and CFR

The EMH Defibrillator cabinet has been replaced and the relevant parties have been informed of the new access code.

**Action: The Clerk will ask the electrician to check all the other Defibrillator Cabinets to ensure they are working correctly.**

## EMH

The boilers were serviced on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Following advice from the engineer a purchase order has been raised for the installation of a full frost protection system (air sensor and pipe stat). The current frost stat is located in an area which may prevent it from working correctly. The estimated cost of this is £220.

EMH has been awarded further lockdown payments for EMH by Buckinghamshire Council. The payments are for:

- Tier 4 (19 Dec – 5 Jan)
- ARG Top Up
- Tier 5 (Lockdown)
- Closed Business Lockdown Grant

## The Green

A parishioner has suggested that the railings along the edge of the Green between Good Intent and Cow Lane are treated with rust treatment and repainted.

**Council agreed to ask the handyman to paint a small section of the fence with a paint containing rust treatment. Once this is complete the Council will then consider whether they wish to paint the rest of the fence.**



The adult goals have been fenced off and notices applied asking people not to use them due to the penalty area/goal mouths being damaged by excess use.

The Council handyman has been asked to repair the broken bench near the play area.

### Dog Issues on the Green

The Manager had provided the Councillors with a separate report informing them about the recent “discussions” about dog issues on the Green. The discussion focused primarily on “out of control” dogs. Council were informed that whilst the Byelaws state that “Dogs must be under control.” The Law does not define “out of control” dogs, what one person considers to be control can be different to another’s. Cllr Mrs Thomas informed the Council that the Green is extremely busy at this time, most likely as a result of the:

- Current lockdown.
- Many of the rights of way being too wet and muddy to walk.
- Time of year.

She confirmed that in addition to the regular users many people are driving to The Green and exercising their animals there.

Cllr Mrs Owen informed the Council that there had recently been a huge increase in the amount of dog fouling on Dagnall Rec.

Throughout lockdown the Manager has taken the following actions; primarily asking people to ensure their dog is on a lead to ensure that social distancing is not breached, particularly if their dog does not have good recall.

- Posters attached to benches around the Green
- Ensuring the Byelaws sign are all in place
- Posts on Facebook
- Sharing the following article [Trainer reveals her six golden rules for safe dog walking - how to stop you and your pet being attacked in the park - Manchester Evening News](#)

***Actions: Cllr Mrs Owen will ask the Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board for support and advice on this matter. In particular what other Councils do to combat this.***

### **Sports Clubs**

The current Coronavirus (Covid-19) Lockdown means all sports on the Green have stopped.

HCTH have kindly agreed to put invoicing for and the servicing of the portable toilet on hold from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The manager is due to invoice Edlesborough Cricket Club for the upcoming season. Council need to give consideration to the amount to charge due to the 2020 lockdown.

***Action: Clerk to provide Council with the fees charged to ECC and EB Lions for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons. Council to agree fee for ECC for the 2021 season.***

### **Play Area**

#### Roundabout

A purchase order has been raised for the replacement of the inner platforms. There is currently a 4-6 week lead time on the order and installation is weather dependent.

## Allotments

### Dagnall Allotments

The warden has temporarily stepped down from her role, due to personal reasons. Mr Killick the previous warden has offered to support the Clerk in the meantime.

### Northall Allotments

Once the weather and social distancing regulations permit the Clerk will arrange a site meeting with the warden and contractor to look at improvements to the parking area.

### Cow Lane Allotments

Nothing to report.

### The Green Allotments

The Council contractor has successfully installed the new gate at The Green end of the site.

### Waiting List

Most people on the waiting list would like a plot at The Green or Cow Lane, both sites are currently full.

## Cemetery

A burial took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January. A further burial will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## Bridle Path

Nothing to report.

## War Memorial

Nothing to report.

## Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

## Litter Bins, Dog Bins, Car Parks

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the Clerk raised an order with Buckinghamshire Council for the supply and installation of the new dog waste bin at the end of Cow Lane. To date this bin has not been installed.

***Action: Clerk to monitor and chase Buckinghamshire Council if bin is not installed at the end of January.***

## Streetlights

CU Phosco have informed the Clerk that they do not extend warranties on the streetlights. They are putting together a quote for "maintenance and electrical test" on the Councils lights.

Streetlight D5 in Deans Meadow has been attended to twice by UK Power Networks since August 2020. It is still failed, the Clerk has reported it to CU Phosco for investigation and repair.

## Website, Facebook and GDPR

### Facebook

Posts and discussions have focused on:

- Lockdown
- Covid-19 Vaccines
- Missing Parcels
- Dog Fouling and owners lack of control of their dogs on Edlesborough Green

- Dagnall Water issues

#### Website

- The Website Accessibility was tested on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Tier 5 Announcement – the Clerk will update the website accordingly as and when information is received from Buckinghamshire Council.
- The Clerk will investigate adding a further tab on the website to post the Buckinghamshire Council Press Releases on.

#### GDPR

- No reported breaches
- The Clerk will attend a Data Protection Refresher course on 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services

The invoice for the Pastures hedge has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council for approval. They will then raise a purchase order for the invoice to be submitted to Ringway Jacobs – The Clerk has chased this with the Local Area Technician.

**Action: Clerk to chase again.**

#### Siding Out

The Clerk has received a complaint from a wheelchair bound resident about the condition of pavements in Edlesborough. The contractor has cleared leaves from the High Street near the Pebblemoor car park. The Clerk has advised the resident how to report damaged pavements to Fix My Street

<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/> who are responsible for repairing pavements in the Parish.

### Finance

The accounts for month ending 30<sup>th</sup> December were circulated to the full council prior to the meeting. The accounts were approved without comment.

EMH	£1,570
Pavilion	£187
Green	£470
Open Spaces	£2,852
Bucks CC Devolved Services	£1,080
Allotments	£302
Street Lights	£107
Cemetery	£81
Churchyard	£393
Dagnall Recreation Ground	£173
Northall Playground	£876
Northall Village Hall	£395
Special Projects	£67,843
EDaN	£670
Office Costs	£84
Other	£56
Staff	£1,727
Subscriptions	£185

	Total	£79,051
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Council agreed to the January 2021 payment run.

### 2021/22 Budget and Precept Request

Further to the 2021/22 Budget Working Party Meeting and proposal at the December 2020 Council meeting Cllr Williams proposed that the Council agree the 2021/22 Budget and submit a precept request of £146,340 to Buckinghamshire Council. This equates to a 3% increase on a band D property.


All agreed.

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Owen would have preferred the precept amount to remain unchanged from 2019/20, this would have resulted in the Band D rate reduction of 0.2%.

**Action: Cllr Nevard and Clerk to check precept paperwork. Clerk to submit precept request to Buckinghamshire Council.**

## Correspondence

Items circulated to Full Council prior to the meeting:

- Buckinghamshire Council “Cabinet announces 'incredibly difficult' budget proposals”
- Buckinghamshire Council “Changes to Buckinghamshire Council services due to new national lockdown”
- Buckinghamshire Council “Your chance to quiz Council spending plans”
- Have your say on an increase to council tax across Thames Valley
- NALC  OPEN LETTER TO ALL COUNCILLORS
- Police & Crime Bulletin January 2021 | Coronavirus enforcement, police funding survey and more...
- Buckinghamshire Council Covid-19 Members Briefing
- Patients Journey at the Aylesbury Vaccine Centre
- Buckinghamshire Council Planning and Environment newsletter
- Town and Parish Council Charter
  - The Clerk advised the Council that Buckinghamshire Council will be asking all Town and Parish Councils to sign the Parish Charter. The Clerk has provided the Council with a link for the Councilors to familiarise themselves with the current timetable and information about this.

## AOB

### The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022

There will be an additional bank holiday to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be granted on Friday 3 June 2022.

## Items for 18<sup>th</sup> March Meeting

- Fees for ECC
- Town and Parish Council Charter

Cllr Williams thank all the Councillors and parishioners for attending.

He also thanked Dorothy Ferguson who has links with the Luton and Dunstable Hospital for the new multi storey car park that has been provided for patients and visitors.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm