



## EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### Ivinghoe & Wing Freight Strategy

Graham Hillary CMILT. Transport Strategy Officer (Freight) for Buckinghamshire Council has informed EPC of the following:

*“As you may recall that due to the TRO audit and moratorium we had planned to start the Statutory Consultation phase of the Ivinghoe Area Freight Strategy mid-late February. I wanted to bring you up to speed on where we are.*

*Part of the identified freight zone covered an area that falls within the Hertfordshire County. During the project we, of course, kept officers from Herts CC engaged, taking time to consult with them in the ‘informal engagement’ phase and keeping them in the loop since. In planning the Statutory Consultation phase we are required to advertise in local press the Traffic Regulation Order that provides the 7.5 tonne weight restriction with access by exception. To be able to do this we needed legal authority from Herts CC, unfortunately this was not been given in time to allow us to move into the Statutory Consultation at this time. In normal circumstances this would not be a problem and the consultation would be simply delayed until the authority was given, this year we have to consider the planned local elections in May. We are not able to run the consultation for the minimum amount of time prior to Purdah which starts on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and as you can appreciate it is not appropriate to conduct the consultation during the Purdah period.*

*However, had we been able to get the Statutory Consultation in prior to Purdah we would still have had to wait until after the election and for Cabinet Member approvals once the appointment of Cabinet had taken place. This would have given a potential ‘green-light’ for implementation around the middle of June. Not being able to start the Consultation until just after the election effectively means we would have this complete and be in a position to take the proposal to Cabinet Member for approval around mid-June and hopefully be able to look at implementation near the end of June / beginning of July, losing around 2-3 weeks only had we been able to get the Consultation started in February.*

*I appreciate that delays are not something any of us would like to see; that there is great support within the communities for the Freight Strategy to be implemented at the earliest opportunity; and to see unwanted Heavy Goods Vehicles taken out of the area. My colleagues and I will continue to strive to make this happen as soon as we possibly can, subject of course, to there being no insurmountable objections during the Statutory Consultation. I am aware that we have seen an increase in HGV movements around the area, these may have something to do with construction projects nearby however, once allowed, I will try and get out to investigate.”*

#### Council Elections

Elections to Edlesborough Parish Council are due to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact the clerk for further information or visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england)

#### New Pavilion

Membership of the ECSC continues to grow, at the time of writing over 500 memberships have been created with more to follow. It is hoped that the building will be ready to open very soon (provided Covid-19) restrictions are lifted.

#### EPC Projects Update

Below is a brief summary of the Councils current projects.

##### Edlesborough Green Children’s Play Area

– led by Cllr Mrs Booth

Cllrs Mrs Booth has held an initial meeting with the residents who have expressed an interest in being involved in the project. She has met with three companies/suppliers who have been asked to submit three proposed site plans, suggested equipment and quotes for the working party to consider.

#### *EMH Toilet Refurbishment*

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

EPC are currently working to establish who holds the lease to gain approval for the improvements to EMH. A consideration is the relatively short term of the lease. EPC representatives will hold talks with the local Parochial Church Council to establish the way forward before committing a substantial sum on the toilet refurbishment project.

#### *Dagnall School Forest School*

At the February Council meeting EPC agreed to pay to clear the rubbish/fly tipping from the copse/wooded area at Dagnall Allotments in readiness for Dagnall School to use the area for a Forest School. The clearance work will take place in late March/early April.

### **Buckinghamshire Council**

Buckinghamshire Cllr Anne Wight and Cllr Chris Poll attended the February Council meeting and reported on the following items:

#### *Buckinghamshire Cllr Anne Wight*

- Local Area Flooding.
- Bucks Additional Restrictions Grants.
- The Helping Hand Service.
- Better Health in 2021.
- Bucks Business First Support for Local Businesses.
- Residents invited to online consultation event to comment on SEALR (South East Aylesbury Link Road) Phase 2.

A full copy of the report can be found at [https://www.edlesborough-](https://www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/media/2172/buckinghamshire-council-february-2021-report-provided-by-cllr-anne-wight.pdf)

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Cllr Wight additionally informed the Council that residents of Slapton were experiencing numerous issues with extra wide load vehicles travelling through the village. Most of these vehicles are delivering new caravans to one of the Travellers sites in Billington. The residents, Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Council are working together on this matter. The Council are also looking to see if there is a link between this activity and the increase in fly tipping in the local area. Cllr Miss Wells offered to provide advice on the vehicle management issue if required.

#### *Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll*

- Cabinet agrees actions to be carbon neutral by 2050.
- Shielding.
- Weekly Covid-19 Briefing.
- Upcoming Elections.

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### **Community Board for Ivinghoe and Wing Ward**

Buckinghamshire Cllr Anne Wight reminds residents that they are welcome to Like and Follow the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Wing-and-Ivinghoe-Community-Board-104964671378244/](https://www.facebook.com/Wing-and-Ivinghoe-Community-Board-104964671378244/) The next meeting will be scheduled for June after the elections. In the meantime residents can still become involved in the sub-committees. If you have expressed an interest and have not been contacted recently please let the clerk know.

## *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 [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

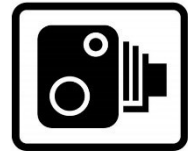
Issues with **roads & pavements** should be reported to Bucks CC using the following link [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

**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 video camera speed recording 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](mailto:Alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk) or 07828 398371



## *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 15th April 2021.
- Thursday 20th May 2021. This will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Council that commences at 7.30pm. At the beginning of the meeting the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected and committee members and representatives to other bodies are appointed.

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.

All the hyperlinks in the information above can be accessed through the Edlesborough Parish website.