



DRAFT Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting for Edlesborough

held on Thursday 15th April 2021

Via the Social Media Platform Zoom, commencing at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Williams (Chairman), Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Mrs Booth, Cllr Mrs Owen, Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Miss Wells, Cllr Harpley, Buckinghamshire Councillors Chris Poll and Anne Wight, Penny Pataky (Clerk) and five parishioners.

Apologies

None were received.

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting with a minutes silence as a mark of respect to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on the 9th April.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2019 were agreed. Due to Covid-19 Lockdown the Annual Parish Meeting for 2020 was not held. Information relating to the year ending March 2020 is included in the review below. In future a new look Annual Meeting of the Parish will be tested, hopefully in July, Where the many organisations in the parish will be invited to share their work and aspirations.

Councillors Attendances

The following attendances had been recorded in the past two years. There have been 22 Meetings of the Parish Council, since the previous Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2018, being April 2019 to March 2021 which are recorded as:

Name	No. of Meetings	Name	No. of Meetings	Name	No. of Meetings
Mr Williams	21	Mr Nevard	19	Mr Green (stepped down June 2020)	1
Mr Wilkinson	22	Mrs Thomas	16	Mrs Booth (Co-opted in May 2020)	8
Mr Cabbage	17	Mrs Owen	21	Miss Wells (Co-opted in May 2020)	8
Mr Pratt (stepped down May 2020)	1	Mr Harpley (Co-opted in June 2020)	7	Miss Penny Pataky (Clerk & Manager)	22

Accounts

The end of year 20/21 accounts had been circulated to the full council prior to the meeting. The Council had budgeted for a small surplus of £4,590 in the year ended 31 March 2021. The actual figure was £104,338 due mainly to delayed expenditure on special projects, including the new pavilion. If these timing differences are eliminated the surplus becomes £14,500, the principal reason for the surplus being the Covid-19 grants received for the village hall.



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At 31 March 2021 EPC had reserves totalling £334,293, the bulk of which was earmarked for projects.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Williams gave a short report detailing the activities of the past two years, including:

- Play-equipment funding to Dagnall and Northall Village Halls
- EPC worked with Edlesborough Surgery to expand the surgery car park. EPC made a generous donation towards this project.
- EPC have worked hard to raise parishioners' awareness of the Buckinghamshire Freight Zone/Strategy and continue to contest this strategy. The Council and parishioners are currently awaiting the Public consultation on this matter.
- The Pavilion Project Board was established with Cllr Cabbage and parishioners – Ken Holloway and Doug Oughton. Their role is creating and managing the detailed design and delivery on behalf of EPC aided with the appointment of an independent project manager.
- Traffic calming, especially Speedwatch, moved to a back burner due to Covid-19.
- EPC and Buckinghamshire Cllr Wight worked hard to help alleviate the Slicketts Lane flooding issues.
- AVDC Cllr Chris Poll said goodbye and never went! He became a Cllr for the new Buckinghamshire Council and is seeking re-election to the council in May 2021.
- Changes to Planning with Buckinghamshire Council limits EPC scope to object and influence decisions by the higher authority.
- Covid-19 brought about significant change to council meetings and operational changes to the village halls and playgrounds.
- Three new councillors joined EPC in May 2020 – Rosie Booth, Richard Harpley and Lynne Wells.
- The Bellway new homes site on the High Street, Edlesborough is now near final completion.
- Buckinghamshire Council established New Community Boards with the aim to better engage with Town and Parish Councillors and residents. Both EPC councillors and the clerk have participated in the Boards. All residents are encouraged to participate in issues that they are interested in.
- New Children's Play Area project for Edlesborough Green has been launched - led by Cllr Booth.
- New EMH project launched to upgrade the facilities - led by Cllr Thomas. The internal decoration has been completed and new window dressings will be installed shortly. Upgrading of the hall facilities is being pursued.
- A new Conservation project has been launched and is led by Cllrs Owen and Wells.
- The Outdoor Gym equipment project for Dagnall is nearing completion.
- Edlesborough Pavilion is nearing completion. It has 600 + members to date with more registering for membership.
- Finally Cllr Williams was delighted to report that all current councillors have sought re-election and as a result of an uncontested election will continue in their roles for a further term.



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Parishioners' Questions

No questions were raised.

Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Cllr Williams closed the meeting giving thanks to all those known and unknown who work to make the parish a special place to live. Especial thanks were expressed for the work of the clerk who has carried out all duties during the many changes required by the COVID 19 restrictions placed upon the parish by government regulations.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman Edlesborough Parish Council

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