



# EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes for Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Edlesborough Memorial Hall

### Open Forum

#### Edlesborough Tennis Club Stepping Stones –

Chris McCloskey attended the meeting to request the installation of a solid path from the Pavilion to the tennis courts. The purpose of the path would help reduce mud being taken into the Pavilion and tennis courts and would make the tennis courts more accessible for disabled players. He informed the Council that the tennis club has the funds to install the path and that they are trying to make the club more accessible to all.

Council explained to Mr McCloskey that it is not possible to install a solid path without first obtaining permission from the planning inspectorate due to the registration of the land.

Council agreed that a solid path would be beneficial and that the reasons given by the tennis club were valid ones.

Council agreed to include the installation of a solid path between the pavilion and tennis courts as part of the S38 application that is being submitted for the new children's play area on Edlesborough Green.

It was agreed that if permission is granted Edlesborough Tennis Club would fund the purchase of the paving slabs and installation of the path. EPC would pay for any works required to level the ground adjacent to the path.

Mr McCloskey agreed to provide a written statement requesting the path and giving a clear justification for it for inclusion in the S38 application and the measurements of the required path.

#### **Actions:**

***Chris McCloskey to submit request in writing and to specify length and width of path.***

***Cllr Booth to amend the S38 application to include the request to install the path.***

***Cllr Williams will confirm the width of the path to meet regulations as used by ECSC for the pavilion.***

Mr McCloskey left the meeting at this point.

#### 16m Telecoms Mast on High Street, Edlesborough

Two residents from St Mary's Glebe attended the meeting to ask if anything could be done to stop the installation of the Telecoms Mast on the High Street, Edlesborough. They explained that they were disappointed and frustrated at not being notified about the application. They expressed concern about the location, and that the mast would impact on the value of their properties. They also asked why the mast has been moved to this location and was not at the top of Good Intent.

Cllr Williams explained to the residents that EPC is a consultee and not the planning authority and that EPC submits responses to planning applications that it believes reflect the wishes of the parishioners.

Cllr Wilkinson explained that there had been two applications for the installation of the mast and that the yellow notice had been posted at the location on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The yellow notices are the planning authority's process for informing residents of an application. It is then the resident's responsibility to look on the Buckinghamshire Council website for more information about the application.

Cllr Wilkinson informed the parishioners that EPC had objected to both applications on the grounds that the mast would be too close to homes, and would have a detrimental visual impact on the village.

In response to the first application Buckinghamshire Council advised the applicant that *"The current plans show that the proposed monopole would sit to the immediate rear of 9 St Mary's Glebe, as therefore would be highly visible from this neighbouring property. However, it is recognised that within the site's red line boundary the proposed monopole could be relocated to be situated within the gap along the boundary line between numbers 7 and 9 St Mary's Glebe and dwellings, as such the harm to residential amenity would be reduced. It is therefore considered that the proposal would comply with policy 16 of the VALP and the*

guidance set out within the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) however prior approval would be required with regards to siting, such to reduce the impact upon the amenity of neighbours.” As a result of this the applicant submitted a second application siting the mast between 7 and 9 St Mary’s Glebe. The applicant did this on the grounds that permission would be granted. This meant that whilst EPC objected again to the second application permission was granted before EPC was able to inform the neighbouring residents of the application as agreed at the December Council meeting.

Cllr Wilkinson went on to explain that EPC had done all it could in objecting to this permitted development and that the residents would not have been able to achieve any more even if they had submitted an objection before the application was determined. He advised the residents that reasons such as “devaluing a property” would not be considered a valid reason to object to an application. He explained that the mast is now only 16m tall not 20m as in the first application.

Cllr Wilkinson explained that the Council had previously received a pre application consultation from another company wishing to install a mast at the top of Good Intent. This company has not yet submitted an application for this installation and EPC has tried to work with them to find a more suitable position. This company could still submit an application to install a mast at the top of Good Intent.

Cllr Williams informed the parishioners that the Government is trying to improve network coverage for all and as such applications for masts are now permitted development, permission is even being granted for masts to be erected in National Parks.

The residents thanked the Council for their time and left the meeting at this point.

#### Thames Valley Police Report from PCSO Tina Hobson:

Prior to the meeting PCSO Tina Hobson had provided the Council with the following crime figures from 17/12/2021 to 16/01/2022 for the Parish:

#### Edlesborough

1x criminal damage

1x suspicious vehicle

2x suspicious person

1x (ASB) Antisocial behaviour.

#### Northall

1x suspicious vehicle

#### Dagnall

3x suspicious vehicles.

**Cllr Williams formally opened the meeting at 8.06pm.**

## **Present**

Cllr Williams (chair), Cllr Miss Wells, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mrs Booth, Cllr Mrs Thomas, Cllr Trish Owen, Penny Pataky (Clerk) and Buckinghamshire Councillors Chris Poll and Peter Brazier. No parishioners stayed for the duration of the meeting.

## **Apologies**

Cllr Cabbage (vice chair), Cllr Nevard, Cllr Harpley, PCSO Tina Hobson

## **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

## **Minutes**

Council agreed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with no amendments.

## Matters Arising

Nothing was raised.

## Buckinghamshire Council Report

Councillors Chris Poll and Peter Brazier attended the meeting and drew Council's attention to the following matters:

### *New Political Map for Buckinghamshire*

Following a public consultation on proposed council size for the authority, the Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in the Buckinghamshire Council should be 98. The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 12-week consultation on the proposals will run until 4 April 2022.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Buckinghamshire to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements help the council work effectively. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and identities.

More information can be found at:

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-buckinghamshire-council/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-buckinghamshire-council/)

### *Have your say on development in Buckinghamshire*

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a public opinion survey asking for residents opinions as work gets underway to prepare a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

The Local Plan will set out how the county's housing and development needs are to be met in the years to come and will aim to reflect the needs and aspirations of the people of Buckinghamshire. The involvement of those that live and work in the county is therefore key to the Plan's production.

The current Local Plan survey will give Buckinghamshire Council's planners and decision-makers insight into the feelings and opinions of residents, employers and those that work in Bucks about the county's current and future need for homes, jobs and other facilities.

More information can be found at:

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-development-in-buckinghamshire/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-development-in-buckinghamshire/)

The survey closes on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### *Ivinghoe Freight Strategy*

Further to the update in September 2021 the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy will be going to the 2nd public consultation opens on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**The consultation will be accessed online. The consultation will run for 3 weeks ending 19th February 2022.**

The dedicated online web content, which will appear at Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space will incorporate a simple survey inviting public feedback which will inform future plans for managing HGV use of the defined zone.

More information can be found here:

[Ivinghoe Area Freight Zone Traffic Regulation Order consultation - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

As previously advised as a result of feedback received from the public, representative bodies and neighbouring local authorities in the initial statutory consultation the proposed zone has been expanded to incorporate the B440 between the junction with the A505 and the Travellers Rest roundabout with the B489.

BC Cllr Poll encourages parishioners to support this revised plan. If this is not implemented it could be years before a County Freight Strategy is agreed and implemented and in the meantime HGV's would continue to use the B440 through Edlesborough and Northall.

### Cheddington Train Station

There will be an estimated 10 week disruption to the train services at Cheddington Station. Platform 4 will be closed with immediate effect to carry out emergency safety repairs to the platform structure.

Network Rail say that they need to close platform 4 for up to 10 weeks, up to the beginning of April 2022. Trains will still be able to call at platform 3 going towards Leighton Buzzard. However, at weekends when there is engineering work on the lines serving platforms 4 and 3, trains will instead call at platforms 1 and 2. A minibus service will be put in place with immediate effect between Leighton Buzzard, Cheddington and Tring to replace trains that would have called at platform 4. Arrangements will be made for car park ticket holders with weekly or longer passes to use these at either Leighton Buzzard or Tring stations.

More information can be found at:

[Cheddington: Temporary service changes from Friday 21 Jan | LNR | London Northwestern Railway](#)

### Outline Planning Application for 91 New Homes in Cheddington

Cllr Poll drew Councils attention to an outline planning application for 91 new homes in Cheddington. He advised Council to be mindful of large applications being submitted in neighbouring villages and informed them that many developers are ready to take these applications to appeal if they are denied. This application falls outside of Cheddington's Neighbourhood Plan and VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan).

The full application can be viewed at:

[21/04688/AOP | Outline application \(all matters reserved except means of access\) for residential development of up to 91 dwellings including the creation of new vehicular access, public open space, landscape planting, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure following demolition of the existing property Church Hill Farm | Church Hill Farmhouse Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG \(aylesburyvalecd.gov.uk\)](#)

## Planning

Led by Cllr John Wilkinson

### Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Review

Rachael Riach, Neighbourhood Planning Coordinator at Buckinghamshire Council has provided some advice re reviewing Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Wilkinson will look into this.

### High Street Telecom Mast

See note in the Open Forum.

### Planning Applications

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

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response
21/04758/APP 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	100 High Street Edlesborough	Extension to detached garage and conversion to habitable accommodation	OPPOSE

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

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	LPA Decision
21/03932/ACL 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	14 Leighton Road Northall	Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as	No objections	REFUSED

		garden ancillary to 14 Leighton Road.		
21/04729/ATN 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Land off High Street Edlesborough	16m high telecoms mast and associated ancillary equipment	OPPOSE Detrimental visual impact	Permitted

## Villages

### HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Williams has compiled a list of ideas.

**Action: Clerk to circulate to full Council.**

### Parking Issues

The Clerk awaits a response from the LAT as to whether a parking sign can be placed at the Brook Street layby.

### Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

See notes under Buckinghamshire Councillors' Report.

This has now been expanded to incorporate the B440 between the junction with the A505 and the Travellers Rest roundabout with the B489.

The consultation will run for 3 weeks ending 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The dedicated online web content, which will appear at [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

**Action: Clerk to inform parishioners via Facebook and Website.**

### Parish Path Maps

Ongoing.

## Edlesborough

The trip hazard left in the pavement caused by exploration works by the noticeboard at the top of Good Intent has been repaired.

## Dagnall

Star Bus Company who run the 162 bus route that serves Dagnall were contacted about their drivers repeatedly driving over the pavement and verge. The company responded saying they would instruct their drivers to stop doing this.

## Northall

The Clerk has been informed that the missing white edge lines on Leighton Road, Northall will be reinstated. The contractors need to wait for it to rain to remove the salt that is on the road and then they will be able to complete the lining works in the coming weeks.

## Edlesborough Pavilion

### ETC Streetlight

No further updates.

### Requests from ECSC Trustees

Cllr Williams informed the Council that ECSC trustees are seeking permission to;

- Install a noticeboard outside the building – EPC granted permission for this.
- To put information on Parish Noticeboards about Edlesborough Pavilion – Permission granted, notices need to be sent to the Clerk for display.
- To use a gas Barbecue on the balcony or outside the pavilion on the Green – Council agreed that further information on the precise proposal of this idea was required.
- To install an air conditioning unit on the outside of the building for the gym – Council agreed that ECSC should submit a detailed proposal for this request.

**Action: Cllr Williams to feed Council's responses back to ECSC Trustees.**

## Projects

### Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area

– led by Cllr Mrs Booth

Council were surprised by the high cost of advertising the S38 application in the Luton News & Dunstable Gazette and on the online [www.lutontoday.co.uk](http://www.lutontoday.co.uk). Council felt it was more appropriate to advertise in the Leighton Buzzard Observer.

**Actions: Cllr Booth to include the path between Pavilion and tennis courts in application. Clerk to request a quote for placing advert in Leighton Buzzard Observer. Advert to be placed once application is submitted.**

### EMH Redecoration

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

Nothing to report.

### EMH Status

– led by Cllr Wilkinson

Nothing to report.

### Re-Wilding

– Led by Cllrs Owen and Wells

Nothing to report.

## EDaN & Traffic Management Team Updates

### Traffic Calming

Cllr Williams is working towards submitting the MVAS requirements to the Community Board.

### FOTCOTH

Nothing to report.

### EDaN Beautification Team

Nothing to report.

## Parish Amenities

Reports on all Amenities including Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services.

## AEDs

The Baptist Church AED was reactivated following the December meeting. The new pads have still not been supplied.

The Circuit (the company responsible for the registration of AED's has confirmed the following "We understand that although the supply situation with pads is improving there are still difficulties with some makes/models. While we would normally encourage compliance with manufacturer's guidance we understand that ambulance services are encouraging defib Guardians to keep their devices available despite expired pads. As long as the foil packaging is intact and the contents remain sealed then the adhesive that enables the pads stick to the patient's chest should function perfectly well."

The Swan Northall will shortly be under new management, once this is confirmed the Clerk will contact the new landlord re the AED at this location.

## EMH

The boilers were serviced on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

The additional works following the electrical inspection were completed on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Face Masks must now be worn in Village Halls unless the activity or individual is exempt.

The Clerk has raised an order for a phone line then Wi-Fi this is due to be installed. Once installed only Wi-Fi will be available in the hall.

## Green

Path between Pavilion and tennis courts see notes in Open Forum.

The Council groundsman carried out a Vertidrain on the grass during December and has been monitoring the new trees.

### Cricket Square water supply

Cllr Williams informed the Council that there are discussions taking place which could lead to ECSC agreeing to allow the cricket club using the Pavilion outside tap.

## Sports Clubs

ECC have been sent their agreement and invoice for the 2022 Season.

## Play Area

The rocker elephant has been temporarily removed and is being assessed for repair.

## Allotments

### Dagnall Allotments

The warden has advised the Clerk that UK Power will be making contact about accessing the site to cut the trees between the allotments and Highbury Farm as they are interfering with the power lines. Dagnall may experience some power supply issues when the work is carried out. The warden spent time with the UK Power representative and discussed the boundary with them etc. UK Power will also be contacting Dagnall School. The representative said they would do all they can not to disturb the Dagnall Forest School when the works are carried out.

The warden and six tenants voluntarily cleared and tidied two unlet and neglected allotment plots with the intention of them being lettable in three months. Ed Monnington has offered to apply weed killer and rotavate both plots.

This work has resulted in a large amount of rubbish that needs to be disposed of. The tenants request the Council's support in this. Council agreed that the Clerk could seek quotes for the removal of this rubbish. However it must be made clear to the allotment tenants that if the Council pays to remove the rubbish it will be a one-off event.

**Action: Clerk to seek quotes for the removal of the rubbish that cannot be burnt.**

### Northall Allotments

Nothing to report.

### Cow Lane Allotments

Nothing to report.

### The Green Allotments

Nothing to report.

## Cemetery

One interment took place on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

The glass in the noticeboard was found to be smashed at the start of January, this has now been repaired.

## Churchyard

Council agreed to the renewal of Mr Scott Mineikis' BASC membership.

## Bridle Path

Nothing to report.

## War Memorial

Nothing to report.

## Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

## Litter Bins, Dog Bins, Car Parks

Buckinghamshire Cllr Derek Town has informed the Clerk that the telephone number on the dog waste bins is now operational again.

## Streetlights

Future maintenance and warranty - Cllr Cubbage, Harpley and the Clerk met with Cllr Andrew Arthur from Stewkley PC on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Arthur has a job spec prepared for prospective contractors and offered to share this with EPC.

To date there is still no response from Bellway about the failed light opposite Tithe Barn and the information EPC requires to consider adopting the Bellway High Street lights.

Additionally the Clerk raised the question of the yellow lines on the High Street with Bellway – a response has not yet been received.

## Website, Facebook and GDPR

### Facebook

Posts and discussions have focused on:

- Christmas Decorations
- Telecom Mast on High Street, Edlesborough
- Hermes deliveries
- Royal Mail deliveries
- Dog Training & Recall
- Power cuts

### Website

- The Website Accessibility was tested on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Covid-19 – the Clerk will update the website accordingly as and when information is received from Buckinghamshire Council.

### GDPR

- No reported breaches

## Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services

### The Pastures Hedge

Buckinghamshire Council have now paid the invoice for the works carried out in 2021.

## Finance

### December 2021 Accounts

Council to approve the accounts for months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

EMH	£1,237
Old Pavilion	-£59
Green	£524
Open Spaces	£3,804
Bucks CC Devolved Services	£1,107
Allotments	£236
Street Lights	£109
Cemetery	£90
Churchyard	£403
Dagnall Recreation Ground	£178
Subscriptions	£200
EDaN	£456



Office Costs	£64
Other costs	£31
Total	£8,380

#### January Payments

Council agreed the January 2022 payment run.

#### Precept and Draft Budget 2022/23

Council agreed the draft budget and to submit a precept request of £154,740 for 2022/33.

**Action: Clerk to submit the precept request of £154,740.**

#### Bank Interest

Council received £13.38 interest on the gross saver account.

#### Council Telephone

The Clerk has secured a new landline and broadband contract with BT for £30 per month plus VAT. This is slightly cheaper than the current contract and is for a 24month contract. There will be a £9.95 charge for the new router. The switch is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January; there may be some interruption to the phone line and Wi-Fi on this day.

#### Devolution Agreement

The Buckinghamshire Council payment to EPC for Devolved Services has increased by 3% to £4,190.91

Council agreed to the Clerk signing and returning the Devolved Services agreement for 2022/23.

**Action: Clerk to return signed agreement to Buckinghamshire Council.**

## Correspondence

Items circulated to Full Council prior to the meeting:

- CIB - Volunteering and Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks: find out the latest DBS guidance at the Bucks Volunteer Managers' Network meet-up
- SLCC - News Bulletin - 7 January 2022
- Community Board – Watermead Walk Recommendation
- Community Impact Bucks - New networking forums for charities/ community groups in central Bucks launched - February 2022

## AOB

- All Councils Charter – Cllr Williams informed the Council that this document is being reviewed and reduced to a one page document of key commitments together with further supporting information.
- All Councillors have been asked to check and update (where applicable) their Town & Parish Council Register of Interests 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## Items for the February EPC Meeting

- Cllr Harpley's 20mph proposal.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm