



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Edlesborough Parish Council News
(Including Edlesborough, Dagnall & Northall)
July 2022

Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council

This meeting was held on 19th May 2022. Cllr Alan Williams was elected as Chairperson for a further year. Cllr Rosie Booth was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Council reviewed and agreed roles and responsibilities for a further year. The full minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the EPC website.

Annual Parish Meeting 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 24th May in Edlesborough Memorial. Despite the Council's best efforts to advertise this meeting only 16 parishioners attended.

During the meeting the audience listened to and raised questions in response to the following presentations;

- Edlesborough Pavilion Project.
- Edlesborough Play Area Project.
- Edlesborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update.
- Traffic Calming.
- Friends of the Church on the Hill.
- Edlesborough Community Sports Club.
- EDaN Beautification Team
- Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll.

The minutes of the meeting and copies of the presentations can be viewed on the Edlesborough Parish Council website.

New Artwork in EMH

Parishioners who attend classes in EMH or who have recently attended meetings in EMH will have seen the new artwork in Edlesborough Memorial Hall.

Eight images of Edlesborough have been kindly donated to EPC by the late Mr John Hockey and by Mr Andy Parrot. These have been made into canvases (examples of some are shown below) and are now on display in Edlesborough Memorial Hall.



EPC May Council Meeting

The May EPC meeting had a very full Agenda including making decisions on breaches in allotment agreements, parishioners trees overhanging pavements so as to cause a danger, reviewing and adopting the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Reviewing the charges for the Green, EMH, Allotments and Cemetery and much more. A full copy of the minutes including the new charges can be viewed on the EPC website.

Annual Return 2021/22

The internal Audit of the Accounts for the year 2021/22 has been completed and the Council subsequently approved the Annual Return for the year ending March 2022 at the May 2022 Council meeting. The Accounts have now been submitted to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn.

EPC hereby gives Notice Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Accounts for the year ended March 2022.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. These documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk. The inspection period is 30 working days, commencing 13 June 2022 and ending 22 July 2022.

Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Chris Poll and Cllr Peter Brazier continue to attend the EPC meetings and the Annual Parish meeting. They keep Council apprised of decisions and activities at Buckinghamshire Council and offer the EPC advice and assistance on a variety of matters.

The monthly Buckinghamshire Councillors' reports can be found on the EPC website along with the EPC meeting minutes.

MVAS

At the time of writing this report is hoped that the three Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs have now been deployed within the parish. The purpose of these signs is to remind drivers of the speed limit and to encourage them to reduce their speed through our villages. Data collected by the signs can also be used as evidence for other traffic calming measures.

Improvements to the Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green

EPC are currently awaiting the decision of the Planning Inspectorate as to whether they can proceed with their project to install new children's play equipment on Edlesborough Green.



Grass & Hedge Cutting in the Villages

Grass Verges

Now that the growing season is in full swing the Council requests that drivers do not park on the grass verges in the villages. Parking on the verges causes damage to them and makes it difficult for the Council's contractor to cut the verge.

Hedge Cutting

The Council contractor is scheduled to cut the Pastures hedge in the **last week of June**.

The Council is aware of concerns about nesting birds and endeavours to do all it can to protect them.

However the Council are also duty bound to ensure that the hedge does not overhang the footpath so as to:

1. Endanger or obstruct the passage of pedestrians
2. Potentially causes danger to the footpath.

EPC asks all parishioners whose trees and/or hedges border the pavements to ensure that their hedges are kept well-trimmed ensuring that the maximum pavement width is available for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users.



Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

EPC has been advised that the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy is on course to be implemented in September 2022. The aim of the strategy is to reroute HGV's away from specific roads/routes in the Ivinghoe area, including the B440. The image to the right shows HGV vehicles trying to pass each other on the B440 on the hill at the junction with the High Street in Edlesborough. (Image courtesy of Georgie Lowde).



EDaN Community Car Service

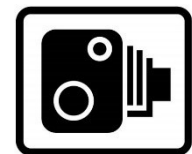
This is a group of local volunteers who support parishioners with journeys to hospital etc. The group which has been inactive due to Covid 19 has now resumed. The group is in need of more volunteer drivers. Any parishioner interested in using the service or volunteering should contact the co-ordinator Peter Williams via email at peterw500@aol.com or on 01442 842506.

EDaN Beautification Team

The EDaN Beautification Team continue to work hard tending to the various planters in the villages of Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall which are all looking lovely. Do you enjoy gardening and have some time to spare? The EDaN Beautification Team is running low on volunteers for the tidying and watering of these planters. Anyone interested in getting involved or helping out with the watering should contact Mrs Christine Yates on 01525 220739 or chris@brooklyns.org.uk

Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

Thames Valley Police have relaunched and restarted their Community Speedwatch – more information can be found at [Restart and relaunch for Community Speedwatch in 2021 · Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk) Any parishioner interested in becoming involved with the EDaN Community Speedwatch for Edlesborough Parish should contact Cllr Alan Williams via email at alan.williams@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk or on 07828 398371



Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 21st July 2022 – Edlesborough Memorial Hall
- Thursday 15th September 2022 – Edlesborough Memorial Hall

The meetings will commence at 7:30pm.

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. Council requests that where possible questions, issues and suggestions are submitted in writing to the Clerk by the Tuesday preceding the meeting.

The Agenda and full minutes of previous Parish Council meetings are available to view on the website or from the Parish Clerk.

