



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on 16th June 2022 in Edlesborough Memorial Hall

Open Forum

Northall Allotments

Mr Richard Dorrance (Northall Allotment Warden) and four Northall allotment tenants attended the Open Forum to discuss the tenants following requests;

- Two extra taps to be installed at the Northall Allotment site.
- Permission to use hosepipes at the Northall Allotment site.

Mr Dorrance outlined the current tap situation and summarised the tenant's requests to the Council. A formal written request had been submitted and circulated to the Full Council prior to the meeting.

Miss Steven (a tenant) went on to explain that some tenants want to use hosepipes to fill water containers on their plots, not for the purpose of watering their plots directly from the hosepipe. She stated that she believed the tenants could "self-police" the use of hosepipes and then at the end of the year the tenants who used the hosepipes would pay for the extra water usage.

The tenants explained that there is a lot of water wastage due to filling and carrying containers from the current one tap, they believe the use of a hosepipe would prevent this.

Cllr Williams thanked the tenants for attending. It was acknowledged that the use of hosepipes at the site had been trialled two years ago but was not continued due to not all the tenants agreeing to the terms of use and payment. The trial had also created a large amount of work in calculating and raising invoices, and chasing payments of the invoices.

Cllr Wilkinson explained that he had calculated the distance from each plot to the tap in line with a similar calculation he had done at The Green site previously. He confirmed that installing two extra taps would benefit the tenants and bring them in line with the provision at the other sites.

It was confirmed that if Council were to agree to the extra taps it would be with the proviso that the tenants would be responsible for digging the required trench or bearing the costs of the trench being dug.

He suggested that the best position for the two extra taps would be between plots 3 and 4 and between plots 9 and 10.

Miss Steven suggested that Council could consider insisting that any new sheds on plots must be fitted with guttering to collect rain water in a suitable container.

The Clerk suggested that a container could be put under each tap (as at other sites) to catch water and for tenants to fill watering cans from. This would need a small amount of land from the plots adjacent to the taps. Mr Dorrance confirmed that plot 7a is vacant and Miss Steven confirmed that part of her plot could be used.

Miss Steven asked if the tenants could elect a spokesperson to act on their behalf to communicate with the Council. Cllr Wilkinson and Williams explained that Richard Dorrance is the recognised spokesperson.

Cllr Williams clarified that the two proposals were as follows and that tenants would like Council to agree to one of the proposals;

- 1) Install two extra taps at the site which hosepipes cannot be attached to.
- 2) Allow the use of hosepipes, which would be "self-policed" by the tenants, with tenants paying for extra water usage.

Mr Williams thanked the representatives for attending and for presenting their proposal. He explained Council would discuss this and inform them of their decision.

Dagnall Allotments

Mr McIntyre a Dagnall Allotment tenant attended the meeting to raise concern about a dead tree in the hedge line adjacent to his allotment plot. The Clerk had visited the site earlier in the day and confirmed that the tree is part of the hedge that the Council maintains.

Action: Clerk to contact the Council contractor and a tree surgeon for advice and quotes on making the tree safe.

At this point all the parishioners left the meeting.

CLLr Williams formally opened the meeting at 19.55

Present

CLLr Williams, CLLr Cubbage, CLLr Wilkinson, CLLr, Booth, CLLr Harpley, CLLr Wells, Buckinghamshire Councillor Chris Poll, Penny Pataky (the Clerk) and no parishioners.

Apologies

CLLr Nevard, CLLr Thomas and CLLr Owen

Declarations of Interest

CLLr Wells declared an interest in Northall Allotments.

Minutes

Council agreed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council 19th May 2022 with no amendments.

Matters Arising

Nothing was raised.

Buckinghamshire Council Report

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

Buckinghamshire CLLr Chris Poll reported that the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy is going ahead and that the B440, Leighton Road will be included. Prior to the meeting Buckinghamshire CLLr Peter Brazier had confirmed that this is on track to be implemented in September and does include the B440.

Action: Clerk to publicise this in the September edition of the Focus Magazine.

CLLr Chris Poll informed the Council that it was disappointing that no progress was being made at the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board. Councillors are still waiting for a meeting date to enable them to set their Agenda for the 2022/23 year.

Planning

21/04729/ATN - Proposed 20m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works

Prior to the meeting a letter from Mark Aughterlony Development Management Manager, Buckinghamshire Council, in relation to application reference 21/04729/ATN relating to a 'Proposed 20m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works', submitted to Buckinghamshire Council on 10 December 2021 had been circulated to the full Council.

In the letter Mr Aughterlony acknowledged that the correct publicity was not undertaken in relation to the above application and that the Council failed to notify interested parties of the application in line with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning General (Permitted Development (England)) Order (2015 (as amended)). He apologised for this error and went on to state that appropriate training will be given to ensure this does not happen again.

He stated "The proposed apparatus would be visible from the public realm given its height and proximity to the highway. There is soft landscaping surrounding the application site, and therefore it is considered that while the proposal is of a considerable height, the proposal would not appear overly prominent or out of character within the area, based on its siting nearby the existing street furniture. The presence of vertical features such as street lights and trees will help to camouflage the monopole. While the monopole would be

taller than the abovementioned features in the area, the proposed pole has been designed in a way which would reduce its prominence with a slim profile and finished in a grey colour. The area in which the equipment would be sited already features a lamp post and telegraph poles. Although the proposal would be significantly higher, it is considered that in this context, it would not appear unduly out of keeping with the surroundings.”

Cllr Williams proposed that a photograph of the site is sent in response to the letter along with the question as to how they believe this fits with the comments above. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to respond with photograph once the installation is complete.

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
21/04914/APP 27 th May 2022 (2 nd consultation)	3A Tring Road Edlesborough	Demolition of existing attached garage and conservatory. Erection of two storey extension.	OPPOSE
22/01680/APP 24 th May 2022	Dancers End 50 Eaton Bray Road Northall	Erection of gospel hall with associated access, parking and landscaping	OPPOSE
22/01743/APP 27 th May 2022	1 The Willows Edlesborough	Erection of shed	No objections
22/01742/APP 1 st June 2022	Brae House 3 Beacon View Northall	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, loft conversion, insertion of dormer windows and roof lights, garage extension with link to main house	No objections
22/02004/APP 16 th June 2022	4 Church Croft Edlesborough	Demolition of an existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension	No Objections

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

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	LPA Decision
22/01479/APP 9 th May 2022	Pennines Leighton Road Northall	First floor front extension	No objections	Permitted

Villages

Edlesborough

Best Kept Village Competition

Judging will take place at some point in June and July. The entry has been published via the June Focus Magazine and Facebook.

Taskers Row Trees

The resident responded on 28th May saying she was looking into the process of getting a tree surgeon to cut the trees back. Upon Inspection on 16th June the Clerk found that some lower branches have been removed from the trees, removing the obstruction from the pavement.

The Clerk has sent two messages (19th May & 10th June) to the Buckinghamshire Council Devolution team requesting assistance on this matter. The Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician has also been contacted for advice.

Council agreed that they would take no further action on this matter at this time as the obstruction to the pavement has been cleared.

Action: Clerk to inform resident and Buckinghamshire Council Devolution Team and Local Area Technician of this decision.

Jubilee Comments

At the start of the week beginning 30th May the Clerk received communication from two parishioners asking why EPC had not hung flags or done more for the Jubilee. The Clerk responded detailing how the Council had tried to support ECSC in organising an event and that the Council had received no request from Parishioners for anything to be done for the Jubilee.

Reinstatement of Hedge at 45 The Pastures

The son of the resident at 45 The Pastures has informed the Council that his initial attempts to reinstate the hedge had failed and that he will try again in a few months.

Action: Clerk to monitor the situation.

Tree at 44 The Pastures

Prior to the meeting photographs of the tree and damaged pavement had been circulated to the full Council along with the residents request for the Council's help in getting TfB to repair the damage to the pavement caused by the tree. In the past the resident has carried out pruning and crowning of the tree at their own cost. The resident is now asking EPC to carry out this work and to pay the costs. It has been confirmed that the tree is outside the resident's property. TfB state that the tree is not their responsibility.

Currently 50% of the annual hedge cutting costs are paid by Ringway Jacobs. The Clerk has asked the Local Area Technician whether EPC can invoice Ringway Jacobs for 50% of any costs should EPC carry out works on the tree.

Council agreed that the tree did not belong to them and it will not take ownership of it. Council agreed that it would not carry out any pruning or crowning of the tree at this time. Council will continue to support the resident in pressuring TfB to repair the damaged pavement.

Action: Clerk to respond to resident accordingly. Clerk to monitor the pavement for repair. If a repair is not completed Clerk to report again to TfB.

Tree at Junction of Pebblemoor and The Pastures

The low hanging branches have been reported to TfB who have pruned the tree to ensure the pavement is not obstructed.

Dagnall

The DVH Committee held a successful Jubilee Celebration event on Dagnall Rec on Friday 3rd June from 12-3pm.

Northall

Cllr Cabbage drew Council's attention to the increase in traffic travelling up and down Eaton Bray Road. This road now forms part of the Satnav route from Tring to the Leighton Buzzard bypass. He expressed concern at the speed of many of the vehicles who do not slow down as they enter the residential part of the road. Also the fact that many runners and walkers use the Eaton Bray Road and Northall Road much of which has no pavement.

Council agreed the following actions;

- ***Clerk to ask the Local Area Technician for warning triangles alerting drivers to pedestrians on the route.***
- ***Clerk to write to the new Amazon Unit informing them of the concerns about their drivers using the route.***

Increasing EPC Visibility

Prior to the meeting Cllr Williams had circulated a paper to the full Council with a list of proposals for increasing EPC Visibility in the Parish.

The Clerk has also had a conversation with a resident who has offered to share ideas with the Council to help the Council “move to a more dynamic news reminder” via platforms such as Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Council agreed that the website should continue to be the main platform for communication. Cllr Williams and the Clerk can explore using the other platforms to lead people to the website.

Cllr Harpley stated that specific letter drops had proved effective in the past and that Council should continue to do this.

Council agreed to trial the following proposals;

- Annual Parish Meeting 2023, have a guest speaker.
- Display images of the Councillors and their roles on the Parish noticeboards with advice as to where to find their contact information.
- EPC Surgeries

Action: Clerk to develop Noticeboard poster. Councillors to forward an up to date picture of themselves to Clerk.

Clerk and Cllr Williams to meet with resident about using social media platforms.

Clerk and Cllr Williams to organise a trial EPC Surgery.

Projects

Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area

– led by Cllr Mrs Booth

Prior to the meeting the latest objections to the New Children's Play Equipment along with a proposed response had been circulated to the full Council.

Council agreed to the proposed response with the following additions;

- The Barn View open space remains the property of the developer and not the Parish Council.
- To re-state the number of responses to the consultations carried out by the Council.

Action: Cllr Booth to add the above to the response. Clerk to submit the response to the Planning Inspectorate.

EMH Redecoration

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

Nothing to report.

EMH Status

– led by Cllr Wilkinson

The paper with the proposed investment needs has been forwarded to The PCC.

Re-Wilding

– Led by Cllrs Owen and Wells

Nothing to report.

EPC Small Grant Scheme

– Led by Cllr Harpley

Two applications under consideration have been invited to complete Stage 2 of the application process;

- Dagnall Choir request £500 towards the purchase of a new organ/keyboard – stage 2 paperwork has been received and will be reviewed by the team.
- Dagnall Church request £500 for a bench to be placed in the Church grounds - have been invited to complete Stage 2 of the process.
- Scout Organisation request for £500 to improve their grounds – have been invited to complete Stage 2 of the process.

EDaN & Traffic Management Team Updates

Traffic Calming & MVAS

The MVAS units are currently stored and the Clerk and Cllr Williams are working towards installing them on existing posts in the villages.

Cllr Williams and the Clerk continue to explore installation costs for the sockets needed to install the supporting posts.

South End Lane 20mph

The invoice for the speed survey has been paid. The Clerk has been advised that there is a 3-4 month wait for the speed survey to be carried out. The Clerk has raised this with Buckinghamshire Council Councillors Poll and Brazier as the original request was made in mid-March.

FOTCOTH

EdleFest 22 was well attended and the team have had lots of positive feedback. The event will be planned again for next year.

The team are now looking ahead to the Heritage Open Days in September.

EDaN Beautification Team

Nothing to report.

Parish Amenities

Reports on all Amenities including Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services.

AED's

Nothing to report.

EMH

Nothing to report.

Green

St Mary's Village Carnival

A copy of the site layout has been supplied and shared with the full Council. The Clerk and Bob Stilliard will carry out a site inspection prior to the carnival.

The Clerk has been provided with the following information about the Carnival *"The attractions will consist of a large bouncy castle, bungee trampoline and two smaller children's rides on the High St side of the plan and a Sizzler, and four more modest children's rides on the Pastures side of the Green."*

Bench Sponsorship

Relatives of a deceased parishioner requested permission to put a bench on Edlesborough Green in memory of their relative. The Clerk responded with information offering them the opportunity to sponsor an existing bench.

There are currently seven unsponsored benches on the Green.

Sports Clubs

ECC have been reminded that cars are no longer allowed to park on the Green during a cricket matches. The Council consider the provision of the Pavilion balcony, the benches below the balcony and the additional disabled parking spaces now provide adequate places for disabled spectators to watch cricket matches from.

Play Area

Rocker Elephant

Wicksteed have investigated the issue of the missing parts and have agreed to provide the missing parts free of charge as a good will gesture.

Swing Seats

The Clerk has requested a quote for two new flat swing seats and a replacement “crotch strap” on one of the cradle seats.

Edlesborough Pavilion

Footpath to join Pavilion path to pavement.

Council considered a quote for a wheelchair access path joining the pavement to the wheelchair access path to the Pavilion. Council agreed to seek more quotes for this work.

Action: Clerk to seek more quotes.

Allotments

Dagnall Allotments

See Open Forum.

A further site visit was carried out, three tenants will be contacted about the condition of their allotment plots.

The warden and Clerk met with a tenant who had made a complaint about another tenant.

The warden and Clerk have both received reports about dog walkers not using short leads and allowing their dogs to stray on to plots.

Cow Lane Allotments

All plots are now let.

The Green Allotments

All plots are now let.

Northall Allotments

The agreed response to the tenant with chickens has been sent to the tenant. To date not response has been received.

Request for additional taps – (see Open Forum)

Council considered the proposals and points raised and agreed that it would pursue quotes to install two extra taps at Northall allotments, the quotes will then be considered by the Council. If Council then agrees to proceed with installing two extra taps this will be on the condition that the tenants either dig the trench themselves or bear the costs of the trench being dug.

At this time Council agreed that they will not allow the use of hosepipes. Council felt that whilst the representatives made good points and could possibly effectively police this themselves this would not be feasible at all of the Allotment sites. Council agreed that there needs to be consistency and fairness in the rules across all four sites.

Action: Clerk to inform tenants of the Council's decision. Clerk to obtain quotes to install two extra taps at Northall Allotments.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Churchyard

Nothing to report.

Bridle Path

Nothing to report.

War Memorial

Nothing to report.

Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

Litter Bins, Dog Bins, Car Parks

The blue recycling bin has been received and will be installed next week. The Clerk posted an update on Facebook informing parishioners about the delayed installation.

Streetlights

Bellway Homes have still not supplied the required information for the new High Street lights.

Streetlights Energy Costs

The Clerk is monitoring the energy costs.

Website, Facebook and GDPR

Facebook

Posts and discussions have focused on:

- Jubilee Celebrations

Website

- The Website Accessibility was tested on 16th June 2022

GDPR

- No reported breaches
- The ICO registration fee remains the same (£35) this will be paid by DD in June.

Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services

Buckinghamshire Council operatives were seen weed spraying the kerb edges in Edlesborough.

Finance

April & May 2022 Accounts

The new accounts software is operational and the April and May 22 Accounts were circulated to the full council prior to the meeting.

Cllr Cubbage expressed disappointment at the new reports. He stated that he hoped to be able to see more information and found it difficult to compare figures with previous year's finances. The Clerk explained that as she and Cllr Nevard become more competent with the new software it will be possible to generate more types of reports.

Cllr Cubbage requested a special meeting to review the software, he has more questions that he will raise with the Clerk and Cllr Nevard before the next meeting.

Council approved the accounts for months ending 30th April and 31st May 2022.

Cost Centre	Expenditure	Income
Precept	N/A	£77,370
EMH	£1,029	£1,400
Green	£1,018	-
Open Spaces	£440	-
Bucks CC Devolved Services	£2,267	£4,911
Allotments	£277	£27
Streetlights	£966	-
Cemetery	£185	£65
Churchyard	£826	-
Dagnall Recreation Ground	£365	-
Friends of the Church on the Hill	£731	£722
Sports Clubs	-	£115
Special Projects	£757	-

Administration	£5,406	-
EDaN	£45	-
Total	£14,312	£84,610

Action: Clerk to convene a meeting.

June Payments

Council agreed the June 2022 payment run.

Annual Return 2021/22

The inspection dates have been published.

Correspondence

Items circulated to Full Council prior to the meeting:

- 21/04729/ATN - Proposed 20m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works

Items for the July EPC Meeting

- More time for Finance

The meeting closed at 22.22

Items for future:

- Parish Paths Maps
- Rialtas Training