



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Livinghoe Freight Strategy

EPC wishes to express its thanks to all the Parishioners who took the time to respond to the Livinghoe Freight Strategy.

Due to the large number of responses from parishioners Buckinghamshire Council were obliged to revise the strategy and subsequently include the B440, Leighton Road through Edlesborough and Northall in the strategy.

The strategy is on course to be implemented in September 2022.

Edlesborough High Street Telecom Mast

On 15th August Greg Smith MP attended a site meeting about the newly installed telecom mast on High Street, Edlesborough. Buckinghamshire Cllr Peter Brazier and the EPC Clerk were also in attendance. 12 parishioners stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Greg Smith MP had viewed the mast from the garden behind the mast prior to the meeting. Greg Smith MP and BC Cllr Peter Brazier both agreed that the location is not suitable at all and were astounded that the application had been allowed. Greg Smith MP stated that he would happily back the residents and would support them with signing letters if/when the matter goes to the ombudsmen. He reiterated that BC's complaints procedure must be fully utilised/exhausted before the Ombudsman Services' would get involved.



The resident of the property behind the mast clarified that the tree detailed on the application as the one that would mask the pole had been in her garden and it had been removed in July 2021 as it was rotten and in danger of falling on their house. The first application was not submitted until September 21. Therefore the drawings submitted were inaccurate and no one carried out a site visit to check for accuracy.

Greg Smith MP offered the following advice;

- Residents get their homes valued as proof that the mast has devalued their property. Ask the Estate agent for two valuations one with the mast present and one without.
- Residents write to the operator directly, stating that the mast has devalued their home and that Greg Smith MP and BC Cllr Peter Brazier agree that the location is outrageous and inform the operator that they are looking into taking legal action over this.
- If residents ask for the pole to be moved they need to propose a more suitable location within 200m of the current location.
- The pole is 5G and only has 500m coverage and is for Three network coverage.

BC Cllr Peter Brazier impressed upon the parishioners that they will need to prove that proper procedure was not followed during the planning application process. He advised the parishioners that BC planners are relying on the fact that permission would have been granted even if the proper procedure had been followed.

Greg Smith MP and Cllr Peter Brazier agreed the following actions:

- They will jointly escalate the matter/complaint to the leader of Buckinghamshire Council, Martin Tett and the BC Chief Exec.
- They will explore putting together a flyer to be delivered to residents advising them how to complain to BC about this mast, if they are minded to do so.
- Push for the BC Leader, Martin Tett to come out to site to see the mast in person and to challenge him on the statements made in the letter from Mark Aughterlony on 1st June.

EPC objected to both applications for the installation of this mast and have additionally written to Directorate for Planning, Growth & Sustainability Planning and Environment Development Management, Buckinghamshire Council drawing their attention to the reality verses the plan for this mast.

A Statutory Notice has now been placed on the adjoining apparatus informing parishioners of their "Right to Object".

Any parishioner wishing to lodge an objection to the installation should write to CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd, Great Brighams Mead, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8DJ.

Pre-Application Consultation to upgrade the telecommunications installation at Ringshall Road, Dagnall

EPC have responded to a pre-application consultation letter and proposed plans in relation to the proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications installation at Ringshall Road, Dagnall. EPC have objected to this proposed upgrade.

Planning Applications

Have you noticed a yellow planning notice in the parish? If a planning application is submitted to Buckinghamshire Council they will erect a yellow planning notice as close to the site as possible. This is to alert parishioners to the application and gives them advice on how to respond to the application.

You can read more about EPC's procedure for responding to planning applications on the EPC website. The website is regularly updated with information about local planning applications, including EPC's responses to applications and the planning authority's decisions.



Cost of Living Crisis and Support

Residents can contact the Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team using:

- the online form www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand or by scanning this QR code
- by phone on 01296 531 151 (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5:30pm; Friday 9am to 5pm)



Message from Thames Valley Police:

Dear Residents,

Due to the cost of living crisis, please can we all be extra vigilant when it comes to our elderly and vulnerable neighbours. There is a lot of uncertainty and unrest at the moment.

If you notice that you have not seen one of your neighbours recently, their lights have not been on or they have not been going about their daily activities as they normally do and you are just generally concerned, please call us on 101 and we will conduct a welfare visit.

It is more important than ever at the moment that we look after each other.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Allotments

The annual allotment rent for 2022/23 is due to be paid at the start of October 2022. The rent due is £2.10 per pole.

EPC requests that payments are made by **internet banking**. Any tenants not able to pay by internet banking please contact the Clerk ASAP to discuss an alternative payment method.

Please ensure rent is paid by 11th October 2022, late payments will incur a £10 administration fee.

EPC currently holds a waiting list for all allotment sites, anyone wishing to be added to the waiting list should contact the Clerk.

Improvements to the Children's Play Area on Edlesborough Green

EPC have been informed by the Planning Inspectorate that having considered the application and all the correspondence relating to it they have decided that an Inspector should visit the site before determining the application. EPC representatives have been invited to attend the visit. The Inspector will not accept any representations on the merits of the application at the site visit, although he/she may ask factual questions to confirm his/her understanding of the physical features of the site. The site visit is scheduled for January 2023. Once the visit has taken place the Inspector will determine the application. The decision will then be sent to EPC in due course.

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

Christmas Wreaths

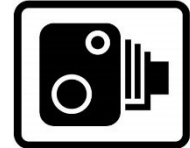
Council have agreed that they will no longer hang the Christmas Wreaths along High Street, Edlesborough. Christmas Wreaths. The number of wreaths available has reduced and there is an enormous amount of work involved in advertising the wreaths, chasing sponsorship/donations, hanging and removing the wreaths. Council agreed that the work done by the EDaN Beautification Team with the two Christmas Trees and dressing EMH in lights looks very special and it was agreed that the wreaths last December looked rather "sad" in comparison.

The wreaths will be kept in case another body wishes to take them on and hang them each year. If no interest is received for them the wreaths will be offered to another Parish Council in November.

Should a local organisation be interested in the Christmas Wreaths they should contact the Clerk for more information.

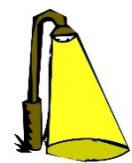
Speedwatch & EDaN Traffic Management

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 \(thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk\)](#) 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



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.



Halloween & Trick or Treat Advice

For some people, this time of the year can be a bother as your evenings are interrupted with people knocking on your doors for treats. Most of these children or teenagers are just getting involved in the Halloween celebrations and will be friendly.

If you feel unsafe:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spyhole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, let your coordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a coordinator, please identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.

Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year.

To report anti-social behaviour, call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number. If you feel threatened, if it's an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call 999.

For more information and to download a 'no trick or treat' poster / card please visit the Thames Valley Police website and search "Halloween"

Follow these tips to help keep everyone happy and safe this Halloween

If you have young children:

- Never let them go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure you accompany them and only visit people you know.
- If you have teenagers:
- Make sure they don't have access to fireworks, alcohol, eggs or flour.
- Explain why they must not play tricks on strangers.
- Tell them that if nobody answers the door, or a 'No trick or treat' sign is on display, they must leave immediately.
- Only knock on a door with a pumpkin or other Halloween decorations on display.
- Remind them to stay with their friends and make sure they know that they should never enter the home of a stranger.



If you do need to talk to the police call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency. For further information visit:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk Receive FREE crime alerts, sign up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 20th October 2022 – Northall Village Hall
- Thursday 17th November 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.



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