



## **EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes for the Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council  
held on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 in Edlesborough Memorial Hall**

### **Open Forum**

The following representatives from Edlesborough Cricket Club (ECC); Mr Geoff Rawson, Mr Wyn Johns, Mr John Howells, Mr Ceri Davies and Mr Simon Brook attended the Open Forum.

Prior to the meeting Mr Brook had submitted a proposal to the Council requesting that Sunday Cricket is reintroduced to Edlesborough Green by EPC granting permission for ECC to sub-let the cricket pitch to another team during the playing season. Mr Brook stated that priority would be given to ECC on Saturdays and that the club would continue to train on Wednesday evenings.

Mr Brook's aim was to establish that EPC were in agreement to allow this to go ahead. ECC could then continue their talks with other teams who may be interested in using the pitch and open talks with ECSC about the use of Edlesborough Pavilion.

Mr Ceri Davies confirmed that Simmons is a well-established team from Leighton Buzzard are currently exploring the idea of using Edlesborough Green. He confirmed that this team had been established for approximately 30 years and that they play friendly matches but are not in a league. They play many of the same teams that ECC do in the league. Mr John Howells informed the Council that another team who do play in a league are also interested in using Edlesborough Green.

In his written proposal Mr Brook had suggested some fees as a starting point. Mr Howells stated that the figures had been proposed without any consultation with ECSC. Cllr Cubbage stated that the finances in Mr Brook's proposal had been well thought through. Mr Rawson stated that the proposed financial arrangements had not been discussed with the ECC Committee and that this would need to happen before any agreement was reached.

Cllr Alan Williams confirmed the following;

- EPC are open to allowing Sunday cricket to take place on Edlesborough Green.
- Council would increase their fee to ECC, ECC would then be responsible for charging any other additional teams for use of Edlesborough Green.
- ECC would continue to have priority of use over the cricket pitch.
- ECC would be responsible for the maintenance of the pitch, wicket and scoreboard.
- Should there be any damage to the pitch ECC would be responsible for carrying out repairs or would be invoiced for any repair work carried out by EPC. If the damage was caused by another team ECC would be responsible for ensuring the team reimburse ECC or EPC for the repairs.
- ECC would be responsible for negotiating access to Edlesborough Pavilion with ECSC.
- The agreement between EPC and ECC for the 2023 Cricket Season would need to be amended to allow sub-letting of the pitch.
- It was agreed that ECC would work on an agreed proposal to be submitted to EPC for their consideration one week before the next Council meeting.

Cllr Williams thanked everyone for attending the Open Forum.

Mr Rawson, Mr Howells and Mr Davies left the meeting at this point.

**Cllr Williams formally opened the meeting at 19.51**

### **Present**

Cllr Williams, Cllr Cubbage, Cllr Nevard, Cllr Harpley, Cllr Thomas (arrived at 20.23), Cllr Owen, Buckinghamshire Councillor Chris Poll, Penny Pataky (the Clerk) and two parishioners.

## Apologies

Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Wells, Cllr Booth, Buckinghamshire Cllrs Peter Brazier and Derek Town.

## Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

## Minutes

Council agreed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 with no amendments.

## Matters Arising

### EPC Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Due to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II it was necessary to postpone the meeting of EPC scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Vice Chair, Cllr Booth and the Clerk attended the venue at 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Booth opened the meeting, then immediately adjourned the meeting on account of it being inquorate.

## Buckinghamshire Council Report

Prior to the meeting BC Cllr Derek Town had provided the Council with a report. This report can be viewed on the EPC website (under the September minutes).

Cllr Poll informed the Council that at the last BC meeting it was stated that BC are looking at a £78million shortfall for this financial year.

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy – On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 BC took the decision to implement the weight restriction zone. All the information can be viewed using this link

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=827>.

Graham Hillary informed the Council that *“Colleagues from the Transport for Bucks Design Team have started on the procurement and planning processes with a view to starting the implementation later in the year. We cannot be more specific at this point due to a number of uncertain timelines such as the procurement, manufacturing and workload scheduling processes.*

*Initial thoughts are to start with the standard signage around the zone, starting in the south of the area. The advance notice signage is more bespoke and more exposed to delays and complexity, this way we can get things underway at the earliest opportunity.”*

Balfour Beatty Living Places will take on the multi-million-pound contract on 1 April 2023 when the council's current agreement with Ringway Jacobs, working under the Transport for Buckinghamshire umbrella, comes to an end.

### Town & Parish Charter

The new Town and Parish Charter has been circulated to the Council.

### Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board

Of the 16 Community Boards eight have had two meetings since April 22, seven have had one meeting since April 22 and have a second meeting scheduled. The Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board was scheduled to meet on 20<sup>th</sup> September, this meeting was postponed due to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

BC Cllr Chris Poll informed the Council that the postponed Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board will now take place at The Cottlesloe School on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. More information can be found here [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/)

Cllr Poll has suggested that the meeting be held via TEAMS given the current fuel prices, cost of living and increase in Covid cases. He reminded Council that Covid booster vaccinations will be available from October onwards.

## Planning

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
22/02347/APP 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	19 The Green Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No objections
22/02514/APP 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	1-4 Old Cottages Leighton Road Northall	Installation of expanded polystyrene insulation rendering of external elevations and replacement of existing doors and windows	No objections
22/02529/AAD 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Travellers Rest PH Tring Road Edlesborough	New exterior signage and lighting	No objections
22/02663/APP 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Greenacre Studham Lane Dagnall	Erection of a new dwelling	OPPOSE
22/02467/APP 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	The Old Oaken Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Change of use of land to residential and erection of stable outbuilding	OPPOSE
22/02791/CPE 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Hall Farm Slapton Lane Northall	Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of an outbuilding for residential use	OPPOSE
22/02792/APP 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	21 The Green Edlesborough	Two storey rear extension and removal of existing chimney	No objections
22/02730/APP 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	4 The Willows Edlesborough	Single storey side extension	No objections
22/02850/APP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022	18 Jacksons Close Edlesborough	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and addition of pitched roof to existing integral garage	No objections
22/02971/APP 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	Arkleigh 15 Tring Road Edlesborough	Replacement of three rear dormer windows with one large rear dormer roof extension	No objections
22/03047/APP 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	Littlewood House Main Road North Dagnall	Single storey garden room	No objections
22/02920/APP 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	59 Summerleys Edlesborough	Erection of garage and workshop	OPPOSE

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

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	LPA Decision
20/01731/APP 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	Primrose Bungalow Dunstable Road Dagnall	Demolition of one bungalow and erection of two 3 bedroomed detached dwellings and associated access	OPPOSE Insufficient spacing to neighbouring property	REFUSED
21/04158/APP 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	1 Hall Farm Barns Slapton Lane Northall	Erection of double garage.	No objections	Disposed of
21/04914/APP 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> consultation)	3A Tring Road Edlesborough	Demolition of existing attached garage and conservatory. Erection of two storey extension.	OPPOSE	Permitted
22/01680/APP 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Dancers End 50 Eaton Bray Road Northall	Erection of gospel hall with associated access, parking and landscaping	OPPOSE	Withdrawn
22/01742/APP 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Permitted
22/01804/APP 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Arkleigh Tring Road Edlesborough	Extend width of existing double garage to create a triple unit comprising two open car ports and a single enclosed garage.	No objections	Permitted
22/01998/APP 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	April Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Two storey rear extension and new fenestration to single storey link	No objections	Permitted
22/02004/APP 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	4 Church Croft Edlesborough	Demolition of an existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension	No objections	Permitted
22/02226/COU AR 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Deans Poultry Farm South End Lane Northall	Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the conversion of 2 agricultural barns into four dwelling houses	OPPOSE	REFUSED
22/02347/APP 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	19 The Green Edlesborough	Single storey rear extension	No objections	Permitted
22/02514/APP 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	1-4 Old Cottages Leighton Road Northall	Installation of expanded polystyrene insulation rendering of external elevations and replacement of existing doors and windows	No objections	Permitted

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

Cllr Owen asked if any more could be done by BC to ensure that Primrose Bungalow, Dagnall can be made safe. BC Cllr Poll advised that reports should be made to BC. Additionally any breaches in planning applications should also be reported to BC Planning Enforcement Team.

**Action: Cllr Wilkinson to follow up on application 21/03932/ACL to ensure the resident has complied.**

### Villages

Paul Foot, the BC Local Area Technician has asked EPC for suggestions of suitable locations for TfB to plant some trees.

Council agreed to suggest the grassed area at the Travellers Rest roundabout where the wood carver parks up or the grass bank heading on the left heading from the Travellers Rest roundabout towards Dagnall. Or on the grassed area in Dagnall

**Action: Clerk to respond to Paul Foot.**

Council were informed that cars at NMJ Service Center had recently been vandalised and that the scout hall had been the victim of property theft in the last week. Parishioners are reminded to ensure all crime, no matter how small is reported to Thames Valley Police.

### Edlesborough

#### High Street Telecom Mast

The Clerk attended the site meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August with Greg Smith MP and BC Cllr Peter Brazier. 14 parishioners were in attendance. A report was circulated to the full Council following the meeting.

Greg Smith MP and Cllr Brazier offered advice and pledged to support the residents in their appeal to have the mast removed. Cllr Brazier will be asking the BC Leader Martin Tett to come to a site visit.

#### Warm Banks

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated information to the Council about "Warm Banks" as places people can go in the current cost of living crisis. ECSC have also been made aware of the idea.

#### Ukraine Family Support Request

Beth Dormer, Sponsor Liaison Area Lead Officer (Winslow & Villages/Wing & Ivinghoe), Ukraine Support Team has contacted the Council to ask if they can provide any support (financial) for a family in the parish. The Clerk has put the host family in touch with The Burghope organisation who are currently awaiting more information on specific needs of the family.

Weeds at Sparrowhall Farm – the Clerk advised a parishioner that EPC has no jurisdiction over the weeds at Sparrowhall Farm and advised them of the BC process for nuisance weeds.

#### Refuse Collections

Some residents of The Pastures have been advised that the BC refuse collector will no longer collect their refuse from the edge of their property due to their driveway surface. The bins for these properties must now be placed on the pavement. Cllr Williams has written to BC for an explanation as to why the change in policy and about the poor communication with the residents.

#### Best Kept Village 2022

The results and judges' comments have been shared with the full Council and EDaN Beautification Team.

**Action: Share results in next edition of Focus.**

## Dagnall

EPC has objected to the proposed upgrade to the existing radio base station on Ringshall Road, Ringshall. This link shows the current plans which Little Gaddesden Parish Council has been led to believe will shortly be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council

[11869122\\_DAC061\\_16997\\_HP0395\\_M001\\_3UK\\_BIP\\_GA\\_A.pdf\(littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk\)](http://11869122_DAC061_16997_HP0395_M001_3UK_BIP_GA_A.pdf(littlegaddesdenpc.org.uk))

## Northall

The TfB Local Area Technician installed a pedestrians walking warning triangle as you enter the 30mph limit of Eaton Bray Road coming from the Eaton Bray direction.

Cllr Cubbage requested that the Clerk check with the LAT that the sign is in the correct location and whether a second sign will be installed.

**Action: Clerk to contact LAT.**

## Increasing EPC Visibility

The Clerk and Cllr Williams will be meeting with Paula Ellison in the near future re the use of Social Media.

## Projects

### Edlesborough Green Children's Play Area

– led by Cllr Mrs Booth

The Planning Inspectorate's site visit was scheduled for January 2023 however following a request from EPC the visit has been brought forward to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Representatives of the Council and anyone who responded to the application is invited to attend the site visit. The Inspector will not accept any further representations on the application and cannot discuss its merits during the visit. Any observations brought to the Inspector's attention during the visit must be those of a factual nature only. The Inspector's decision will be sent to the Council following the site visit.

**Action: Cllr Booth, Cllr Wilkinson and the Clerk will attend the site visit.**

### EMH Redecoration

– led by Cllr Mrs Thomas

EPC approved the description of the WI Banner submitted by Edlesborough WI.

**Action: Clerk to arrange for the banner and description to be hung in the hall.**

### EMH Status

– led by Cllr Wilkinson

Cllr Harpley informed the Council that to date there has been no response from The PCC to EPC's cost of improvement projection sent on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Action: Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Harpley to ask The PCC for a response.**

### Re-Wilding

– Led by Cllrs Owen and Wells

Cllr Owen reported that approximately 50% of the Hedgehog Highways have been distributed. She is awaiting response from the schools and Scout organisation re distribution of the remaining Hedgehog Highways.

### EPC Small Grant Scheme

– Led by Cllr Harpley

A message of thanks has been received from Dagnall Choir for their grant.

**Action: Clerk to re publicise the scheme in the next edition of the Focus Magazine.**

## EDaN & Traffic Management Team Updates

### Traffic Calming & MVAS

The MVAS Units are installed on High Street, Edlesborough.

There is currently a delay in the installation of the supporting posts for the MVAS units. This is due to delays in responses and contradictory responses from BC regarding the type and number of licenses required. Steve Townsend from Truvelo is also experiencing difficulties with obtaining information from BC about the Licences and has informed the Council that Truvelo has not had this issue anywhere else in the country nor the associated costs.

Action: The Clerk will escalate the matter to Zoe Ford and Rosie Tunnard outlining the issues and the poor communication about the Licences and cost. Additionally the fact that this information was not clear at the start of the project that is being led by the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board.

### South End Lane 20mph

Cllr Harpley

Prior to the meeting Cllr Harpley had circulate a summary of the results of the South End Lane, Northall Speed Survey. Cllr Harpley informed the Council that the Speed Survey results meet the requirements of TfB for the Council to proceed to the next stage of the process for applying for a change in speed limit on this section of road.

In order to progress to the next stage of the process Council needs the support of the BC Councillors, the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board and to agree to match fund 50% of the funding.

Cllr Harpley's proposed that EPC present the results of the speed survey back to BC stating that this meets the criteria to progress to the next stage of the process in applying for a reduction in speed to 20mph on this stretch of road. Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal. All agreed.

**Action: Clerk & Cllr Harpley to draft a request to BC to progress to the next stage. Clerk to ensure EPC has the support of the BC Councilors' and the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board.**

### FOTCOTH

Prior to the meeting Cllr Williams had circulated a report informing the Council that the Churchyard had been identified by The Bucks & Milton Keynes Records Centre. They are currently running a project to gain insight to over 500 areas of land, known as Biological Notification Sites, within the county which have been highlighted as being potentially of high wildlife value. Most of these merely exist as areas coloured in on maps, the reason for them being suggested can and often is lost in the mists of time. As part of a county-wide project they are re-visiting these areas to assess the current wildlife interest. As a result of the survey Edlesborough Churchyard was identified as being a site that can be considered via a formalised Selection Panel. Fiona Everingham of the Bucks and Milton Keynes Records Centre has requested permission to put Edlesborough Churchyard forward for consideration.

Council agreed to this request.

**Action: Clerk to inform Fiona Everingham of the Council's decision.**

The Council also agreed to the recommendation of removing the cuttings following the cutting of the wildlife bank, this will help to keep the wide diversity of plants and species at this location. The cost of this will be in the region of £150-200.

**Action: Clerk to instruct the contractor to remove and dispose of the cuttings once the cut has been carried out.**

The Council handyman has been asked to clean and re-stain the benches in the churchyard and cemetery. Cllr Williams reminded the Council that there will shortly be a bill of £109 for the church floodlight energy usage for the second half of 2021. Cllr Williams regularly takes meter reads for the energy use and reports this to The CCT. He also advised that the Friends were working with a parishioner to facilitate a new venture to establish a Shakespeare Theatre group that expects to perform at the church next May.

### EDaN Beautification Team

Cllr Cabbage reported that Mrs Cabbage is currently potting up numerous plants for the village planters.

Mr Wyn Johns left the meeting at this point.

## Parish Amenities

Reports on all Amenities including Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services.

### AED's

The AED at The Swan, Northall and EMH have been recalled for a software update. A replacement device will be supplied for the duration.

Council agreed that the contribution towards the energy payments for the AED cabinets would remain the same as the current amount is deemed enough to meet the energy costs. The landlord of the Swan Northall has declined the energy costs payment "stating that they see it as doing their bit for the community."

**Action: Clerk to contact other hosts to ask for details to enable payments to be made.**

### Devolved Services

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the Clerks all received an email informing them that from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September Clerks would be expected to update BC's Fix My Streets website when issues reported on Fix My Streets that come under devolved services have been rectified. Clerks have received no training on this and have only been provided with a list of instructions.

Clerks are pushing back stating that *"the new process represents an amendment to the devolved services contract.....it represents a change to Clerk's working practices and as such Clerks would expect their Councillors to be informed about these changes and to agree the changes. Sending out this new regime on Friday for it to be implemented on Monday is not acceptable."*

The Clerk has shared this information with the BC Councillors.

At the last Clerk's meeting it was yet again impressed upon representatives of BC that there had been no consultation with Clerks/Town & Parish Councils on Devolved Services and that more and more was being pushed onto us. Clerks were assured that once the new contractor for BC was appointed Devolved Services (including the payment) would be reviewed and Town & Parish Councils would be consulted on this (the time frame given was September).

### EMH

New one hour exercise class started on Saturday 10th September.

The annual PAT test was completed on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Heating & Regular Bookings

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had communicated to the Council the process of heating the hall and how on occasions the heating program may need altering at short notice, either due a cancelled or last minute booking. With the current increase in energy prices it is recommended that installing a "Hive" device will give greater control over the hall heating and subsequent energy use. Council agreed to install a device.

**Action: Clerk to raise purchase order with Matt Edwards for the installation of the device.**

### Green

The drain near the basketball post has been reset as it was causing a trip hazard.

### Sports Clubs

#### EB Lions

The new season has commenced. All teams/coaches have been given guidance notes about the use of The Green and parking around the Green by the club. The Coaches have been instructed to share this with their supporters and opposition teams.

#### ECC

The 2022 season has ended.

ECC have formally requested use of the facility again, next season (2023).



See notes in the Open Forum.

Council agreed to refuse a request from a Milton Keynes Team for use of the Green for next year's cricket season.

#### ETC

Nothing to report.

### Play Area

#### Rocker Elephant

The repair is now complete.

The annual play area inspections took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk will circulate the reports upon receipt.

### Edlesborough Pavilion

#### Footpath to join Pavilion path to pavement.

Council considered two quotes to improve wheelchair access from the Edlesborough Pavilion path to the pavement on road of The Green. Cllr Cubbage proposed the Council accept the quote for the tarmac surface as the path would then be in keeping with the adjacent pavements. Cllr Nevard seconded the proposal, all agreed.

**Action: Clerk to raise purchase order for the work to proceed.**

#### President's Ball

Following a request from Mr Ken Holloway Council have agreed in principle to ECSC holding a "President's Ball" on Edlesborough Green in May 2023. Council have requested that Mr Holloway confirms the date ASAP.

#### Update on Property

A snagging list site meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The builder, Ken Holloway, Richard Diggle and Cllr Cubbage were present. A second meeting is planned for next week. Cllr Williams or Nevard both offered to attend if Cllr Cubbage is unavailable.

The issues with the floor in the gym are scheduled to be repaired next week.

#### Update on ECSC

The Pavilion is currently operating solely on volunteers (with the exception of the cleaner). The bar is opening regularly on a Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon.

The serving hatch has started opening at on Saturday mornings and is proving very popular.

ECSC has used outside caterers for the Wakes that have taken place in the Pavilion.

### Allotments

#### Dagnall Allotments

The two rotten trees were attended to on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Dagnall School has shared the following link enabling Council to see how well Dagnall School are utilising their area of the allotments for their Forest School <https://www.dagnall.bucks.sch.uk/forest-school-2/>

The Clerk has not had any reports of the area being used for fly tipping since the School took it on.

The Clerk has received reports of dog walkers allowing their dogs to stray onto allotment plots. Tenants have been asked to confidentially share information about the owners, dogs and times of offences to enable the Clerk to be on site the educate dog walkers of the rules.

#### Cow Lane Allotments

Nothing to report.

### The Green Allotments

One tenant had requested permission to place a Porsche car on their allotment. The Clerk has informed the tenant that permission for this cannot be granted.

### Northall Allotments

Council considered a quote from Wren Construction to supply and install two extra taps at the site, the quote included a fee for the digging and back filling of the required trench for this work. Council had previously agreed that the tenants would be required to dig and back fill the trench themselves. However as the additional cost to do this was only £150 more than the a previous quote for just the supply and installation of the taps without the trench work Cllr Harpley proposed Council accept the quote and carry out the complete job as to date there has not been any progress with the tenants carrying out this work themselves. Cllr Owen seconded the proposal, all agreed. The Clerk will also purchase containers to be placed under each tap.

***Action: Clerk to raise purchase order for the work, order containers for under the taps and inform the warden, tenants and farmer that the work will be carried out.***

### Rent Collection

An advert was placed in Focus and all tenants have been sent a reminder email/letter informing them that allotments rents are due. Payments have been coming in steadily over the past few weeks.

### Cemetery

A burial took place on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

The new gate is installed. Part of it has warped the contractor is monitoring it to see if it is faulty and needs replacing.

### Churchyard

See notes under FOTCOTH.

### Bridle Path

Nothing to report.

### War Memorial

The organisers of the Newbury Summer Festival have been asked to remove their advertising from the area by the War Memorial. They have also been advised of the process for event advertising in the parish.

### Bus Shelters

Nothing to report.

### Litter & Recycling Bins, Dog Bins, Car Parks

The litter bin at the entrance to the Green opposite Kingsmead has been reinstated.

In June EPC incurred a £5.36 charge for mixed waste in the new recycling bin.

In July EPC incurred a £16.08 charge for mixed waste in the new recycling bin.

In August there was no charge.

Malcolm Calloway's message of thanks for the recycling bin has been circulated to the full Council.

Council agreed to continue monitoring the effectiveness and ongoing costs of the recycling bin before making a decision as to whether to introduce more recycling bins on Edlesborough Green.

***Action: Clerk to investigate how the mixed waste charges are calculated.***

### Streetlights

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

### Faulty Streetlight in Deans Meadow, Dagnall

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated three quotes to repair the faulty streetlight in Deans Meadow in Dagnall. On this occasion Council agreed to accept the quote from Sparkx Electrical.

### Streetlights Energy Costs

The Clerk continues to monitor the energy costs and has tried unsuccessfully to speak to the energy supplier to request a quote for the future supply. Prior to the meeting the clerk had provided the Council with information as detailing the charges. In 2021 the average monthly bill for the supply of energy to the streetlights was £123 it is now £476.

Many energy companies will not considered supplying the energy as it is an unmetered supply.

**Action: Clerk to write to the Chief Exec of SSE to complain that it has not been possible to speak to a sales advisor about the energy costs. Clerk to contact other Clerks to establish their costs and which energy supplier they are using.**

### [Website, Facebook and GDPR](#)

#### Facebook

Posts and discussions have focused on:

- High Street telecom mast
- Nuisance noise; including aeroplanes and music
- Cost of Living Crisis.

#### [Website](#)

- The Website Accessibility was tested on 19<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- The website was updated accordingly with information about the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and with the edge of the page being blacked out. This has now been reverted.
- A new page titled Cost of Living Help – this will be used to signpost parishioners to help and support.

#### GDPR

- No reported breaches

### [Buckinghamshire Council Devolved Services](#)

Contracts due to be reviewed in September when BC appoints new contractor. Clerks have asked to be consulted on many parts. To date there is no confirmation of monies for the next financial year.

The Invite to the Buckinghamshire Council Highways Stakeholder Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> October has been circulated to the Full Council.

### [Finance](#)

#### July and August 2022 Accounts

The accounts for July and August 2022 were approved by the Council.

#### August and September Payments

Council ratified their decision to approve the August payments.

Council agreed the September 2022 payment run.

#### Annual Return 2021/22

This has now been completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP. No matters were brought to the Council's attention. A copy of the return and the summary of the year's spending is now displayed on the website.

#### Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

Information has been circulated to the full Council. Council agreed to follow the advice from BMKALC and agreed not to opt out of the SAAA Scheme.

**Action:** No action is required for Councils who wish to continue to opt in to the SAAA scheme.

### Clerk's Laptop

The Clerk's laptop is now over 8 years old and is developing issues. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated information to the full Council of a suggested replacement model. Council agreed to the purchase of this device.

### Insurance

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the quote for the renewal of the Council's insurance policy, with the response from the insurance company to the Clerk's question about the substantial increase. Council agreed to proceed with the renewal on this occasion but seek quotes from other companies prior to the 2023 renewal date.

***Action: Clerk inform insurance company that the renewal quote is accepted.***

### **Correspondence**

Items circulated to Full Council prior to the meeting:

- Parish & Town Council Forum – Q & A's
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### **Items for the October EPC Meeting**

Items for future:

- Parish Paths Maps
- Rialtas Training

**The meeting closed at 22.36**