



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

March 2025

Parish Council Elections

Would you like to

- Give something back to the community?
- Gain new skills and experience and meet new people?
- Help shape change for the benefit of your area?

Elections to the Parish Council are officially held every four years, but in recent times all seats have been uncontested. Our next elections are due on 1st May and anyone interested in standing should contact the Parish Clerk or come along to the next Parish Council meeting.



EdleFest 2025

EdleFest 2024 will take place on 6th and 7th June. More information and tickets are available via the EdleFest website <https://edlefest.site123.me/>



EPC Precept Increase for 2025/26

At the January Council meeting councillors agreed the budget for 2025/26. To keep pace with the current rate of inflation, the Council agreed to submit a precept request of £192,412 to Buckinghamshire Council. The “precept” is the amount of money Buckinghamshire Council gives to Edlesborough Parish Council from their Council Tax income. This means that the Parish Council’s element of the Band D rate will increase from £11.07 per month to £11.51.

More information about the Council’s finances can be viewed at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/annual-returns-to-audit-commission/

The Pastures Hedge

This year the Council will be undertaking improvements to the Pastures Hedge. This is the hedge that runs along The Green, Brownlow Avenue and Pebblemoor up to the entrance of The Pastures.

The purpose of the work is to

- make the hedge more stable.
- Improve the health of the hedge.
- Increase the biodiversity of the hedge.



Council have already carried out a harsh cut reducing the hedge to a maximum height of 8ft.

The next stage will be the removal of the elder growth and replanting of new hedging where needed.

Inconsiderate Parking in the Villages

Council reminds drivers that inconsiderate parking causes a danger to other road users, pedestrians, and wheelchair users.

The rule 243 of the highway code states **DO NOT stop or park:**

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.



The Parish Council regularly receives complaints about inconsiderate parking in the villages. Before you park please take a moment to think will my parking:

- Obstruct the view of a driver or pedestrian?
- Can a pushchair or wheelchair pass my vehicle without having to go onto the road?
- Is there enough room for other vehicles to pass safely?
- Am I parked on white lines, no parking or keep clear road markings?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, PLEASE find somewhere safer to park.

MVAS – Moveable Vehicle Activated Speed Devices

Data for November

Camera location	Edlesborough B440 near Sparrowhall Farm	Northall B440 near Knolls View	Dagnall Studham Lane
Direction of travel	Towards Hemel Hempstead	Towards Leighton Buzzard	Towards Dunstable
Monitoring period	16 th November – 10 th December 2024	16 th November – 10 th December 2024	16 th November – 10 th December 2024
Average speed	31.9mph	32.5mph	27.3mph
85 th ile speed	37mph	37mph	35mph
% of vehicles travelling <= 30mph	45%	35%	60%
% of vehicles travelling > 30mph but <= 35mph	35%	43%	27%
% of vehicles travelling > 35mph but <= 40mph	15%	16%	11%
% of vehicles travelling > 40mph but <= 50mph	5%	6%	2%
% of vehicles travelling > 50mph	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%
Average daily traffic count (single direction)	3870 vehicles	2531 vehicles	188 vehicles

Data for December

Camera location	Edlesborough B440 near Sparrowhall Farm	Northall B440 near Knolls View	Dagnall Studham Lane
Direction of travel	Towards Leighton Buzzard	Towards Hemel Hempstead	Towards Dunstable
Monitoring period	13 th to 19 th December 2024	13 th to 19 th December 2024	13 th to 19 th December 2024
Average speed	32.6mph	32.5mph	28.3mph
85 th ile speed	36mph	37mph	35mph
% of vehicles travelling <= 30mph	30%	40%	57%
% of vehicles travelling > 30mph but <= 35mph	50%	38%	29%
% of vehicles travelling > 35mph but <= 40mph	16%	18%	12%
% of vehicles travelling > 40mph but <= 50mph	4%	6%	2%
% of vehicles travelling > 50mph	0.2%	0.8%	0.1%
Average daily traffic count (single direction)	3673 vehicles	2798 vehicles	217 vehicles

More information about Traffic Calming in the parish can be viewed at www.edlesborough-pc.gov.uk/community-information/traffic-calming-in-the-parish/

Buckinghamshire Council Consultations

Buckinghamshire Council conducts many consultations throughout the year. Any parishioner interested in responding can find the consultations on their website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>. Residents can also find a list of recent activities along with information on how your responses were considered in our decisions, on the "We asked, you said, we did" section of Your Voice Bucks: https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/we_asked_you_said/. Each month a Buckinghamshire Cllr provides a report at the EPC meeting. Copies of the report can be viewed on the EPC website alongside the meeting minutes.

Salt Bins, Fly Tipping and Issues with Roads and Pavements

Please report fly tipping, potholes and other issue with roads and pavements to Buckinghamshire Highways. If you consider the issue to be dangerous or an emergency, please call Buckinghamshire Highways on **01296 383848 (9am – 5pm)** or **01296 486630 (out of hours)**. Otherwise, please submit the report online at www.fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk and Buckinghamshire Highways will deal with it in line with their agreed timescales.

EPC Surgery

If you have a question or suggestion for the Parish Council the Clerk will be available on the first Thursday of each month in Edlesborough Pavilion from midday – 2pm.

Council Meetings

The next Edlesborough Parish Council Meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 20th March 2025 – in Edlesborough Pavilion
- Thursday 17th April 2025 – in Edlesborough Pavilion

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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