

## **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report to Edlesborough Parish Council May 2025**

At the elections held on 1st of May 2025, the resultant vote count for each candidate was as follows:

Peter Brazier (Conservative) 1105 (Elected)

Chris Poll (Conservative) 1081(Elected)

Harry Murgatroyd (Labour) 735 (Not elected)

Trish Owen (Labour) 679 (Not elected)

Andrew Eaves (Reform) 635 (Not elected)

Amanda Trayte (Reform) 630 (Not elected)

Johanna Wheeler (Green Party) 372 (Not elected)

Michael Culverhouse (Green Party) 369 (Not elected)

Andrew Cole (Liberal Democrats) 332 (Not elected)

Jeremy Leonard (Liberal Democrats) 226 (Not elected)

Peter and I are both pleased to have been re-elected to Buckinghamshire Council for the Ivinghoe ward.

You now have 2-member representation at Buckinghamshire Council and I would like to pay tribute to Derek Town who stood down after 10 years' service at both AVDC and Buckinghamshire Council. Derek served you well and at one point was my go-to when I needed cover for absentee members at meetings.

Particularly with his role on the planning committee his experience will be missed, and we wish him well on his retirement from his local government role. With Peter and I having served the previous 4 years, we are well versed in the current issues and challenges and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all residents. Our good relationship with all 7 parish councils will continue and we will undertake again to attend all Parish Council meetings over the term. This amounts to nearly 100 per year.

As I write this the council is under "no overall control", we both await which party or group will be taking charge of the executive. The outgoing administration undertook to further reduce costs not only by the reduction of member numbers but also reducing Councillor allowances by at least 10% across the board and in some cases more than this. Staff pay has been increased by more than inflation for the lower pay bands. These pay awards are always conducted with staff union representation and over my time on

AVDC and now BC, relationships have been good. Finances remain under strain, partly due to the

Chancellor's decision to raise NI which has an impact on an employer like BC.

Nonetheless, we await to see what the new administration will bring and in the meantime our ward work will be unaffected. If you need to get in touch, we attend every parish council meeting across the ward, or you can of course email.

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Thank you for putting your trust in us both. Cllr Chris Poll.