



# **MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF**

## **EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Edlesborough Pavilion.

Cllr Booth opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all in attendance, including Julie Goodman the new Councillor for the Ward of Edlesborough. She then resigned from the position of Council Chair.

### ***1. Elect a Chair.***

Cllr Owen proposed Cllr Booth as Chair; Cllr Wilkinson seconded the proposal. All agreed.

### ***2. Elect a Vice-Chair.***

Cllr Booth proposed Cllr Owen as Vice-Chair. All agreed.

### ***3. Attendance***

The following were in attendance:

Cllr R Booth, Cllr D Ferguson, Cllr J Wilkinson, Cllr J Goodman, Cllr P Owen, Cllr L Wells, Cllr K Cubbage, Cllr R Harpley, Penny Pataky, the Clerk.

Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll.

Eight parishioners (all parishioners except one left after the Open Forum).

Cllr Booth congratulated the elected Councillors for the Ward of Edlesborough and welcomed Cllr Julie Goodman to the Council.

### ***4. Apologies for Absence***

Council approved the following absences

- Cllr Hurst – holiday
- Cllr Wells – unwell

Apologies were also received from Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Peter Brazier and Thames Valley Police

### ***5. Councillor attendance since last Annual Meeting***

The Clerk read out the following Councillor attendances

- Cllr Booth – 11 meetings
- Cllr Ferguson – 9 meetings
- Cllr Hurst – 10 meetings
- Cllr Wilkinson – 12 meetings
- Cllr Williams – 11 meetings. Cllr Williams resigned April 2025.
- Cllr Owen – 8 meetings
- Cllr Wells – 7 meetings
- Cllr Cubbage – 9 meetings
- Cllr Harpley – 7 meetings.

### ***6. Council approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with no amendments.***

### ***7. Open Forum***

Parishioners in attendance asked about the recently submitted planning application

- 25/01407/APP, Land South of Cow Lane, Edlesborough, erection of 24 new dwellings.

Cllr Wilkinson explained that Council will be considering this application in the Ordinary meeting following this meeting. He will be recommending that Council refuse the application. If Council approve the recommendation the objection will be available to view on the Buckinghamshire Council website in the next few days.

He explained that in the absence of the Buckinghamshire Plan and Buckinghamshire Councils inability to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply, the Edlesborough Neighbourhood Plan is weakened. "Tilted balance" can be applied to planning applications, whereby if the planning officer judges that the application is a sustainable development it may be approved.

Currently Edlesborough Parish has some protection against applications due to the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation [Development in the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation | Buckinghamshire Council](#) This currently prevents any development within a 12.6 kilometre zone of influence (the zone within which mitigation will be required for net new residential development or equivalent) that extends from Ashridge Commons and Woods SSSI.

Parishioners were encouraged to submit their comments directly to Buckinghamshire Council via its website. Parishioners were reminded that Edlesborough Parish Council can no longer view comments on a planning application. Any parishioner wanting Edlesborough Parish Council to be aware of their comments should copy them to the Clerk via [clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@edlesborough-pc.gov.uk)

#### **8. Council agreed the following appointments of Representatives as identified below.**

##### **8.1 Councillors responsible for planning**

Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Owen, Mr Harpley

##### **8.2 Representatives for the allotments**

Edlesborough, Cow Lane

Mrs Phrena Wilkinson

Edlesborough, The Green

Mr Peter Thomas

Dagnall

Mr Kevin Ling

Northall

Mr Richard Dorrance

##### **8.3 Councillors responsible for footpaths**

Edlesborough

Ms Hurst

Dagnall

Mrs Owen

Northall

Mr Cubbage

##### **8.4 Officers for the following positions**

Employees working party

Ms Booth, Mr Wilkinson, Miss Ferguson

Bank Mandate

Ms Booth, Mr Harpley, Mrs Owen, Mr Wilkinson,

Miss Pataky

Responsible Financial Officer

Miss Pataky

Councillor to support the Responsible Financial Officer

Miss Ferguson

##### **8.5 Play Equipment Weekly Inspection**

Edlesborough

Miss Pataky

It was agreed that as Edlesborough Parish Council no longer insures the play equipment at Dagnall and Northall it is no longer necessary to record who is responsible for the weekly play area inspections.

##### **8.6 Additional Key Holder**

Mrs Goodman

##### **8.7 EPC Small Grants Scheme**

Small Grants Scheme Working Party

Ms Booth, Mr Harpley, Mrs Owen

#### **9. Council confirmed continuation of voluntary payment for the following annual subscriptions**

BBOWT, BMKALC, Community Impact Bucks, CPRE, NALC, SLCC, The Chiltern Society.

#### **10. Inspect deeds and assets register in the custody of the Parish Council**

- The Clerk confirmed that she had inspected the deeds prior to the meeting.
- The asset register having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting was agreed.

**11. Council Reviewed and agreed financial limits for the following**

Quotations & Tendering – see limits in Financial Regulations agreed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Parish Clerk £500 for non-emergencies without prior approval from Council

Parish Clerk £1,000 for emergencies without prior approval from Council

**12. Council reviewed and approved the following documents**

12.1 EPC Risk Assessment

12.2 Code of Conduct

12.3 Standing Orders – this document was revised to reflect the new limits for quotes and tendering.

12.4 Due to the impending change in ownership of NMJ Service Centre, Council agreed not to renew the Memorial Hall car park licence.

**Action: Clerk to write to NMJ and inform them of the Council's decision.**

12.5 Financial Regulations – these were updated and reviewed at the March 2025 Council Meeting

**13. Appointed the following representatives to outside bodies**

Charities

Burghope

Townsland & Nurses

Miss Pataky

Mr Williams – **Action: Clerk and Mr Williams to confirm this with the Chair of Townsland and Nurses.**

Luton Airport Issues

East Bucks Community Board

St Mary's Carnival

Mr Wilkinson

Ms Booth, Mrs Owen, Mr Wilkinson,

Miss Pataky

Edlesborough Community Sports Club ECSC Trustee Miss Ferguson

**14. Any other business**

Nothing was raised.

**15. The meeting closed at 20.07.**

**Minutes Approved Annual Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Chair to Council \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_