



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd May 2025

Cllr Booth formally opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Cllr Booth welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present

Cllr Booth, Cllr Hurst, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Owen, Cllr Wells, Cllr Harpley and Cllr Cabbage. Penny Pataky (Clerk),
Buckinghamshire Councillor Chris Poll,
PCSO Mike Cocker, PCSO Tina Hobson and Special Constable Sam Richards
Laura Kyrke-Smith MP
Sixteen parishioners

Apologies

Buckinghamshire Cllr Peter Brazier
Neil Rigby – Edlesborough Tennis Club
Dave Roberts – ECSC CIO
Dee Greenfield – Northall & District Age Concern Wednesday Club
Diana Edwards & Heather Rathbone – Eaton Bray Good Neighbours
Ann Tobin – Dagnall Under 5s
Sally Siddons – The Focus Magazine
Dr White & Dr Mitchell – Edlesborough Surgery
Ashridge Estate Committee
Jane Clarke – Burghope Land
Catherine Hayden – Friends of the Church on the Hill & Burghope Land
Adrian Bush – EB Lions FC

Minutes

The minutes of a previous meeting held on 23rd May 2024 were agreed and signed with no amendments.

Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes (not covered in the agenda)

None were raised.

Open Forum

Nothing was raised.

Thames Valley Police Update

PCSO Mike Cocker introduced himself as the new PCSO for the area. He covers fifteen villages in total. He shared the latest crime figures for the parish. A copy can be viewed on the website alongside the minutes.

It was explained that the Police Officers are not allowed to use/look on Facebook for incident reports.

Parishioners are encouraged to make reports to 101, the website or 999 if a crime is in progress. The officers are trying to build links with Bedfordshire Police.

The email address for the local policing team WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

Edlesborough Parish Council Report, including Projects Completed.

Cllr Booth gave a report in which she thanked the Parish Councillors, Buckinghamshire Councillors, the clerk, the Council contractors, and the various local volunteers including the EDaN Beautification Team, Friends of the Church on the Hill, Dagnall, and Northall Village Hall committees.

She shared information about

- the Edlesborough Green play equipment project.
- The Parish Tree Survey.
- MVAS on going use and analysis.
- Planning.
- Council Finance – more information can be viewed on the Council website.

Laura Kyrke-Smith MP

Laura gave a brief presentation about her 10 months in office. Her priorities are guided by residents, but most fall under the following themes.

- Infrastructure
- Potholes and roads
- Health care access
- Police and crime
- Fly tipping
- Education, particularly for children with Special Educational Needs

She explained that she is not a statutory consultee on planning applications but has written to Buckinghamshire Council about its recent decision to remove comments from the planning section of its website.

She encouraged parishioners to contact her should they need or to attend her surgeries, these are held in person and online.

Her contact information is

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Traffic Calming and Speedwatch

Mr Alan Williams has volunteered to continue in his role as Speedwatch Coordinator. He gave an update on the various educational methods that are used in the Parish.

Locations for Speedwatch activities have been submitted to Thames Valley Police for approval and he hopes that the Speedwatch volunteers will be out in action soon.

Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll

Cllr Poll paid tribute to the Edlesborough Parish Council councillors and stated that they were a shining example of people giving back to the community. He went on to give the following report.

“At the Buckinghamshire Council AGM last evening 21-5-25 the new leader was elected. He is Steven Broadbent of the Conservative Party. He will lead a minority administration as following the elections earlier this month, the Conservatives received 49.5% of the seats.

The cabinet was announced, and I am pleased to say that my ward colleague Peter Brazier has been appointed to lead the Culture and Leisure portfolio. This will also include the relocation of the Buckinghamshire archive to a new home. He will be accompanied by Catherine Oliver as his deputy. As a cabinet member he will not sit on any committees but will work full time in his new role.

I have been appointed to the Finance and Resources and the Audit and Governance select committees as well as the Central and North area planning committee.

As the council is now under no overall control I will expect much more collaborative working of members. I have always found it to be so in the last 4 years as my previous committee membership has been about scrutinising decisions and recommending changes for the benefit of all Buckinghamshire residents. These recommendations do not usually instigate party political affiliation. I will be campaigning to become Chair of the new East Bucks Community Board. I have previously been somewhat critical of the format of these and intend to make changes to the way they are run if successful. There is a lot that is good about them but also some not so good. I would like to see much more agenda ideas coming from Parishes that will initiate buy in and discussion on what really matters to our communities. We will have three cabinet members, one deputy cabinet member and a deputy leader within our councillor membership of the board. I intend to make it a forum for an exchange of ideas from PCs and residents of which we can all be proud."

Reports from Local Organisations

Informative reports were given by the following organisations.

- Eaton Bray Lions Football Club – a written report was read out by the Clerk.
- St Mary's Carnival Committee - Mark Kilfoyle
- ECSC CIO – Kate Meredith
- ECSC Trading Company Ltd – Paul Hancock. John Howells drew people's attention to the Tibbs Dementia Foundation that hopes to start to run a group in Edlesborough Pavilion.
- Edlesborough WI – Di Hedges
- EDaN Beautification Team - Lorna Cubbage
- Dagnall School – Tina McKay
- Edlesborough Cricket Club – Gary Herbert

Small Grants Project Success

The following groups gave reports detailing how they had benefitted from a Small Grant from Edlesborough Parish Council.

- 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Scout Group – Rosie Booth
- Sparkles – Kate Broadway

Mr Alan Williams

Cllr Booth commended Mr Alan Williams for all he had contributed to the community in his 18 years as a Parish Councillor.

There being no other business Cllr Booth thanked everyone for attending and for their informative reports. She invited them to stay for an informal chat and networking.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed
Position
Date