



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on 17th October 2024 in Edlesborough Pavilion.

Open Forum

Four residents of The Pastures attended the meeting to draw the Council's attention to their dissatisfaction with the recent repairs to the pavement in The Pastures. Only the pavement between no 21 to no 37 has been repaired. The residents dispute that this part of the pavement was in the poorest condition. The residents have made multiple reports to Buckinghamshire Council's (BC) fix my streets and are increasingly frustrated in the lack of response and poor quality of repairs to the pavements and potholes in the road.

Cllr Booth expressed the Council's sympathies to the residents and explained that Council would pass on the resident's dissatisfaction and concerns to the Buckinghamshire Councillors who had been extremely supportive in getting part of the pavement repaired.

Cllr Wilkinson advised the residents to keep reporting issues to BC's fix my streets.

The Clerk shared a communication from a resident of Northall who had asked that the BC Councillors be made aware of the lack of response to fly tipping reports on Slapton Lane, Northall.

Action: The Clerk will forward information about both the matters raised to the BC Councillors.

Cllr Booth formally opened the meeting at 7.43pm

Present.

Cllr Booth, Cllr Owen, Cllr Hurst, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Harpley, Penny Pataky (the Clerk), PCSO Tina Hobson, and four parishioners.

Apologies

Cllr Williams, Cllr Cabbage, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Wells, Buckinghamshire Cllr Peter Brazier, and Buckinghamshire Cllr Chris Poll.

Declaration of Interests

Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Owen both declared an interest in the allotments.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th September 2024

Council agreed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Edlesborough Parish Council held on Thursday 19th September 2024 with no amendments.

Matters Arising from the Minutes (not covered in the agenda)

- Grand Union Canal Transfer (GUC) public consultation.
Cllr Booth informed the Council that she had attended the recent public meeting about this in Eaton Bray. She reported that it will be 2030 at the earliest before the project starts and that part of the route is planned to go through National Trust land. No pipework is planned through Edlesborough Parish. Some pipework may go round Eaton Bray.
Council agreed that it would not respond to the consultation at this time.

Buckinghamshire Council Report

Including Community Board for Ivinghoe and Wing Ward.

No Councillor was in attendance to give a report.

Community Board for Ivinghoe and Wing Ward

Cllr Alan Williams is currently attending the latest board meeting.

Thames Valley Police

PCSO Tina Hobson attended the start of the meeting and gave the following crime statistics for 1st August to 15th October.

Edlesborough Ward

9 x incidents not of interest to residents
 3 x criminal damage
 3 x road related incident
 1 x making off without payment
 1 x suspicious other
 1 x suspicious person
 2 x anti-social behaviour community
 1 x anti-social behaviour personal
 1 x theft
 1 x dangerous driving
 2x burglary resident.

Northall Ward

1 x theft
 3 x assault with injury
 1 x suspicious other
 1 x public order
 1 x action fraud

Dagnall Ward

3 x incidents not of interest to residents
 2 x road related incident
 1 x robbery
 1 x suspicious other

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
24/02976/COUAR 2 nd October 2024	Deans Poultry Farm South End Lane Northall	Conversion of existing barn into 4 dwellings.	No objections
24/02990/APP 3 rd October 2024	2 Ashtons Cottages Leighton Road Northall	Two storey side extension, part two storey, part single story rear extension, together with relocation of main entrance.	No objections. Subject to adequate off-street parking provision
24/02767/APP 7 th October 2024	Manor Farm Pebblemoor Edlesborough	Installation of ground mounted solar panels.	No objections
24/02892/APP 8 th October 2024	Well Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Temporary siting of 3 static caravans (Retrospective).	OPPOSE. ANOB siting inappropriate
24/02895 8 th October 2024	Well Farm Ringshall Road Dagnall	Construction of 2 animal shelters and a reservoir (Retrospective).	OPPOSE Too close to a dwelling
24/03060/APP 9 th October 2024	Orchard Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Single storey front and rear extensions.	No objections
24/03063/APP 10 th October 2024	Orchard Cottage Leighton Road Northall	Raise the roof of an existing annex by 750mm.	No objections
24/03101/APP 15 th October 2024	Chiltern Farm Barn Main Road North Dagnall	Barn conversion to create five dwellings	No objections

Decisions notified by Buckinghamshire Council this month

Application No.	Address	Description	Parish Council Response	Decision
24/02193/APP 31 st July 2024	Moat Cottage 8 Manor Farm Close Edlesborough	Replacement of existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension.	No objections	Permitted
24/02558/AGN 30 th August 2024	Home Farm Leighton Road Northall	Erection of farm office building.	No objections	REFUSED
24/02559/AGN 9 th Sept 2024	Home Farm Leighton Road Northall	Erection of an agricultural building detached garage building	No objections	Permitted

USE OF PEBBLEMOOR CAR PARK BY IMPENDING RETAIL SHOP

Prior to the meeting Cllr Williams had circulated a paper detailing the possible scenarios and options over the use of the car park by the impending retail shop.

Council agreed to address the issue when the retail shop is nearing completion/opening.

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS IN THE PARISH

Council agreed that Pebblemoor car park would not be a good location for electric car chargers as Council wishes to discourage vehicles from parking there for long periods of time.

VIRGIN MEDIA IN EDLESBOROUGH

Cllr Hurst reported that she had been in communication with Virgin and that they had provided her with a list of locations. Letters will be delivered to the homes of people affected by the digging.

Villages

Remembrance Day Service – this will take place at Eaton Bray War Memorial on Sunday 10th November. Cllr Booth will lay the wreath for Edlesborough Parish Council.

Council agreed to increase their donation to £75 per wreath.

EPC SURGERY

A parishioner raised concern about the conifers opposite Kingsmead on Pebblemoor obstructing the pavement again. The Clerk explained that the property is in the process of being sold and that both the owners and estate agent have been made aware of the issue.

EDLESBOROUGH

- The Clerk has received a complaint about the increase in dog fouling on Edlesborough green. A reminder to owners to clear up after their dogs and information about how to report offenders was posted on Facebook.
- The Pastures – parts of the pavement in The Pastures have been resurfaced, see notes in Open Forum.

DAGNALL

- Nothing to report.

NORTHALL

- A parishioner has raised concern about repeated fly tipping on Slapton Lane – see notes in Open Forum.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Repairs have been carried out on parts of The Pastures pavement.

The fallen narrowing road sign near the junction of the B440 and High Street has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council (BC).

The Clerk has reported that road markings at the junction of Moor End, High Street and Summerleys were not repainted when the ones in Summerleys were.

ASHRIDGE ESTATE COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Monday 21 October 2024 at the Ashridge Visitor Centre.

Small Grant Applications

No new applications have been received.

Projects

EDLESBOROUGH PAVILION UPDATE

Nothing to report.

PHASE 2 – EDLESBOROUGH GREEN PLAY AREA

The installation is complete with the exception of the two play panels. Kompan hope to install these in November, the delivery of the panels was delayed by the supplier.

Council ratified its decision to carry out extra work preparing the surface, it agreed that spending the money now was preferable to rectifying the highly likely subsidence issues in the future. The extra work on the surface came in at £12,076 opposed to the quoted £15,358.

The post installation inspection has been completed.

Cllr Booth, the Clerk and Kompan will now agree a date for the removal of the Heras fencing and the opening of the new play area once the Council groundsman has reported on the condition of the ground.

BIODIVERSITY AUDIT OF EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Council awaits the report.

TREE SURVEY

Three companies have been asked to tender for the tree survey work. Once all three quotes are received they will be circulated to the Council for their consideration.

Traffic Calming

MVAS

The Clerk has asked Truvelo to attend to the device in Dagnall as it appears to have gone into a “deep sleep”, and it is not possible to download the data.

The latest data for Edlesborough and Northall will be put on the website once the Dagnall data is available. All devices have been rotated 180° in their current locations.

A Northall parishioner has requested that the MVAS device on the B440 near Eaton Bray Road is rotated 180°. The Clerk has explained that;

- data is collected in both directions at all locations
- the device is educating drivers that they are still in a 30mph zone and should not increase their speed until they pass the 40mph sign.

The parishioner has also been directed to the MVAS data on the website.

The Clerk is working on submitting the application for an MVAS post on Pebblemoor to Buckinghamshire Council.

Councillors reported that the device in Northall may not be working correctly. The Clerk will investigate and contact Truvelo if necessary.

SPEEDWATCH – LED BY CLLR WILLIAMS

Nothing to report.

EDaN Updates

Led by Cllr Ferguson

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH ON THE HILL

Nothing to report.

EDAN BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Work has commenced on replacing the soil in the planters and planting new plants.

The Clerk has authorised the purchase of a water meter to be added to Mr Monnington's bowser to enable an accurate record of the water being used to water the planters.

Christmas Trees

Council agreed to ask MW Agri Ltd to supply the two Christmas Trees this year, and to ask for the Cow Lane tree to be a foot taller.

Action: Clerk to raise purchase order for the two trees. Clerk to inform Christine Yates which supplier it will be using.

Finance

ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The September 2024 accounts were approved having been circulated to the full Council prior to the meeting.

AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Council approved the October 2024 payments.

FIXED ASSETS AND INSURANCE

The Clerk has requested a breakdown of the insurance premium from Zurich.

Parish Amenities

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL DEVOLVED SERVICES.

The contractor has been asked to clean the pavement near Taskers Row Bungalows as this is covered in moss.

The pavements in Huntsmans Close and Chestnut Close in Dagnall will also be added to the contractors list as the moss is increasing at this location.

AED'S & COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Nothing to report.

EDLESBOROUGH MEMORIAL HALL

The Clerk will ask the contractor to hang the Christmas lights ready for December.

The new chair yoga and baby yoga classes and daytime Pilates classes are running well.

The annual fire inspection has been completed; the fire blanket was replaced due to being out of date.

The hall is due an electrical inspection. Council agreed to proceed with the quote provided by Russell Sears. Cllr Wilkinson raised concern about the energy consumption of the building based on the figures produced by Utility Aid. There is concern that Utility Aid are generating quotes using the wrong consumption amounts.

Action: Clerk to take accurate meter reads and compare usage to last year's usage.

THE GREEN AND PLAY AREA

Kompan will remove the compound and carry out more tidying of the damaged green surface when they collect the Heras fencing.

Tree Seat – the clerk will place an order for the new tree seat.

Annual Play Area Inspections

The cost for the three accompanied inspections is £420.75 +VAT. These will take place on November 1st.

Council has received a donation from a family towards the upkeep of one of the benches on the Green.

The Clerk has chased Playground Supplies again about the damage to the ariel runaway seat.

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket

Nothing to report.

EB Lions FC

The club have paid their season 2024/25 fees.

Edlesborough Tennis Club

Nothing to report.

EDLESBOROUGH PAVILION

The Clerk continues to field calls from people wishing to book Edlesborough Pavilion. It has transpired that Google had the Councils phone number attached to a "call" button/icon which automatically dialled EPC. The address was also incorrect. The Clerk has suggested edits to Googles information which have been accepted.

In her absence Cllr Ferguson sent a report stating that ECSCS CIO has enlisted a volunteer to tidy up the area outside the pavilion. They are also seeking quotes for internal redecoration.

ALLOTMENTS

Tenants are paying their rents.

Dagnall Allotments

Four tenants at Dagnall are giving up their plots.

Mrs Val Pratt has resigned from her position as allotment warden. She has been the warden since November 2018. The Clerk will arrange a small gift of thanks for her once she settles into her new home.

Mr Kevin Ling has taken on the role of warden. All tenants have been informed of the change.

Northall Allotments

The water board have investigated the excess water in the water meter chamber and confirm there is no leak.

Cow Lane Allotments

Nothing to report.

Green Allotments

A tenant has requested permission to erect a polytunnel 2m high. The regulations state

"The Tenant shall not erect any building or other permanent structure on the Allotment, nor fence the Allotment, without first obtaining the consent of the Allotment Warden. If the Tenant wishes to erect more than a single shed, greenhouse and/or polytunnel, the consent of the full Council must be obtained. Tenants are required to remove any such structures on the Allotment on termination of the tenancy, unless otherwise agreed by the incoming tenant or the Allotment Warden.

Fruit cages are permitted on all sites. Sheds and greenhouses no more than 3m x 2.5m and polytunnels no more than 5m x 3m will normally be allowed except on the Edlesborough Green site where no structure more than 1.5m high is permitted (other than fruit cages). Temporary fencing no more than 1m high to protect the Allotment against wildlife is permitted on all sites. Concrete bases are not permitted, and fence posts must not be concreted into the ground. The use of barbed wire, razor wire or similar is not permitted on the Allotment. Any structures erected before 29 September 2015 that exceed the dimensions specified above will continue to be allowed until termination of the tenancy."

Action: Clerk to contact two tenants who have polytunnels exceeding the specified dimensions to remind them of the rules. The tenant who has requested permission to erect a poly tunnel may do so provided it meets the dimensions specified in the agreement.

CEMETERY

There was an interment of ashes on 14th October.

CHURCHYARD

A yew tree fell down in the churchyard on the weekend of the very wet weather. Currently one grave and one memorial have been damaged. Rev Cousans has been informed. Once decisions have been made re the tree surveys the Clerk will arrange for the tree to be cleared.

BRIDLEPATH

Nothing to report.

WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing to report.

BUS SHELTERS

Nothing to report.

CAR PARKS, LITTER, RECYCLING AND DOG BINS

Due to ongoing issues with the waste bin overflowing and waste being left next to it the Clerk has increased the emptying cycle to weekly, from fortnightly. Some of the waste is due to the litter pickers waste no longer being stored at Cllr Cabbage's for collection. However, it is believed that other people are adding their waste to the bin. This is resulting in hirers of EMH not being able to dispose of their waste.

Buckinghamshire Council has given permission for holes to be drilled in the lid and side of the bin to enable a padlock to be attached to the bin to stop excess waste being added to it.

Buckinghamshire Council has circulated the 2017/2018 Aylesbury Vale District Council Dog/Litter bin policy that is still in force. A new BC policy will be issued shortly.

STREETLIGHTS

The current energy supply contract expires in November 2024. The Clerk is trying to source new offers. Utility Aid and the National Energy Hub state that suppliers are actively pricing unmetered supplies.

Action: Once quotes are received they will be circulated to the full council for a decision.

WEBSITE

Cllr Cabbage has added a second page for Northall Village Hall information.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

Nothing was raised.

Items for future meetings when more information is available:

- *EMH Status and refurbishment*
- *Outdoor Gym Equipment on Edlesborough Green*

Items for the agenda for EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL meeting to be held on 21st November 2024 in Edlesborough Pavilion.

- Elections 2025
- Rural Housing Service – Cllr Owen

The meeting closed at 21.26