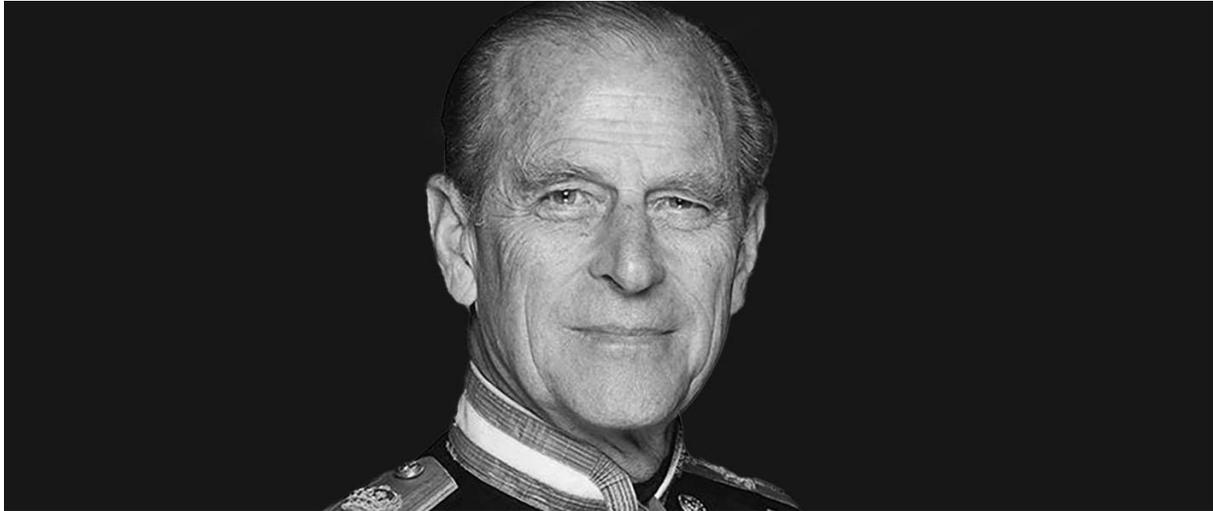


Report from ES&BG Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14th April 2021

On behalf of our community Echinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish Council would like to express their condolences to her Majesty the Queen on the sad passing of his Royal Highness, Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh.



I am Cllr Coward the newest member of the Parish Council and I am very pleased to be able to take this opportunity to make a difference. If you would also like to join our friendly team there is a vacancy and we would be delighted to welcome you. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to represent your community. Contact the clerk at clerk@echinswell-pc.gov.uk if you are interested or come along to our next meeting.

County Councillor Derek Mellor was at the meeting to let us know that there is a big push on road resurfacing so hopefully improvements will be noticeable soon. He also informed us that there was good news on the covid front, with numbers in the county below the national average.

The neighbourhood plan now has an enthusiastic working party and lots of ideas and plans. Many thanks to all our volunteers and if you would still like to be involved, it is not too late, please go to our website for more details.

The speeding working party is also progressing. Newtown Parish Council are kindly lending us a SID (Speed Indicator Device) which will be placed in a couple of areas throughout the village over the next few weeks. Speeding is a problem throughout the parish and we are keen to see how it performs, and whether there is any reduction in the problem once the SID is in place. ES&BG will then talk about the possibility of acquiring our own device.

We are pleased to report that at Ratts Wood, a pathway has been constructed, following an incident with cattle last year. It is now safer for users. The project to change stiles to kissing gates on some footpaths throughout the parish is now nearly completed with all replaced bar one.

Don't forget we are very lucky to have allotments in our parish, one is currently available. If you would like this opportunity to grow your own, please contact the clerk.

Look out for a new survey regarding broadband provision in the parish. We are aware that there is a wide disparity of access across the parish and quantifying this will help us to seek improvements.

Next month our AGM / annual assembly meeting is on 5th May at 7.30pm, via Zoom. all are welcome and we hope to 'virtually' see you there. Please find a link on our website and Facebook page nearer the time.

Cllr Rachael Coward