

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1. Present: Councillors M. Hawes, K. Simmons, L. Braddyll, C. Henson, K. Lodge and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling
2. Apologies for absence : Cllr Denby( annual leave), Cllr N. Stewart (family reunion)
3. Members of public present: Mr B. MacRoberts, Mrs C. Turbett
4. The Chairman paid tribute to our former County Councillor, Ken Melling who died recently. He said that Ken had been very helpful to Eydon Parish Council over the years. He was pleased that he had been able to thank Ken personally when he had attended the Parish Assembly in April. The clerk had represented the Parish Council at his funeral.
5. OPEN MEETING. At an earlier meeting the possibility of an additional dog waste bin to be sited on or near the sports field had been considered. Barry McRoberts, Chair ECSF sought clarification as to who would pay for this. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the routine emptying of it along with the two existing village bins but the initial cost of the bin would fall on the ECSF. Mr MacRoberts felt that in that case they would probably not go ahead with the idea as it was not a major priority for them.
6. Declarations of interest. None.
7. Minutes of June Parish Council meeting were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.
8. Matters arising
  - a. Village Green. Horsechestnut removed and holm oak crown raised. Although the cut wood had been promised to a member of the public, the wood had been removed by someone else. The stocks under NCC request had been surveyed by Bond Bryan Sheffield. Stuart Mann and Helen Howard had yet to reply to Clerk's emails re examining the stone drain in close proximity to site of horsechestnut.
  - b. Butterfly Lane/ bridleway bridge. Alan Rusby MGWSP Rights of Way officer had contacted the Clerk by telephone to update the Parish Council. He hoped to have detailed drawings of the proposed bridge to offer to both landowners for their approval. One landowner had already accepted the relocation. It was noted that once the house building has been completed, the bridleway will revert to the original route on the definitive map.
  - c. Burial Ground. Fence still awaited. Clerk to request SNC to remove dead badger from outside the ground. Clerk to arrange for metal pin in gate to be straightened.

9. Vehicle activated signs. Both Mr R Taylor and Mr M Watson had responded that Sgt Hodgson email contents would not be achieved in Eydon. Mr Robin Brown had yet to reply.
10. New Clerk. Five candidates will be interviewed on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm onwards. Cllr Hawes, Simmons and Henson will be the Interview Panel.
11. Facebook see Later.
12. Localism email from Wendy Cooper SNC for future meeting.

#### 13. REPORTS

- a. Village Hall Cllr Braddyll reported on change of secretary after 33 years. Clerk to write to Mrs Judith Watson to thank her. Mrs Sue Lodge is new secretary. Assessment of building works required continues.
- b. ECSF In absence of Cllr Denby, it was noted that budget is being trimmed to progress refurbishment plans.
- c. West Northants Parish Councils Forum. Cllr Hawes and Lodge attended at Roade on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Full report given and forwarded by email to councillors. The workshops had been well organised and arranged and covered range of topics – West Northants Core Strategy, precepts, highways, media, and street lighting. It had provided a good opportunity for exchanging experience and ideas. Cllrs realised that facebook doesn't encourage young support for PC's. After discussion on change of supplier of street lighting maintenance, it was agreed to continue with EON.
- d. SNC Planning Update. Cllrs Hawes and Lodge also attended. The meeting had been fairly routine but a straw poll on how representatives from parishes felt about the retention of parish confines showed an overwhelming wish to retain them.

#### 14. FINANCE

- a. Report of Internal Controller Cllr Denby on holiday
- b. External Audit Account form at BDO since 18<sup>th</sup> June
- c. RECEIPTS
  - i. HMRC refund of VAT 2012-13 £403.65
  - ii. J and M Humphris Ashes stone Martin £62
  - iii. Unity Bank Interest Current Account £1.73, Deposit Account £2.70
- d. Payments
  - i. EON Street Lighting maintenance Apr- Jun £57.54+£11.51  
VAT= £69.05(300027)LB/CH
  - ii. Texprep newsletters £71.80(300028)CH/LB
  - iii. Scotts Grounds 11/6 and 25/06 £120, Village £160, VAT £56  
Total £336(300290) CH/LB

- iv. Dr Lodge expenses for travel £24(300030) LB/)
- v. EON Supply Apr- Jun £174.23+£8.71 VAT =  
£182.94(3000310)LB/CH
- vi. Tree Profiles chestnut removal and oak attention Village  
Green £760+£152=£912(300032)LB/CH
- vii. Eydon Village Hall Hire £38(300033)CH/LB
- e. Current Account £4777.66 inc £1.73 interest O/s Cheques £883.06
- f. Deposit Account £11967.28 inc £2.70 interest
- g. **HMRC registration** Cllr Stewart had been in contact with HMRC but  
no progress to date with registration.

15. PLANNING

- a. Applications None
- b. Decisions by SNC
  - i. S/2013/0603/TCA Crown raise evergreen oak and fell horse  
chestnut Village Green
  - ii. S/2013/0583/Ful Garage to side and Conservatory to rear 5A  
Preston Road
- c. Decisions by DDC None

16. Correspondence

- a. NCALC
- b. Clerks/Councils Direct
- c. NCC Adult learning brochure
- d. Footpath Doctors Lane- referred to Colin Wicks Rights of Way Officer  
MGWSP
- e. HS2 Cllr Henson spoke of Noise monitoring stations and  
environmental impact assessment judicial review.
- f. Dog fouling- dealt with by Chairman exchanging email  
correspondence.

17. Any other business for September 10th meeting Localism

18. The Chairman finished the meeting by saying that depending on the  
outcome of the interviews to be held the following week, this could be the  
last time that Jose Rowling would be fulfilling the role of Parish Clerk – a  
post she has held for 26 years.

19. Meeting closed 8.30pm