

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm
Eydon Village Hall

1. **Present:** Councillors M Hawes (Chair), K Simmons (Vice Chair), L Braddyll, G Denby, C Henson, K Lodge and N Stewart. Clerks Mrs J M Rowling and Mr A Hartley in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Members of public present:** Mrs S Jobbins, Mr A Grindley, Mr D Kench, and Mrs C Turbett. Mr R Brown was present for part of the meeting, specifically for Item 13a.
4. **New clerk** Mr Andrew Hartley was welcomed to the meeting.
5. **Open Meeting**
 - a. Mrs Jobbins outlined a planning application she was anticipating to present to South Northants Council (SNC) in the near future. The proposed design for two bungalows is guided by the *Homes for Life* initiative. Part of the development is likely to transgress the current village envelope.

Mrs Jobbins was thanked for the insight into the proposed development and advised the application would be considered formally once received from SNC.
 - b. A resident voiced concern that as the new clerk lived in Gayton, the distance to and from Eydon may present practical problems with regards to the operation of normal clerking duties.

The aspect of the new clerk recruitment process was to be discussed under a separate agenda item. (Item 10).
6. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.
7. **Minutes of July Parish Council Meeting** were correct and signed by the Chair. The decisions of the planning subcommittee decisions with regard to agenda item 15 were ratified under that item.

8. Matters arising

- a. Village Green Stone drain. MGWSP will not attend to drain as Village Green owned by PC. Local contractors unwilling to quote as problems with mains services. Clerk (JR) has contacted groundwork contractors approved by MGWSP for quotations. Clerk (AH) to write again to Northants County Council to re-open discussions regarding repair liability prior to any further commitments by Eydon Parish Council.
- b. Butterfly Lane/ bridle bridge:- Cllr Hawes advised of a site meeting he attended with representatives of the Parish Council, Northants County Council, including the Footpaths Officer and Cllr Robin Brown. The outcome of which had been inconclusive, it appears the relatively high cost of repairs to the bridge are of concern to NCC representatives. Retiring clerk (JR), due to her understanding of these specific issues, agreed to continue assisting the Parish Council with the resolution of bridleway closure. The Parish Council and other Eydon residents shall progress the correspondence and discussion with NCC.
- c. Burial Ground fence has been satisfactorily completed.

Smith and Ronaldson had provided a quotation of £312 for the repair of the Burial Ground boundary wall, agreed by the Parish Council.

John and Maurice Humphris had provided a quotation of £289.08 for repair of 3 unstable headstones, agreed by the Parish Council.

- 9. New Homes Bonus:** Cllr Hawes advised the meeting that in excess of £8000 was currently available to Eydon residents/organisations through the New Homes Bonus scheme. He suggested applications for these funds would be better done through the Parish Council in an attempt to ensure the amounts awarded are used effectively within the village, possibly in relation to structural repairs/enhancement of the village hall. Cllrs Simmons and Braddyll to liaise with the Village Hall Committee in this regard.

- 10. Appointment of new Clerk:** Cllrs Hawes, Simmons and Henson summarised the recruitment process to the Parish Council and following discussion the appointment of Mr Hartley was confirmed.

11. HMRC registration: Mr Hartley to pursue.

12. Reports

- a. Eydon Village Hall: The Chair of the Village Hall Committee advised the meeting that a number of structural problems were evident and in need of formal investigation and repair.
- b. ECSF: No report received. Cllr Denby advised the meeting he wished to stand down as the Parish Council ECSF representative. Cllr Lodge nominated and agreed to do so.

13. Receipts

- a. ECSF Contribution to tree work £425
- b. J and M Humphris Coy ashes

14. Payments

- a. Mrs J. M. Rowling Salary July –Sept £700
 - i. Use of house as office £25
 - ii. Travel £50
 - iii. Broadband £28.75
 - iv. Expenses £10.49

Total : £814.24 (chq no 300040)

- b. Texprep £54.70 (chq no 300038)
- c. Scotts Landscapes £336 (chq no 300039)

Current Account balance £1496.93

Business Premium Account balance £11967.28

Cllr Denby stood down as Internal Control Officer, Cllr Henson appointed as ICO.

15. Planning

- a. Applications from Planning subcommittee 13th August Cllr Hawes, Braddyll and Simmons present . Clerk in attendance

S/2013/0944/FUL Single storey rear extension, front porch, pitched roof to replace flat roof on existing side and replacement windows. Malt House Lime Avenue. PC comments No observations

S/2013/0933/FUL Erection of prefabricated sectional timber garage 5, Manitoba Place PC comments No observations.

Discussed at meeting:

S/2013/1083/LBC New replacement windows and external door 5, High Street. Outcome: No objections.

b. Decisions received from SNC: None

16. Correspondence via email

- a) NCC Archaeology
- b) NCALC update and courses
- c) Letter of thanks Mrs Ken Melling

17. Any other business and Councillors' Comments:

Mrs Rowling suggested the Welcome to Eydon pack is in need of update, to be reviewed at the October meeting.

Cllr Stewart advised he was going to be attending a forthcoming *Superfast* broadband meeting.

Cllr Stewart referred to available road traffic accident statistics which indicate nearby sections of the B4525 to be an increased risk area, suggested to vindicate earlier concerns by the Parish Council.

Cllr Lodge advised the meeting of a Community Asset registration scheme within the Localism Act of 2011 whereby residents may have the opportunity to register assets of community value with a view to their protection as such. Further information on the scheme shall be obtained and brought to the Parish Council at a future date.

Cllr Denby informed the meeting the Eydon website had recorded almost 11000 views since its inception.

Cllr Denby tendered his resignation in writing to the Chairman.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.