

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.30pm

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. Present: Councillors M Hawes (Chair), K Simmons (Vice Chair), L Braddyll, C Henson, K Lodge, Clerk Mr A Hartley in attendance.

2. Apologies: Councillor N Stewart (Train delay)

3. Open Meeting: Members of public present: Mr A Kench, Mr D Kench, Mrs S Jobbins and Mrs C Turbett.

a) Mr D Kench considered that with regard to the proposed works at No 4 School Lane (Agenda 14.b) local stone should be used.

b) Concerning the proposed development along the Moreton rd (Agenda 14.a) Mr D Kench suggested the potential size of the dwellings may be restrictive on each other and noted clarification over the drainage system might be prudent.

c) Mr A Kench stated certain grassed areas in the village (primarily by the Village Hall) on occasions become quite long. The Clerk to clarify the terms of the grass cutting arrangements with the current contractors.

4. Declarations of interest: None declared.

5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2013. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising

The Clerk advised the Meeting the following:

- a. With regards to the Village Green stone drain, NCC Highways Dept contractors had inspected the site and shall commence remedial works in the near future.

- b. The public footpath (AL1) from Doctors Lane is to be inspected by an NCC Rights of Way Officer, the Clerk shall be advised of the outcome.
- c. A public query concerning a Brickhill Farm Fishery building's use – this matter is being attended by SNC Planning Officers.

- 7. Co-option of Parish Councillor:** The Clerk advised that SNC Electoral Services had confirmed it to be in order for Eydon Parish Council to co-opt a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council approved an advertisement of the vacancy to for display on the PC notice-board and Eydon Village News. Applicants being requested to submit a supporting summary statement to the PC via the Clerk by the 7th December. The co-option is to be discussed and approved at the December 2013 meeting.
- 8. Superfast broadband:** Further to the report from the Tove Valley meeting previously circulated by Cllr Stewart, the Parish Council considered the development/promotion of this service in Eydon to be worth pursuing. Cllr Lodge shall draft an article for inclusion in Eydon Village News to enquire if any residents would be interested in forming an Eydon broadband working group.
- 9. Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee:** This item was deferred pending future discussion as to whether a Finance Committee was required.
- 10. External HMRC registration and payroll service:** The Clerk provided the Meeting with correspondence received from Barbara Osborne Business Services outlining the terms and services provided (on file). The terms were considered to be competitive however comparable alternatives would be sought by the Parish Council before any final decision on recruitment is made.
- 11. Arrangements for the presentation to the retired clerk:** Cllr Hawes confirmed the presentation to Mrs Rowling and buffet would commence at 7.30pm on Tues 19th Nov in Eydon Village Hall. A good attendance of past Chairs and Councillors was anticipated.

12. Reports

- a. Eydon Village Hall: None presented.
- b. ECSF: A committee meeting had been held on the 10th October during which it was noted that further work on the pavilion is to take place during December this year, grants may be available for this development and the pavilion is scheduled to be opened on the 22nd June 2014. The committee is due to meet again on the 21st Nov 2013.

13. i) Receipts noted:

- a. None received.

ii) Payments approved

a. Texprep printing (an invoice had been anticipated for the agenda but not received prior to the meeting)

- b. Scotts Landscapes : grass cutting £340 + £68 VAT = Total £408
- c. NCALC Training Course £125
- d. Eydon Village Hall : rent £ 53.40
- e. Mr D Fisher : mowing Village Green £315
- f. Mrs Rowling : consultancy services £200
- g. Scotts Landscapes: grass cutting £280 + £56 VAT = Total £336

iii) Bank balances

- Current Account: End of Oct 2013 statement £ 6046.75
- Business Premium Account: End of Sept 2013 £11970.46

iv) The Parish Council noted that the grass mowing grant application from NCC under S126 of the Local Govt Act 1972 for £163.38 had been submitted. The Clerk advised that there had been conflicting information from NCC regarding the preferred method of application, he would seek clarification that the method used in this case was correct.

14. PLANNING

Applications received for comment:

- a. S/2013/1304/FUL – Development of 2 detached bungalows on land adjacent to 5 Moreton rd.

The Parish Council objected to the application citing a number of factors including the site being outside the village confines. The full listing is held on file.

- b. S/2013/1368/FUL – Single storey rear extension, 2 dormer windows and roof light. 4 School Lane.

The Parish Council supported this application but did note the stonework should use local stone and it was considered access to the rear of the property might be partially restricted by the proximity to the neighbouring property.

- c. S/2013/1369/LBC – Refurbishment and internal alteration to grade 2 listed cottage. 4 School Lane.

The Parish Council supported this application as with item b. above.

- d. S/2013/1232/MAF – Alter position of barn to accommodate anaerobic digestion plant. Fulford Farm, Barley Hill, Culworth.

The Parish Council supported the application.

- e. S/2013/1475/FUL – Two storey rear extension, 10 Lime Avenue.

The Parish Council supported the application.

Applications received for information only

- f. S/2013/1316/TCA – Felling of 2 copper beech trees. 65 High Street.
- g. S/2013/1330/PE – Rebuild existing overhead power cables between Eydon and Culworth Mill.

Additional planning matters

- h. The Parish Council noted correspondence received from Moreton Pinkney regarding the proposed erection of 2 wind turbines at Canons Ashby and did not consider there was sufficient concern to warrant their further action. The application received by Daventry District Council is still under review as their decision to refuse the application is being contested. Eydon Parish Council had not been consulted as Eydon is not an adjoining parish to that of the proposed development.

15. Correspondence received

via email:- previously circulated to the Parish Council

- a. NCALC advising of the publication of new model Standing Orders for Parish Councils. – The Parish Council is to consider adoption prior to the annual meeting of 2014.
- b. NCALC notification of the new Highways Warden Scheme (NCC Highways dept). Further information available from relevant authorities. – Cllr Hawes to contact a local resident who may be interested in the role.
- c. NCC/Woodland Trust free tree pack: A range of tree saplings are available, free of charge to be planted in areas of publicly accessible land. Applications must be received by 9th January 2014 - Noted.
- d. SNC invited councillors to attend the SNC Local Plan – Issues Paper Consultation Briefings. – Previously circulated to the PC. – Noted.
- e. NCALC: Police and Crime Commission Survey – previously forwarded to councillors for attention. – Noted.
- f. NCC Transport and Highways Public Consultation regarding Asset Management Strategy. Questionnaire to be considered at the meeting. – Noted and agreed the questionnaire to be completed individually as impractical to do so as a Parish Council body.
- g. NCC Highways dept advise that due to drainage system repairs, Welsh rd at Chipping Warden is likely to be closed for up to 2 weeks from the 18th November 2013. It is suggested diverted traffic may pass through Eydon. Village to be advised. – Noted.
- h. NCALC advising of future training courses available for councillors and clerks.- Noted.

Postal:-

- i. Chiltern Sports Contracts Ltd. Sales publication – Noted.
- j. NCALC booklet – The history of NCALC and its predecessors between 1947 and 2012. Available from the clerk.

- k. NCC: a copy of the (Temporary Closure) Order 2013 of FN24 and AL7 until the 18th April 2014. – Noted.

16. Any other business/Councillors' Comments. (items for future agenda)

None raised.

17. Next meeting : Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th Dec 2013.

18. Meeting closed : 9.05pm