

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2013 at 7.30pm

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. **Present:** Councillors, K Simmons (Chair), L Braddyll, K Lodge, N.Stewart
Clerk Mr A Hartley in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** Councillors M Hawes (vacation), C Henson (illness)
3. **Open Meeting: Members of public present:** Mr R Collins, Mr D Kench,
Mr I Stewart, Mrs C Turbett.
 - a) The opinion was given that the Local Plan Issues Paper Consultation should include views from the wider residency of the village.
 - b) It was suggested that the Parish Council should seek clarification from South Northants Council regarding the current status of the former Amos Garage site with reference to the Land Use classification and associated future implications.
 - c) With reference to a planning application with Daventry District Council for the development of an agricultural building at Slade Leys Farm, Woodford Halse, it was suggested that from the wording of the application, the proposed use of the building in question may actually be industrial.
4. **Declarations of interest:** None declared.
5. **Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2013.** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Matters arising**

The Clerk advised the Meeting that Diane Malley has been recruited as HMRC and Payroll service provider.

7. Co-option of Parish Councillor: Following a secret paper ballot of Councillors, counted by the Clerk, Mr Richard Collins was co-opted onto Eydon Parish Council.

8. Parish Council Website:

- a. **Editing authority:** It was proposed and agreed by the Parish Council that both Councillor Lodge and the Clerk would have joint editing authority for the website, the Clerk shall liaise with the website host to arrange for the alteration to be implemented.
- b. **Seven Walks around Eydon:** A Councillor had previously been notified of an error on the website with regard to the description of one of the walk routes (in the vicinity of Burnt Mill). Councillor Lodge shall enquire to establish the whereabouts of the original documents and look to have the error corrected.

9. 2014/15 budget: A document (appended) previously circulated to Eydon Parish Councillors proposing budget figures for the next financial year was discussed. The Chair outlined the rationale behind the figures, primarily to cover anticipated increases in service costs without incurring a negative balance as had occurred during recent years. The Councillors are to consider the budget further before the January meeting at which the draft budget shall be amended if necessary prior to publication and subsequent submission of the precept request to South Northants Council.

10. SNC Local Plan Issues Paper Consultation: Due to the potential complexity of the consultation process, it was proposed and agreed that the Parish Councillors and interested parties would meet to discuss the matter further on the 7th January 2014. A draft responses document would be prepared for approval at the regular Parish Council Meeting on the 14th January.

The Clerk shall write to SNC requesting clarification of the current land use classification of the former Amos Garage site and associated matters.

11. Report from Mr Watson regarding the *Real Poppies* 2014 initiative:

Mr Watson confirmed packets of Poppy Seeds under the scheme are available for purchase from B&Q stores at a cost of £2.00 of which £1.00 is donated to the Royal British Legion. Potential planting sites were discussed but these may be restricted to areas not regularly mown, such as along the hedge row of the Burial Ground and possibly extending along the hedgerow of the Community Sports Field, around the base of road signs was also considered – to be confirmed prior to the suggested planting period of March.

12. Reports

- a. Eydon Village Hall: Cllr Braddyll had previously circulated the minutes of the Village Hall Committee from the 21st November. (Held on file).
- b. ECSF: The pavilion development is progressing well, the facilities to be offered have prompted interest from cricket clubs in the surrounding area for potential future use.

13. i) Receipts noted:

- a. None received.

ii) Payments approved

a. Texprep printing		£143
b. Royal British Legion (Wreath)		£20
c. Clerk quarterly salary		£575.25
d. Clerk quarterly expenses and travel		£105
e. Scott's Landscapes	£60 + £12 VAT	£72
f. Eydon Village Hall		£36

iii) Bank balances

Current Account: End of Nov 2013 statement	£ 4609.35
Business Premium Account: End of Nov 2013	£11970.46

iv) The Parish Council declined a request from Victim Support organisation for a voluntary donation, the existing regular contribution to the Citizen Advise Bureau was noted.

v) The Parish Council declined a request from the fete organising committee for a request of a contribution from the *Jubilee Fund* toward the purchase cost of a new Pimms Tent. It was noted that the intended use of this fund is to provide some financial support to the development of new activities/ clubs etc. The Clerk is to write to advise of the Parish Council decision.

14. PLANNING

No applications were received for consultation.

- a. The Parish Council discussed an application made to Daventry District Council, DA/2013/088 (Slade Leys Farm). (Eydon Parish Council is not a nominated consultee in this instance.) Objections were noted and the Clerk was to respond with the following:

Eydon Parish Council takes the view that the application is actually for a B8 Storage building which, if approved, would result in an unacceptable concentration of the unauthorised activities carried on at the premises without the benefit of Planning Permission (see previous refusals for planning permission and certificate of lawful use) and strongly recommends that the application is refused. As the site is in open countryside where a further large industrial building would be wholly inappropriate and contrary to the Daventry District Council's planning policy to locate new industrial and commercial premises within designated areas having the appropriate infrastructure of roads and services.

- b. The parish Council considered correspondence received from Mrs Jobbins concerning a recently declined application for building permission. The Parish Council agreed it would be in a more informed permission to respond once discussions about the Local Plan consultation are complete, the Clerk is to advise Mrs Jobbins accordingly.

15. Correspondence received

via email:- previously circulated to the Parish Council and noted if not addressed above.

- a. NCC Fly the Flag for Northamptonshire – 17th Jan 2014 deadline.
- b. NCALC Finance update.
- c. Police update.

- d. NALC training course – Effectiveness online (3rd December).
- e. Military community event, Towcester.
- f. Draft River Nene Integrated Catchment Management Plan.
- g. SNC Broadband information request – Cllr Lodge to complete the questionnaire.
- h. NCALC Update.

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

Cllr Braddyll offered her resignation from Eydon Parish Council with immediate effect due to wider time constraints. The resignation was accepted and Cllr Braddyll was formally thanked for all her input into the Parish Council business.

17. Next meeting : Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, Tuesday 14th January 2014

18. Meeting closed : 9.10pm