

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. **Present:** Councillors M Hawes (Chair), K Simmons (Vice Chair), R Collins, C Henson, K Lodge, I Stewart, N Stewart, Clerk Mr A Hartley in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. **Open Meeting: Members of public present:** Ms L Nixon, Ms A Reece, Mrs C Turbett, Mr S Doxford, Mr D Kench, Mr T Pellerin, Mr R Taylor, Ms Katie Brown (Northants Highways) and Mr Allan Rigby (Northants Highways).
4. **Declaration of Interests:** None declared.
7. **Katie Brown, Northamptonshire Highways.**

To enable Ms Brown and Mr Rigby to address the Meeting earlier in the evening, agenda item 7 was brought forward at the discretion of the Chair.

The Meeting was advised that the replacement of the damaged bridge and re-opening of the bridleway along Butterfly Lane (FN24 / AL7) is considered by Northants Highways to be of high priority. A number of practical and legal obstacles are currently slowing the repairs programme but assurances were given that these would be overcome. A precise date for the completion of the works could not be given at this stage.

Ms Brown and Mr Rigby answered a number of questions raised by the Parish Council and from the floor.

5. **Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March 2014.** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising:

1. **Car parking issues:** The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from Northants Police (previously circulated) confirming that should any parking issues arise in Eydon, direct public/resident intervention is not currently recommended and

incidents should be reported to the Northants Police who will attend and deal with the matter at the earliest opportunity.

2. Superfast broadband installation: The Clerk confirmed correspondence had been received confirming there to be geographical time variations in the installation programme and that a part of Eydon may consequently be subject later installation. There appears to be inconsistencies in information derived from different sources, thus further clarification is required.

8. Registration of Assets of Community Value:

Consequential to comments raised at the March 2014 Parish Council Meeting concerning the Parish Council's decision to apply to SNC for the Royal Oak public house, Eydon, to be considered for inclusion on the register of assets of community value, the Clerk received correspondence from three Parish Councillors for the matter to again be formally discussed.

Following further discussion, the resolution was proposed, seconded and agreed for the original decision taken at the Parish Council Meeting on February 11th 2014 to be reversed. The application shall thus not be pursued. The Clerk is to advise Mr Harper, of the Royal Oak, of this decision and request that should he consider placing the Royal Oak on the open market in the future, Mr Harper would consider advising the local community so that a local bid might be explored in order to safeguard this village asset.

9. Standing Orders:

The adoption of a modified version of the recently circulated Model Standing Orders for Local Councils was discussed. It was considered that further amendments would be required prior to being tabled for adoption by Eydon Parish Council. It is anticipated that a version suitable for adoption will be presented to the Eydon Parish Council AGM in May.

10. Financial Regulations:

The adoption of a modified version of the recently circulated Model Financial Regulations was discussed. As with item 9 above, it was considered that further amendments would be required prior to being tabled for adoption by Eydon Parish Council. It is anticipated that a version suitable for adoption will be presented to the Eydon Parish Council AGM in May.

11. BDO External Audit:

The Clerk advised the Meeting that correspondence had been received from external auditors, BDO, stipulating the notice advising the public of the audit process is to be displayed between the 5th May and 18th May, the records are to be available for reasonably requested public observation between 19th May and 16th June and the Annual Return is to be presented to BDO by 17th June 2014.

12. Eydon Community Sports Field and Eydon Village Hall:

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Village Hall Committee that the address/contact details with reference to the Land Registry and Deeds of Trust/Covenant which require amendment under the circumstances of Mrs J Rowling no longer serving as Clerk to the Parish Council. The same would also apply with regard to the Eydon Community Sports Field.

The Parish Council resolved that the current Clerk should be the route of contact to the Parish Council in both instances. Cllr Henson shall assist the Clerk implementing the relevant alterations.

13. Annual Parish Assembly:

The Parish Council considered and agreed presentations to the APA to be a report from the Chair, a financial summary and Cllr Henson would provide a report from the Eydon Educational Trust Fund.

Refreshments will be available from 7.45pm and the Assembly will commence at 8.00pm, Tuesday 15th April.

14. Reports

1. Eydon Village Hall: Cllr Collins had circulated the Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting and AGM held on 20th March prior to the meeting. Cllr Collins advised that the report from the recently undertaken structural survey of the Village Hall is still awaited.

2. Eydon Community Sports Field: Cllr Simmons had circulated Minutes of the ECSF Committee Meeting held on 27th March prior to the meeting. Nothing further was reported.

3. Dementia Awareness Workshop: Cllr N Stewart advised that he had recently attended the workshop recently promoted by SNC. The

event was well attended, very constructive and the positive outcomes should be developed and introduced to Eydon residents.

15. Finance:

1. Receipts :	i. Deposit account interest	£2.95
	ii. Current account interest	£0.83

2. Payments agreed:

i. Mr Hartley, Clerk's salary and expenses (cheque no 300066)	£616.17
ii. NCALC Annual subscription Internal audit fee	£138.81 <u>£155.00</u>
	£ 293.81
(cheque no 300067)	
iii. EON Light Maintenance (£57.11 +£11.55 vat) (cheque no 300068)	£68.66
iv. Eydon Village Hall rent (cheque 300069)	£ 44.00
v. Texprep EVN Printing (cheque 300070)	£71.80
vi. EON Electricity (£173.32 + £8.62vat) (cheque 300071)	£180.94

3. Bank balances: noted as -

Current Account: End of March 2014	£ 2889.17
Business Premium Account: End of March 2014	£11976.65

4. Year end financial summary : The Clerk summarised in brief the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2014 as consistent with the formal cashbook.

5. The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from Unity Bank confirming the change in the mandate authorising Cllrs Hawes, Collins and Simmons and the Clerk, Mr Hartley as signatories on both accounts.

16. Planning.

Applications received for consultation and comment:-

1. S/2014/0314/OUT.

Application for outline planning permission at The Bungalow and the former Woodford Road service Station, Eydon.

The response to consultation is to be determined at an Eydon Parish Council Meeting which will follow the Annual Parish Assembly, Tuesday 15th April.

2. APP/Z2830/A/14/2211621

Land adjacent to 5 Moreton Road, Eydon.

It was noted that a copy of The Planning Inspectorate report has been received from South Northants Council advising that the appeal had been dismissed.

17. Correspondence not covered above.

Received via email and previously circulated:-

1. NCALC pensions briefing guidance – noted.
2. Northants Police – Farm Crime Survey – the Clerk advised this had been forwarded to a local farmer with a request for wider circulation.
3. Police Ward activities update. – noted.
4. Cllr Davies, SNC, enquiring if there is interest in cost sharing with other local Parish Councils the cost of a mobile traffic speed indicator. – noted.
5. NCALC news update – noted.

6. Mr Kench – comments concerning planning application S/2014/0314/OUT. Noted for use in discussion at the relevant Parish Council planning meeting on the 15th April.

Received my post

7. Sales leaflet from AON Insurance – noted but not to be pursued.
8. Sales leaflet from Wicksteed Playscapes – noted but not to be pursued.
9. Northants ACRE membership request – noted but not to be pursued.

18. Councillors' Comments.

Cllr Henson advised the meeting that details of the Eydon Educational Trust Fund are now available on the Eydon village website.

19. Next meetings :

Eydon Village Hall, Tuesday 15th April following the Annual Parish Assembly to discuss planning application S/2014/0314/OUT only.

Eydon Parish Council AGM Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th April 2014.

20. Meeting closed : 9.30pm