

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30pm

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. Present: Councillors M Hawes (Chair), K Simmons (Vice Chair), R Collins, C Henson, K Lodge, N Stewart, Clerk Mr A Hartley in attendance.

2. Apologies: Councillor I Stewart.

3. Open Meeting: Members of public present:

Ms L Dixon, Mrs E Partridge, Mrs C Turbett, Mr T Butler, Mr D Kench, Mr B McRoberts, Mr D Martin, Mr R Penrose and Mr S Walker.

A resident raised the query as to why village verge grass cutting, currently contracted out, was actually undertaken? The preferred approach was noted for the development of wildflower areas, obviously requiring different management methods/costs, the majority of which could be completed by residents thus reducing the costs of contractor mowing.

The Chairman advised the Meeting that although village grass cutting was a later agenda item, this particular aspect had not been anticipated for discussion but may be discussed later in the year and prior to the next grass cutting season.

With regard to agenda item 8.2, a number of residents wished it to be noted that, in their views, the bollards installed to protect the Manitoba jitty from vehicle usage have been of great and essential benefit to pedestrian safety in that area and had been a worthwhile development.

4. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the 13th May 2014: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising: No comments received.

7. Eydon Community Sports Field:

1. The Parish Council considered correspondence received from the ECSF Committee requesting the support of and the option to its'

working jointly with the Parish Council to improve the safety of access to the field from the village using the adjacent public highway.

It was noted that this aspect had been raised and discussed several years ago, NCC Highways had attended for a site visit however, at that time, the relatively high anticipated cost of installing a footpath along the side of the road to the field entrance had negated any further development.

The Parish Council resolved to support and work with the ECSF Committee in this regard as requested. The Clerk shall liaise with NCC Highways initially prior to any formal request for appropriate works being presented to NCC for consideration.

2. The Parish Council discussed and considered a request received from the ECSF Committee supporting its application to South Northants Council for funds to be made available from the New Homes Bonus Scheme to enable works to improve access into the Pavillion building, currently deemed by the ECSF Committee to be hazardous. Mr McRoberts, Chair of the ECSF Comm, advised the meeting of the need for the improvements.

Options for alternative funding sources for such works were briefly discussed which may have enabled the NHB funds to be directed to larger projects. The Parish Council noted that the ECSF application had already been presented to SNC and consequently resolved to support this application.

8. Highway and byway issues:

1. The Parish Council discussed and noted the consultation between an Eydon resident, SNC and Northants Police regarding the impact upon the village of vehicle deliveries to a business operating from a residential property in Lime Avenue. The Parish Council fully appreciates the efforts devoted by the resident in this regard and requested the Clerk to thank the resident accordingly.
2. The Parish Council considered a request received from a resident for information/evidence the Council had used during its decision to request bollards be installed in the Manitoba jitty. During the discussion it was confirmed that the decision had been taken purely on the basis of concerns over pedestrian and child safety as a consequence of lorry deliveries to/collections from a property in Lime Avenue adjacent to the jetty. The translocation of the problem to Lime Avenue itself had not

been anticipated at the time. The Clerk is to inform the resident of the above.

3. The Parish Council noted the report of a section of roadside grass verge adjacent to Hillview has been allegedly damaged by contractors undertaking recent building works to a neighbouring property. The Clerk is to confirm with the NCC Highways dept the liability and course of action for repair. Depending upon the outcome of these enquiries and confirmation from NCC that it is order to do so, the Clerk may contact the owner of the property concerned requesting steps be taken to repair the verge.
4. The Parish Council noted correspondence received by one of the councillors from NCC Highways dept concerning the unauthorised obstruction of a grass verge in the village (temporary protection of reseeded section of grass verge). It was also noted that temporary signage used to promote local village events could also be construed as being unauthorised deposits/obstructions and should thus be appropriately positioned to minimise any potential obstruction of the highway.
5.
 1. The Parish Council noted correspondence received from the Footpaths Warden concerning recent discussions she had had with the owner of the grass paddock adjacent to the Eydon Community Sports Field and currently used by residents to access the sports field.
 2. The Parish Council noted correspondence received from the Footpaths Warden concerning a public footpath recently blocked by a large fallen branch. The incident has been reported to the relevant NCC officer for attention.

9. First Responder Scheme: Further to minute 8.1 of 13th May 2014, the Parish Council considered additional information received from the East Midlands Ambulance Service who manage the scheme in this region. It was noted that the schemes are generally self-funded and that initial start-up costs can be in the order of up to £15000 to purchase the necessary equipment. The potential costs were considered to be very restrictive to Eydon pursuing this process alone. The Clerk is to enquire with Woodford Halse Parish Council if there could be any consideration of a jointly managed and funded initiative for the two parishes.

10. Vehicle Speed Warning Signs: Further to minute 8.2 of 13th May 2014, the Parish Council considered additional information received from a camera supplier on the day of the meeting and agreed there to be insufficient time for proper discussion and resolved that the matter is to be discussed at a future meeting.

11. Village Grass Cutting contract: The Clerk advised the Meeting that further details were awaited from the contractors concerning their current grass cutting programme. A resident had stated during the open session that certain areas of the village should be excluded from the routine grass mowing contract and be managed on a wild flower meadow basis, he would be willing to undertake this management. It was also noted that a number of verge areas are maintained by residents of adjacent properties and thus the areas of responsibility for the contractor may not be clearly defined. The Parish Council resolved to draw up a detailed plan of the village and confirm the grass mowing requirements prior to the next season. .

12. Village Hall Buildings Survey: The Parish Council noted the invoice for the survey had been received and approved for payment at a previous meeting. There has not been a meeting of the Village Hall Committee since the receipt of the survey, therefore the Parish Council cannot consider any further input into this matter at this stage.

13. Eydon Parish Council Policy: The Parish Council considered and approved for adoption the sample policy documents, circulated prior to the meeting, guiding the Parish Council with regards to:-

1. Dealing with media request.
2. Complaints procedure.

14. Reports:

1. **Eydon Village Hall:** None presented.
2. **Eydon Community Sports Field:** Eydon Olympics to be held on the 22nd June.
3. **Eydon Educational Trust:** The advertisement requesting applications is to be posted in the near future.

15. Finance:

1. Receipts The Parish Council noted there were no receipts.

2. Payments The Parish Council approved the following payments

i. Eydon Community Sports Field,

Donation to maintenance costs (cheque 300077)

£1000.00

ii. Lambert Smith Hampton Group Ltd

Village Hall Building Survey invoice (cheque 300076)

£800 + £160 VAT Total: £960

3. Bank balances: Noted by the Parish Council

Current account, end of May 2014, £4675.02

Deposit account, end of May 2014, £14486.65

4. The Parish Council noted the end of year 2013/14 Internal Audit report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

16. Planning.

1. Applications received for consultation and comment:

1. S/2014/0725/FUL.

Proposal : Single storey front and two storey rear extensions.

Location: Ashbys Farm, Preston Road, Eydon.

Parish Council comment:- No objection.

2. The Parish Council resolved to make representation at the appeal of decisions DA/2012/0816 & DA/2012/0893 and 2014 Planning Enforcement Notice, (Daventry District Council), in respect of Slade Leys Farm, scheduled for September 2014.

3. The Parish Council noted that Eydon residents independently of the formal Parish Council consultation process, have proposed to South Northants Council through the Local Plan Issues Consultation potential development sites in Eydon. Full details of the consultation are available on the SNC website.

17. Correspondence not covered above.

Received via email, previously circulated and noted at the meeting:-

1. Communal Garden tv project: information circular.
2. Northants Association for the Blind: Advert for visit to Daventry.
3. Neighbourhood Watch Area Support Team: Request for £10 donation.
4. Phoenix Cards: Request for stall at village fete.
5. Northants County Council (MGWSP): Landowner deposit – 197, The Culworth Estate.
6. NCALC - training course update.
7. NCALC newsletter
8. Police ward update
9. Request from Mr P Broome re hole in verge (Woodford rd) and damage to Hill View street name plate.

Received by post

10. SNC: Guidebooks for cycling in South Northants and Walking and Wildlife with Children.

18. Councillors' Comments and items for the next agenda.

1. It was noted that a resident had recently fallen on one of the village footpaths. The footpath would be inspected to ascertain if alterations/repairs were required to prevent the recurrence similar accidents.

19. Next meetings :

Eydon Village Hall, Tuesday 8th July 2014.

Meeting closed : 9.10pm