

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm

Eydon Village Hall

**Item**

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

**2. Apologies:** Councillor C Henson.

**3. Open Meeting:**

Members of public present: Mrs C Turbett and Mr D Kench.

With regard to a previous planning application (S/2014/0992/FUL Brickhill Fisheries), it was suggested that the Parish Council should write to the SNC Planning Dept enforcement team to ensure the necessary actions following the refusal of the application were going to be undertaken and subsequently monitored. The Clerk advised he would be contacting SNC accordingly.

**4. Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

**5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**6. Matters Arising:**

None raised.

**7. Highway and Byway issues:**

1. Butterfly Bridge: The Parish Council noted the correspondence concerning this matter forwarded by Mr Taylor to NCC and MGSWP.

A letter received from Mr David Farquhar (Assistant Director – Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) and Cllr Robin Brown dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was read to the meeting confirming the ongoing difficulties NCC are encountering trying to resolve this issue and also stating sufficient funds may not be available in the next financial year.

It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a reply correspondence, including copies to the Eydon representative County Councillors, requesting clarity and detail of the perceived anticipated costs as these

are not yet known to all interested parties. The Parish Council also agreed that further pressure should be placed on the County Council to speed the completion of the necessary works, however it was considered this may be more productive coming from a broader group to which the Parish Council may lend its support. Parish Councillors shall enquire of residents if there would be interest in this suggested development.

2. The Parish Council noted the Notification of Landowner Deposits in Marston St Lawrence, Greatworth and Thenford.
3. Repairs to Hill View verge: The Clerk advised that he had met an NCC/MGSWP representative on site and had since received correspondence from MGSWP proposing to either reinstate the grass verge or to top the existing repairs with a gravel finish according to the Parish Council's instruction. The Parish Council considered and agreed to request NCC/MGSWP reinstate the grass verge. The Clerk shall write to NCC/MGSWP accordingly and also request the Parish Council is consulted prior to repairs being undertaken should similar circumstances occur in the future.

**8. Vehicle Activated Speed Cameras:** The Parish Council considered the installation of VAS cameras originally discussed following the matter being raised during the Annual Parish Assembly. During the discussion, the concerns of an Eydon resident concerning their potential installation received prior to the Meeting were read out at the Meeting. The Parish Council did not consider there was sufficient information available to make a reasoned decision and instructed the Clerk to liaise with the Northants Police to enquire if it would be possible for a period of vehicle speed monitoring to be undertaken to assist with the Parish Council's continued discussion to be drawn to a conclusion.

**9. First Responder Scheme:** The Parish Council reconsidered this matter in the light of revised cost information received from the East Midlands Ambulance Service and resolved to establish if there was sufficient interest in the scheme via the EVN. The Clerk advised that if necessary, a representative from the EMAS could attend and inform a meeting of those interested in developing the scheme in Eydon before any commitment is made.

**10. Wings for Life Event:** The Parish Council considered the recent correspondence received pertaining to the proposal for the 2015 event, including some alterations to the route through Eydon. No concerns were

raised during the Meeting, the Clerk is to advise the event liaison officer/organiser accordingly.

**11. Audit report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014:** The Parish Council noted the comments and outcome of the BDO audit report.

**12. Bruton Knowles Schedules of Condition (Village Hall & bus shelter):** The Parish Council noted the receipt of the documents from Bruton Knowles, prepared on behalf of Black and Veatch, contractors for the Thames Water sewage treatment works upgrade. The Clerk is to enquire if a further copy of the Village Hall document can be made available for the Village Hall Committee and also enquire if the documents can be used to support future funding/grant applications.

**13. Society of Local Council Clerks Membership:** The Parish Council considered the option for the Clerk's membership of the SLCC and requested of the Clerk that further information be sought regarding the range of potential benefits to the Parish Council offered by the Society membership.

**14. Village Stocks:** The Parish Council considered the insurance implications regarding public liability and possible repair/replacement of the Village Stocks. The Clerk advised the Meeting that the insurers were aware and have noted the recent change of responsibility for the Stocks from NCC to Eydon Parish Council and that the aspect of insurance liability/cover was to be discussed by the EPC. Cllrs I and N Stewart shall examine the current insurance policy schedule to establish if any additional costs or actions may be required and advise the Parish Council before any potential alteration of the current schedule is discussed with the insurers.

**15. Remembrance Day:** The Parish Council considered and confirmed it would fund the purchase of the wreath to be laid on its behalf by Cllr Simmons, Vice-Chair, during the forthcoming Remembrance Day Service.

## **16. Reports**

1. Eydon Village Hall – None received.
2. ECSF – Minutes of the most recent Committee Meeting had been circulated prior to the Parish Council Meeting.
3. Eydon Knits :- The Committee for Eydon Knits requested the report below be submitted to the Parish Council:- Eydon Knits members produced over 54 knitted dogs in 5 months. Sales at the Fete raised £173.50 for the 3 village charities and a donation to the village hall after sales at the Craft Fair on 2nd November is anticipated. Everyone has

learnt new skills and the society will continue into 2015 with a healthy core of 10 attendees.

**17. Finance:**

1. The Parish Council noted the following receipts:

1.	SNC 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year precept	£6510
2.	Current account interest	£0.31
3.	Deposit account interest	£4.38

2. The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:

1.	Texprep EVN Printing: Cheque 30092	£54.70.
2.	Scott's Landscapes Cemetery grass cutting in August. £61.00 + £12.20 VAT =  Cheque 30093	£73.20
3.	BDO Audit fees:  Cheque 30094	£100.00 + £20.00 VAT  £120:00
4.	EON Light maintenance  Cheque 30095	£57.54 + £11.51 VAT =  £69.05
5.	Mr Fisher, payment for mowing the Green during 2014  Cheque 30099	£320.00
6.	Mr Hartley Clerk's salary and expenses for July/Aug/Sept  Cheque 30096	£393.15
7.	EON Electricity  Cheque 30097	£176.14 + £8.81 VAT =  £184.95
8.	Scotts Landscapes: Village and cemetery grass cutting September  Cheque 30098	£282 + £56.40 VAT =  £338.40

3. Bank balances: Noted as:

Current Account: End of Sept 2014 £842.90

Deposit Account: End of Sept 2014 £21004.93

There were no outstanding un-presented cheques.

4. Meeting of the Finance sub-committee: The Parish Council approved the meeting of the Finance sub-committee to consider the budget for 2015/16 and for that sub-committee to report back to a full open Parish Council Meeting. Due to Councillor absences the meeting is to be held after the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and the date is to be decided by Cllrs Hawes, Simmons and Henson. The Clerk shall be in attendance.

5. Report of the Internal Control Officer: Due to the absence of the ICO, this item was deferred.

**18. Planning.**

1. Applications received for consultation and comment:-

1. S/2014/1679/FUL

14 Hill View, Eydon

Single and two storey rear extensions.

Parish Council comment:- No objections.

2. S/2014/1781/FUL

3 Doctors Lane Eydon

Single storey rear extension

Parish Council comment:- No objections.

3. Amos Garage site demolition works: The Parish Council noted the correspondence received regarding the imminent works at the site. The Clerk was instructed to contact the agents to seek clarification regarding the current proposals for the development of the site as there are concerns regarding the integrity and safety of the site as it currently stands.

4. Slade Leys Farm: The Parish Council noted the correspondence presented to the appeals board with regard to the current planning application appeals, the correspondence is held on file.

**19. Correspondence not covered above.**

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

1. Came and Co Autumn newsletter.
2. Northants Police: Ward Cluster Update September 2014.
3. British Red Cross Fundraising request: (Already addressed).
4. Superfast Northamptonshire newsletter.
5. CPRE Northants Autumn Road Show.
6. NCALC Newsletter.
7. Helping people get free Highway Code training.
8. Giggle Play Venture request.

Received by post

9. Northants Rural Housing Report for 2013/14.

**20. Councillors' Comments and items for the next agenda.**

1. Cllr lodge advised that the incident of criminal damage to the Parish Council notice-board was being dealt with through the courts and resolution is anticipated in the near future.
2. Cllr Hawes requested the discussion of village grass mowing requirements for 2015 to be included on the agenda for the next meeting and for this agenda item to be advertised through the EVN to prompt the input/attendance of interested parties.
3. Feedback has been received by Cllrs from some occupants of the South Northants Homes regarding car parking issues, the Clerk shall forward these to the South Northants Homes office.

**21. Next meeting** : Eydon Village Hall, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**22. Meeting closed** : 9.30pm