

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2014 at
7.30pm.

Eydon Village Hall

Formal business was preceded by a minute's silence
to allow private thought on this Remembrance Day.

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 Nixon, Mrs J Bulworthy, District Councillor
Sergison-Brooke, Mrs C Turbett and Mr D Kench.

1. It was reported that an area of verge adjacent to the corner of the Lime Avenue/Hollow Way junction is currently overgrown with brambles and rough vegetation. A resident has volunteered to clear the area and replant with cultivated shrubs etc and also enquired if a bin could be obtained for the additional green waste.

The Clerk advised there are strict regulations and NCC Highways dept licensing requirements regarding supplementary planting on highway verges. The Clerk shall obtain the appropriate guidance information and application forms for future consideration. The Clerk also advised that as the area concerned is roadside verge within the 30mph speed limit boundary, the maintenance and associated cost should be borne by the Parish Council, consequently a cost quotation for the necessary clearance work shall be sought from Scott's Landscapes, who currently hold the EPC grass cutting contract.

2. A resident reported that email versions of Eydon Village News had been circulated and enquired when the hard copy version was expected. The matter was deferred to the wider EVN discussion scheduled under item 9 of the agenda.

3. The query was raised asking if the Parish Council had been consulted regarding a recent letterbox leaflet drop from the sewage treatment work contractors proposing the temporary installation of no parking areas along and adjacent to the entrance to Doctors Lane. The Parish Council had not been advised of this development and the Clerk was instructed to seek clarification from the contractors regarding the circumstances of this scheme.

4. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the 14th October 2014: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising:

1. Hill View verge: The Parish Council noted that a works order had now been placed for the previously damaged and subsequently removed grass verge to be re-instated.
2. Former Amos Garage site: The Parish Council noted the previously circulated correspondence received from the developer's agents regarding the current development stage of the site.
3. Closure of Burnt Mill bridge and associated bridleways: the Parish Council noted and considered the ongoing correspondence between various parties concerning this matter. Cllr Lodge advised the Meeting that he has scrutinised the original structural report that lead to the bridge's closure and considers there may be a number of points worthy of challenge. He also advised that a number of residents are considering the development of a separate pressure group aimed at speeding the bridge's repair/replacement/reopening, a high profile Chair is also being considered to enhance the group's standing and potential influence.

Ms Nixon advised the Meeting that the aspect of the bridge and bridleway closures had been referred to the British Horse Society, which is anticipated to provide additional support and advice to residents.

7. Village grass cutting 2015: The Parish Council deferred consideration of this item until the Parish Council Meeting to be held in January 2015, prior to which, the matter would be more widely publicised in Eydon to encourage residents' input to the discussion.

8. Western Power Distribution inventory: The Parish Council noted the correspondence received from WPD regarding the need to update unmetered supplies inventory. The Clerk is to confirm the accuracy of the inventory to WPD in due course.

9. Eydon Village News: The Parish Council briefly discussed the editorial role for the village magazine and agreed Cllrs Hawes and Lodge would meet with the editor to review the current workload and such tasks which may impact on meeting printing and distribution deadlines. .

10. Reports:

1. Village Hall Committee: The most recent meeting minutes had been previously circulated. No further matters were reported.
2. Eydon Educational Trust Fund: The Meeting was advised that one application had been received for the award on this occasion and was being considered.
3. Eydon Community Sports Field: The ECSF Committee had met the previous Thursday, discussions included the possible extension of the existing footway along Hollow Way to the field entrance.

11. Finance:

1. The Parish Council noted the following receipts:

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| 1. | Cllr N Stewart (training course fee) | £39.00 |
| 2. | Eydon Village Hall (notice-board repair reimbursement) | £80.00 |

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

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| 1. | Eydon Village Hall hire charge for July/August/Sept | £33.00 |
| | Cheque 300100 | |
| 2. | Scott's Landscapes, mowing for October:- | |
| | | £61.00 + £12.20 VAT = £73.20 |
| | Cheque 300101 | |

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted these as follows:

Current Account: End of Oct 2014 £4609.45

Deposit Account: End of Oct 2014 £16004.93

Not included in the bank statements and above balances for the end of October 2014 were one outstanding and un-presented cheque to the value of £320.00 and the above receipts totalling £119.00.

The sum of £5000.00 was transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account on the 14th October 2014.

4. The Parish Council considered and resolved to convert the loan of £75 to Eydon Knits into a donation, thus repayment is not required.
5. The Parish Council noted that the reclaim form for VAT expenditure to the sum of £973.79 during the financial year ending 31st March 2014 has been submitted to HMRC for consideration.
6. The Parish Council noted the comments of the Internal Control Officer who confirmed the current accounts and financial procedures to be in order.
7. The Parish Council agreed the closed Finance sub-committee would meet at 8.00pm on Tues 25th Nov to consider the budget for 2015/16 and report back to the next open Parish Council Meeting. It was also agreed this Finance sub-committee would comprise Cllrs Hawes, Simmons and Henson, the Clerk would also attend.

12. Planning:

1. Applications received for consultation and comment:- None received.
2. Received for information only and noted by the Parish Council:-

Application S/2014/1886/TCA

3, The Cob, Blacksmiths Lane, Eydon.

T1 Damson tree to fell.

13. Notable Correspondence received: (not covered above)

Received by email and previously circulated:- Noted by the Parish Council.

1. Came and Co Autumn firework and bonfire advice.
2. Northants Police: Ward Cluster Update October 2014.
3. CPRE Northants Autumn Road Show poster.
4. NCALC training course calendar:- The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Lodge attend the Rights of Way and definitive map workshop scheduled for 1st Dec 2014.
5. Hartwell Safety Services: advert for appliance testing services.
6. Defibrillator sales advert.
7. NCALC Budget information.

14. Councillors Comments:

1. Cllr Lodge requested the updating of the *Welcome to Eydon* be included on the next agenda.
2. Cllr Henson advised the Meeting that with regard to the Eydon Village Hall and Eydon Community Sports Field, the Land Registry details have been updated to include those relevant to the Parish Council Clerk.
3. District Cllr Sergison-Brooke advised the Meeting that SNC was striving to maintain the current level of the Community Charge despite restraints imposed by central Government cutbacks. She also advised that existing funds allocated through the New Homes Bonus scheme should still be available for use in the community, however the generation of funds through this scheme in the future is very much in doubt. Cllr Sergison-Brooke wished to promote the new teaching college in the area, the Silverstone Academy.

15. Date and venue of the next Eydon Parish Council Meeting:

Tuesday 9th December 2015, 7.30pm in Eydon Village Hall.

16. Meeting closed at 9.20pm