

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 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 Jobbins, Mr P Lainchbury, Mrs C Turbett, Mr D Kench and Mr D Taylor.

1. Ms Jobbins and Mr Lainchbury informed the Meeting of their intention to develop a specialist bakery and outlet of local produce on a site adjacent to 5 Moreton rd, Eydon. They advised that discussions were ongoing with the SNC Planning Department concerning the matter although a full planning application had not yet been presented. Ms Jobbins and Mr Lainchbury responded to a number of questions raised during the discussion and agreed to forward an outline business plan to the Parish Councillors via the Clerk after the Meeting.

4. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

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

6. Matters Arising:

1. The Clerk advised that the matter of soil/wheel debris from the sewage treatment works contractors' vehicles accumulating along Doctors Lane and the High Street had been brought to his attention. The Clerk shall write to the contractors requesting the road be cleaned on a regular basis.

7. Highway and byway issues:

1. Butterfly Bridge: The Parish Council noted the correspondence concerning this matter forwarded to Mr David Farquhar, NCC and County Councillor R. Brown.

Cllr Lodge advised the Meeting that an alternative route to that affected by the bridge closure may become temporarily available to walkers but discussions are at an early stage and the outcome cannot be presumed at the current stage.

2. NCALC Rights of Way and the Definitive Map Training Course: Cllr Lodge presented a verbal report to the meeting following his attendance at the above course in which he confirmed it to have been very beneficial. Additionally, further guidance had been received regarding a suggested approach to resolving the difficulties currently encountered with the Butterfly Bridge path closure.
3. Repairs to Hill View verge: The Parish Council noted that residents local to the verge have volunteered to nurture the re-seeded area to facilitate its' recovery.
4. Following the receipt of correspondence prior to the Meeting (not on the agenda) concerning inaccuracies in the guidance for walks from Eydon as presented on the Eydon website, Cllr Lodge shall look to have these corrected with the assistance of the website administrator.

8. Vehicle Activated Speed Cameras: The Parish Council considered the data recently forwarded by the Northants Police and agreed an informed decision could not be made without information regarding traffic speed along Lime Avenue, for which the Police are unable to assist. The Clerk is to enquire if any other agencies are able to gather corresponding data from this road and advise the Parish Council accordingly.

9. Welcome to Eydon Pack: The Parish Council noted that a number of new residents to the village were unaware of this information pack and also noted that some of the information required updating. Cllr Lodge is currently undertaking the latter. The Parish Council considered the format of the pack and agreed to change from the current paper format to one located on the website to which new residents would be guided via a more simple introductory information card, to be drafted by Cllr I Stewart.

10. Reports: None presented.

11. Finance:

1. The Parish Council noted that there had been no receipts since the last Parish Council Meeting.

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

1. Texprep EVN Printing: £143.60
Cheque 300102

2. Scott's Landscapes Cemetery grass cutting in November
£61.00 + £12.20 VAT = £73.20
Cheque 300103

3. NCALC Rights of Way training course: £45.00
Cheque 300104

4. Royal British Legion wreath donation (Section 137) £20.00
Cheque 300105

3. Financial Budget: Cllr Simmons advised the Parish Council of the summary outcome of the Finance sub-committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th Nov which proposed an overall increase of 8% in the budget from 2014/15 to 2015/16. The details of the proposed budget shall be available on the website for residents' viewing and comment prior to consideration for approval by the Parish Council at the routine meeting to be held in January 2015.

4. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the following:

Current Account: End of Nov 2014 £4302.25

Deposit Account: End of Nov 2014 £16004.93

There were no outstanding un-presented cheques.

12. Planning:

1. No applications had been received for consultation and comment.
2. Slade Leys Farm: The Parish Council considered the correspondence received from Daventry District Council concerning the current planning application appeals and agreed to discuss and confirm any representations to be made at the routine meeting to be held in January 2015.
3. Brickhill Fisheries certificate of lawfulness application: The Parish Council noted correspondence received from SNC confirming that the static caravan had now been relocated on site and now qualifies the current land use as being legal.

13. Notable Correspondence received: (not covered above)

Received by email and previously circulated:-

1. Northants Police, Crime prevention posters: noted.
2. NCC – advising of Hinton Road, Woodford Cum Membris road closure. Subsequent correspondence advising the works have been postponed and thus the road would not be closed until a later date.
3. Northants Police: Parish Special Constable recruitment poster.
4. NCALC Newsletter: noted.
5. NCC Children’s Centres consultation: forwarded to the EVN editor for circulation.
6. Northants Police: Ward update.
7. Eydon Village Hall agreements form correspondence: to be completed by the Clerk.

Received by post

8. None.

14. Councillors Comments:

1. Cllr Henson agreed to attend the NCALC training course *Preparing for year end audit* to be held in February 2015. The Clerk is to make the booking accordingly.
2. Cllr Simmons requested the proposed footway continuation to the entrance to the ECSF be included on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
3. Cllr Hawes read out his letter of resignation as Chair and from Eydon Parish Council, which was to be with immediate effect. Cllr Hawes confirmed that due to an imminent move away from the village, despite continuing to enjoy his role on the Parish Council, he considered it the correct time to stand down.

Cllr Simmons, Vice –Chair, continued as Chair for the remainder of this meeting. The Meeting was advised that a new Chairman would be elected by Parish Councillors as the first item of business at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

Tuesday 13th January 2015, 7.30pm in Eydon Village Hall.

16. Meeting closed at 9.05pm