

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. **Present:** Cllrs K Simmons (acting Chair) R Collins, C. Henson, K Lodge, Clerk, Mr A Hartley in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs I Stewart, N Stewart.
3. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr K Simmons was proposed, seconded and elected to become Chair of Eydon Parish Council. The Acceptance of Office form was duly completed. Cllr Simmons continued to Chair the Meeting.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr R Collins was elected and accepted the post of Vice-Chairman.
5. **Note of thanks to Mr M Hawes:** The Parish Council formally acknowledged the contribution of Mr M Hawes to Eydon Parish Council during his years as Councillor and latterly Chairman and was very thankful for his input into a variety of village organisations.
6. **Open Meeting:**

Members of public present: Ms L Nixon, Mrs C Turbett, Mr S Beaty, Mr R Brown, Mr B McRoberts and Mr P Johnson.

1. Mr S Beaty introduced himself to the Meeting as the owner and farmer of the land through which the bridleway to Butterfly Bridge extends and also land on the opposing side of the river adjacent to the existing bridleway/footpath. He advised that in order to access his farmland on the opposite side of the river, he had installed a bridge approximately 100m south of the currently closed Butterfly Bridge. He advised he is in communication with the NCC Highways Department with a view to developing a permissive footpath across his land, linking onto the footpath close to Butterfly Bridge, thus opening up a route for walkers to by-pass the Butterfly Bridge. He is giving consideration to requesting a diversion of the existing bridleway to cross his land and bridge, away from the current close proximity of Burnt Mill.

2. Mr B McRoberts, with regard to the proposed footpath development linking that adjacent to the burial ground to the entrance to the Eydon Community Sports Field, advised the meeting that further quotes to the one already submitted to the Parish Council were awaited.
Mr McRoberts confirmed a request from the ECSF Committee previously submitted to the Parish Council for financial support for this project.
3. Ms L Nixon reported to the Meeting that there appeared to be a growing problem of dog walkers not clearing-up dog mess from areas of the village, the High Street in particular. It was noted this problem has occurred despite the dog bins being routinely emptied on a fortnightly basis. The Parish Council advised that the subject will be raised in the EVN.
4. Mr P Johnson, of Francis Jackson Homes, attended the Meeting to address any concerns raised during the current phase of building application regarding the former Amos Garage site. He confirmed the intention had been to align the house designs to blend in with those typical of Eydon, there is a mixture of stone and brick houses, the stone being sourced from approved quarry in the region to best fit the match of local stone. It was noted that there was no footpath on the plans. Mr Johnson advised that a footpath was to be included. It was also noted that there were no two bedroom houses on the current plans, whereas they had been included on the outline planning application. The Meeting was informed that it is anticipated detailed planning applications will be submitted for SNC consideration in the near future and it was hoped building work could commence during April 2015.
5. Mr R Brown confirmed to the Meeting the anticipated costing for the necessary remedial works required to make Eydon Village Hall sound. Major renovation of the roof is required, replacement of the windows and a range of associated minor works are also to be undertaken in the future when funds are available. The cost for the roof repairs is in the order of £34200. Some funds have been raised specifically for this project whilst further is available from existing Village Hall Funds. Mr Brown confirmed the previously submitted requests from the Eydon Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council to support the EVHC application for £8000 from the SNC New Homes Bonus scheme and also for the Parish Council to donate funds to help offset the existing shortfall.

7. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

8. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2014: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

9. Vacancy on Parish Council: The Parish Council resolved to fill the current vacancy to May 2015 by co-option. Parish Councillors will seek to identify potential persons prior to the PC Meeting in February 2015.

10. Matters Arising:

1. The Clerk advised the Meeting that it has been reported there has been very little interest shown regarding the publicised initiative of the *First Responder Scheme* within the village to date.
2. The Clerk requested confirmation that the village litter-pick would be taking place on the 1st Saturday of March and suggested that he would contact SNC to book the necessary equipment.

11. Highway and byway issues:

1. Butterfly Bridge: The Parish Council considered the actions proposed by Mr Beaty and agreed to support them as presented.

The Clerk was requested to 1) pursue NCC for a response to the correspondence sent in December 2014 and 2) contact Mr Beaty to enquire what he requires from the Parish Council to support the proposed developments.

12. Village verge grass-cutting requirements for 2015: The Parish Council noted the receipt of correspondence received from Mr Walker confirming his willingness to develop some wild flower areas. The Parish Council consideration of the grass cutting requirements was deferred to a future meeting and when a map of the subject areas of the village is available.

13. Eydon Village Hall remedial works funding request: The Parish Council considered the request for funding received from the Eydon Village Hall Committee prior to the Meeting and confirmed by Mr Brown during agenda item 6.5 and resolved to support the Village Hall Committee's proposed application for funds through the SNC New Homes Bonus scheme and also

resolved to provide the sum of £4200 from Parish Council funds towards the cost of the described remedial works.

14. ECSF footway funding request: The Parish Council considered a request for funding support from the ECSF Committee with regard to the construction of an access footway to the Sports Field. Due to the commitment agreed to the Village Hall repairs, the Parish Council could not support this request on this occasion but would endeavour to assist the ECSF Committee to the stated aim in the future.

15. South Northants Council joint working consultation: The Parish Council considered a questionnaire circulated by SNC to collect feedback regarding the potential joint working of SNC, Cherwell and Stratford upon Avon District Councils and resolved to decline its completion as a parish Council in favour of it being completed by other interested parties.

16. Amos Garage site road names: The Parish Council considered and approved making a request to the relevant authority for future road names on the site to be decided by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to contact SNC accordingly.

17. Reports: None presented.

18. Finance:

1. The Parish Council noted the following receipts:

a. HMRC VAT refund from 2013/14	£973.79
b. Interest payments to Deposit and Current accts: £5.84	
c. J&M Humphris LTD	£269.00

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

1. Texprep EVN Printing:(undelivered October 2014 invoice) £71.80
Cheque 300106
2. EON light maintenance for quarter ending December 2014
£57.54 + £11.51 VAT = £69.05
Cheque 300107
3. Clerk's pay and expenses for Oct/Nov/Dec 2014
£354 + £100.56 = £454.56

Cheque 300108

4. Eydon Village Hall hire Oct/Nov/Dec 2014 £33.00

Cheque 300109

5. Marcus Young Landscapes Dog Bin management 2014

£156.00 + £31.20 VAT = £187.20

Cheque 300110

6. EON electricity £176.14 + £8.81 VAT = £184.95

Cheque 300111

3. Financial Budget: The Parish Council discussed the budget regarding financial requirements in the coming financial year. Consideration was given to the increased liability for replacement of street light fittings under the circumstances of the imminent introduction of new EC legislation, the commitment to the repairs to Eydon Village Hall and the introduction of a Chairman's Allowance of £150 for the next financial year. The Parish Council approved the budget as appended. The corresponding Precept Request to SNC for the financial year 2015/16 was consequently proposed and agreed by Eydon Parish Council to be the sum of £15624 which represented an increase of 20% above that for the year 2014/15.

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

Current Account: End of Dec 2014 £4995.31

Deposit Account: End of Dec 2014 £16009.70

The above excludes £269.00 payment from J&M Humphris LTD.

There were no un-presented cheques to consider.

19. Planning:

1. Planning applications received for consultation:

1. S/2014/2490/RES - Proposal Reserved matters application for 7 no. dwellings pursuant to S/2014/0314/OUT (Erection of 7 no. Dwellings following the demolition of the existing bungalow and buildings from the site). Location: The Bungalow and The Former Woodford Road Services, Byfield Road Eydon

The Parish Council considered the above application and advised the SNC Planning Officer that it had no objections to the application as presented but wanted SNC to ensure the access road is fully made up and safe for pedestrians to connect up with the adjacent footpaths in the village.

2. Slade Leys Farm: The Parish Council considered representation to the Local Inquiries relevant to the current appeals following planning application decisions with regard to these premises by Daventry District Council and resolved that due to the potential length of the enquiry it would be difficult to ensure attendance throughout. Consequently individual Councillors may try to attend in part and confirm Eydon Parish Council's concerns as previously documented if given the opportunity to do so.

20. Notable Correspondence not covered above and noted by the Parish Council.

Received by email and previously circulated:-

1. NCC : Notification of the adoption of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan.
2. Northants Police: Ward update.

Received by post

3. None.

21. Councillors' Comments:

1. Cllr Collins advised the Village Hall light was currently out of action, he would look to replace the bulb.

2. Cllr Simmons requested the Clerk to obtain information for circulation to Eydon residents advising of the timetable and procedure for the forthcoming election to Eydon Parish Council.

3. The Clerk is to arrange for the SNC litter pick equipment to be available for the village litter pick to be undertaken on the 1st Saturday of March.

4. The Eydon Parish Assembly is to be held on Tuesday 21st April, commencing at 8.00pm.

5. Cllr Simmons advised he is looking into the procedure for Eydon to introduce the awarding of Freeman of the Village status to notable residents.

22. Next meeting : Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, Tuesday 10th February 2015

23. Meeting closed 9.22pm.