

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at
7.30pm.

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. Present: Cllrs K Simmons (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: Mr P Broome, Mr D Kench, Mrs C Turbett,
NCC Cllr I Morris.

1. Mr Broome advised the Meeting that he considers the current green waste management with regard to the Burial Ground grass cuttings to be impractical. The compost bin is difficult to empty once full and the task is consequently very time consuming. (This matter is to be discussed under agenda item 10).
2. The opinion was raised from the Floor that there should be no extension to the existing wild flower areas within the village highway verges as they may become unkempt and untidy in appearance.
3. With regard to previous discussions relating to the naming of the access road to the proposed development on the site of the former Amos Garage a member of the public suggested a name of historic relevance rather than one linked to an individual would be more appropriate.
4. With regard to planning application S2015/0038/FUL, it was suggested that this may lead to an increase in the number of horses on the premises with associated issues such as increased animal waste disposal etc.
5. Cllr Ian Morris, with reference to the issues surrounding the Butterfly Bridge closure, advised the Meeting that the County Council wished to resolve the matter but due to the inherent complications the increased

associated costs were extremely restrictive during the current period of financial cutbacks affecting all of the NCC's functions.

4. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January 2015: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Co-option of Parish Councillor: There were no nominees for Parish Council consideration.

7. Matters Arising:

1. The Clerk confirmed that due to the unavailability of the SNC litter-pick equipment on the preferred day, following liaison with Parish Councillors, the equipment has been booked for the weekend of the 14th March 2015.

8. Highway and byway issues:

1. Butterfly Bridge: The Parish Council noted the recent correspondence received from NCC in which previous correspondence had been referred to and confirmed, this in response to the EPC letter of December 2014. No further action was considered at this Meeting.

9. Village verge grass-cutting requirements for 2015: The Parish Council requested the Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Chairman, as PC representative, and the Clerk with Mr Scott of Scott's Landscapes, on site to ascertain and confirm the current contract arrangements as there remained some uncertainty as to whether the village's requirements were being met.

The Parish Council discussed a proposal to increase the number/area of verges to be managed as wild flower areas and resolved for there to be no increase to the current areas.

10. Burial Ground green waste disposal: The Parish Council discussed the matter of the management and disposal of the green waste, primarily grass cuttings, from the site. The Clerk is to enquire with SNC if the inclusion of a larger bin could be incorporated in the routine collections and if so, enquire as to the specifications and costs of additional/alternative bins. This issue shall also be discussed with the grass cutting contractors, Scott's Landscapes.

11. Freedom of Eydon scheme: The Parish Council considered and resolved to introduce this scheme to Eydon and to develop the mechanism for its implementation. It was proposed and agreed that a sub-committee comprising the PC Chairman, Vice-chairman and another Councillor would consider the

necessary criteria of the scheme and future nominees prior to submitting relevant proposals to full Parish Council at an open meeting for formal consideration and approval.

12. Northants ACRE Best Village Competition: The Parish Council resolved to not enter Eydon into this competition for 2015.

13. Funding request to Francis Jackson Homes: The Parish Council considered and agreed presenting a request for funding/work in kind to Francis Jackson Homes to support village assets without prejudice to current or future planning application consultations. On the basis of PC instruction during this Meeting, the Chairman is to edit a draft letter previously circulated to the PC prior to submission to the developers. A copy is to be held on file.

14. Village Hall renovation: The Parish Council noted the interest of the Eydon Village Hall Committee to generate further funds for the replacement of the Village Hall windows.

15. Promotion of the role of Parish Councillor prior to the May elections: The Clerk advised that an SNC workshop advising clerks of the administrative procedure during the lead-up to the May 2015 elections was being held at the same time as this meeting and that he would request the relevant information from SNC and circulate it accordingly. Other relevant information would also be circulated for wider access.

16. KierWSP Parish satisfaction survey: The Parish Council considered the satisfaction survey received from the NCC Highways' contractors and agreed the most suitable means of completion would be to forward any comments to the Clerk, he to subsequently collate the responses on the Parish Council's behalf.

17. Reports: ECSF – The minutes from the recent AGM shall be circulated in due course.

18. Finance:

1. The Parish Council noted the following receipts:

1. NCC Grass cutting grant 2014	£163.38
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2. The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:

1. Texprep EVN Printing:	£82.60
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Cheque 300112

3. Bank balances: Noted

Current Account: End of Jan 2015 £4496.18

Deposit Account: End of Jan 2015 £16009.70

There is one un-presented cheque to date for the sum of £69.05.

4. The Parish Council noted the correspondence received from Unity Trust Bank, dated 22 January 2015, describing the proposed changes to the effect that NatWest has been selected to undertake the payment processing services for Unity Trust Bank from mid-2015.

19. Planning:

1. Planning applications received for consultation:

1. S2015/0038/FUL

Proposal: Replace existing stabling with single storey timber barn/stables.

Dodds Manor Farm, 22 High Street, Eydon

No objections to the application were raised but comments regarding the likely increase in number of horses on site and associated issues are to be submitted to SNC.

2. S/2015/0050/FUL

Proposal: Extension of existing riding arena
Dodds Manor Farm 22 High Street Eydon

No objections to the application were raised.

2. Planning application received for information:

1. S/2015/0155/TCA

Proposal: Silver Birch 1 - Crown reduce 4-5m from 20m. Silver Birch
2 - Fell. Silver Birch 3 - Reduce 5-6m from 23 m tall. Silver Birch
4 - Rebalancing of out of shape growth.

Location Cedar Cottage 17 High Street Eydon

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

Received by email and previously circulated:-

1. NCALC : Information regarding a new bus route from Northampton to High Wycombe.
2. NCALC : Training courses update.
3. Craig Henderson: Energy Consultant advertisement.
4. Spinal Injury Association fund raising poster.
5. CPRE Litter Pick competition publicity.
6. West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedules consultation information.
7. Northants Police: Ward update.

21. Councillors' Comments:

1. Cllr Henson advised she has tried contacting BT regarding the sporadic installation of superfast broadband across the village and has yet to receive a satisfactory response.

2. Cllr Simmons requested approval for the Finance Sub-committee to be renamed the Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee and for this to incorporate a broader working remit.

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

23. Meeting closed 9.05pm.