

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Eydon Village Hall

Item

1. Present: Cllrs K Simmons (Chair) R Collins, C. Henson, K Lodge, N Stewart. Clerk, Mr A Hartley was in attendance.

2. Apologies: Cllr I Stewart.

3. Open Meeting:

Members of public present: Mrs C Turbett, Mr D Kench, Mr R Batchelor , Mr R Brown and Mr A Watson.

1. Mr R Brown raised the following:

1. Confirmed the appreciation of the Eydon Village Hall Committee to the Parish Council with regard to its' recent support for the successful SNC New Homes Bonus grant application.
2. The Village Hall Committee sought the view of the Parish Council concerning the possible use of plastic coated window frames as an alternative to the existing wooden frames in the Village Hall. He was advised that it had previously been stated by the PC that the frames would need to be of wood construction.
3. The Village Hall Committee requested the Parish Council to consider alterations be made to the design of the Village Hall roof during the pending repairs in order to lower the cost and render the roof more practical than currently is. Parish Councillors expressed their personal opinions but Mr Brown was advised the Parish Council would need to consider the matter as a defined item within a formal meeting agenda.

2. Mr A Watson, speaking as a member of the local branch of the British Legion and with regard to item 10 on the agenda, advised the Meeting that he was considering ways the village could commemorate the anniversary of VE Day and proposed a liaison with Parish Councillors to assist with the preparations. Further discussions with others in the village are required before arrangements could be confirmed.

3. Mr Batchelor advised the Meeting that two of his ewes had recently been killed, leaving three orphaned lambs and one missing, by dog or dogs in one of his fields on the outskirts of the village. Mr Batchelor also advised he had lost sheep in this manner a few years ago and requested it be brought to residents' attention for dogs to be kept under control in the vicinity of livestock. It was noted this matter would be highlighted in the next edition of Eydon Village News and Mr Batchelor would also raise this at the Annual Parish Assembly.

4. Mr D Kench commented that he was displeased with the appeals outcome of the Slade Leys planning application hearing and cited some examples of how he considers certain issues may be subject to ongoing discussion/application and thus the entire matter may not be resolved for considerable time.

4. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

5. Resolution to sign and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th March 2015: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising:

1. It was noted that the larger green waste bin for the Burial Ground has now been delivered.

7. Highway and byway issues:

1. The Parish Council noted correspondence received from SNC confirming acceptance of the proposed name "Quarry Close" for the access road to the new development on the site of the former Amos Garage.

8. Freedom of Eydon scheme: At the request of the Chairman, discussion on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

9. Finance Sub-committee: The Parish Council discussed and agreed previously circulated proposals to amend the name and terms of reference of this sub-committee to enable its remit and function to be broadened to encompass recruitment and employment issues. The revised Terms of Reference for the *Finance and General Purposes Sub-committee* are held on file.

10. VE Day: The Parish Council considered a request from the local British Legion representative for the 2015 VE Day to be marked in Eydon. Mr A Watson had advised the Meeting of possible village activities under *item 3.2*, The Parish

Council agreed to support the commemoration of VE Day, Cllr I Stewart would liaise with Mr A Watson to explore and develop appropriate events.

11. Eydon Village News: Following correspondence with the editor and printers, the Parish Council considered and agreed the means to facilitate the future production and distribution of EVN including the introduction of editing cost (£10/page) and batch delivery cost (£13) from the printers to Eydon. Collation and reminder duties would be undertaken by the Clerk. These would take effect for the production of the June 2015 edition and be subject to review after 3 months.

12. Annual Eydon Parish Assembly: The Parish Council confirmed the arrangements for and representations to the Parish Assembly on Tuesday 21st April. The Chairman shall Chair the Assembly and present a verbal report on the working of Eydon Parish Council over the last year, a summary of the 2014/15 accounts as circulated prior to this Meeting shall be available in hard copy form.

13. Reports :

1. Eydon Community Sports Field: no report presented but the Meeting was advised that a resident's tractor used for the grass mowing has recently been stolen, thus alternative arrangements were being made.
2. Eydon Village Hall: Minutes of the recent EVH Management Committee Meeting had been circulated prior to the EPC Meeting.
3. Eydon Educational Trust Fund: The Minutes of the recent Trust Meeting and previous yearly accounts had been circulated prior to this Meeting. Cllr Henson advised that 1 grant had been awarded last year and another is being considered. Cllr Henson shall be presenting a written report to the Annual Parish Assembly.

14. Finance :

1. The Parish Council noted the following receipts.
 1. Banbury Memorials, *Martin Arthur Bartlett* stone fee. £128.00
 2. Unity Trust Bank Interest (£1.12 + £3.95) £5.05
2. The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:
 1. Eydon Village Hall: Hall hire fee Feb + March 2015 £23.00

Cheque 300117

2. NCALC:	Subscription for year ending 31/3/16	£407.83
		Cheque 300118
3. Cllr K. Simmons:	Stationary costs.	£7.44
		Cheque 300119
4. Texprep:	EVN printing	£54.70
		Cheque 300120
5. A Hartley:	Clerk's salary Jan/Feb/March 2015	£380.55
	Expenses	£124.28
		Cheque 300121
6. Eon:	Electricity usage 1 st quarter	
	£172.32 + £ 8.62 VAT	£180.94
		Cheque 300122
7. Eon	Maintenance	
	£57.54 + £11.51 VAT	£69.05
		Cheque 300123

3. Bank balances: Noted

Current Account: End of March 2015	£3869.65
Deposit Account: End of March 2015	£16013.65

4. 2014/15 Accounts: The Parish Council considered and approved the financial accounts for 2014/15.
5. The Parish Council considered and approved the End of Year Statement for the external auditors, BDO 1. Accounting Statement.
2. Annual Governance Statement.
6. The Parish Council considered and noted the correspondence from Eon advising of the alterations to the un-metered electricity Deemed Contract rates and subsequent guidance from NCALC. The Clerk is to

enquire with Eon directly if favourable rates would be available to Eydon Parish Council independent of any NCALC - Eon arrangements.

15. Planning :

1. Planning applications received for consultation:

1. S/2015/0484/FUL

Proposal: Replacement single storey rear extension with new chimney.
1 Manitoba Way, Eydon.

No objections raised.

2. S/2015/0585/FUL

Proposal: Reinstatement of a party wall between 27 and 29 High Street Eydon (Retrospective)

No objections raised.

3. S/2015/0586/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent to reinstate a party wall between 27 and 29 High Street Eydon (Retrospective)

No objections raised.

1.1 Planning applications received for information only:

1. S/2015/0721/TCA

Proposal : Fell silver birch (T1) and cherry (T2), remove dangerous branch from silver birch (T3)

45 High Street Eydon.

2. The Parish Council considered and noted the outcome of the recent Planning Inspectorate Appeals Decisions relating to Slade Leys Farm. The Parish Council was disappointed with the outcome and recognised there may be further discussion relating to these applications.

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

Received by email and previously circulated:-

1. NCC "Local Offer": information for the carers of and those with special educational/physical needs.
2. NCALC: Newsletter.
3. Wings for Life World Run: advice relating to the sponsored run on the 3rd May 2015.
4. Northants Police: Ward update.

17. Councillors' Comments:

1. Cllr R Collins advised the Meeting that the annual village litter pick was successful and was well supported.

2. Cllr K Lodge advised he was working on the amendments to the guidance notes for Walks Around Eydon, these should be completed in the near future.

3. Cllr K Simmons took the opportunity to thank the Councillors standing down at the end of this term for all their hard work and commitment to Eydon Parish Council.

18. Next meeting : Annual General Meeting, Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th May 2015.

19. Meeting closed 9.05pm.