

## EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chair), R Bracewell, R Collins, C Henson, I Stewart and N Stewart. The Clerk Mr A Hartley was in attendance.
2. **Acceptance of apologies for absence:** Cllr W Coy.
3. **Open meeting:** 5 Members of the public were present.  
Points raised from the floor:
  1. A request was made for information to be sought from Daventry District Council regarding the current status of the ongoing planning applications/appeals relevant to Slade Leys Farm – the Clerk is to enquire.
  2. A request was made for an update following a visit by NCC Highways representatives to view and discuss the apparent poor condition of a number of roads serving the village – the Chairman advised this would be addressed under item 6.2 of the agenda.
4. **Declaration of Interest** on agenda items by Parish Councillors: None declared.
5. **Resolution to approve and sign the Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 as a true record of that meeting:** The Minutes were approved by the Meeting and accordingly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising:**
  1. The Clerk advised that regarding the Village Networks request to visit Eydon, representation at a Parish Council Meeting had not been possible but the outreach vehicle would visit Eydon during September and November 2015.
  2. The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Collins met with Ms Helen Howard and Mr Oliver Sibley, NCC Highways, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of June to inspect and discuss the repair of a large number of potholes in the village's roads and in particular those on Barnett's Hill. Ms Howard confirmed NCC's stance that the threshold depth of 50mm was required to be met before NCC would effect the repair. Upon inspection of a number of areas within Eydon, only one pothole would warrant action on this basis. Ms Howard also confirmed that damage to roads and potholes etc should continue to be reported via the *Street Doctor* system. The Parish Councillors in attendance voiced the views of many villagers that such a scenario was deemed to be far from acceptable. It was stated at this Parish Council Meeting that the poor road surface on Barnett's Hill appears to encourage dangerous road use by many motorists avoiding the poor surface and the remedy of the matter should be pursued.
7. **Highway and byway issues:**
  1. Partridge Lane: The Parish Council considered correspondence received from Eydon residents regarding serious concerns about the excessive speed of some traffic using Partridge Lane and subsequent correspondence received from NCC Highways which suggested that due to the layout of the road any feasible solutions were extremely limited. Additionally, under the current budget constraints and associated NCC policy, as there is no recorded collision history along Partridge Lane, resolution of this reported problem would not be a priority to NCC.

It was noted that the option to reduce the speed limit along Partridge Lane had not been included in this correspondence, the Clerk would thus make the initial enquiries in this regard, the local MP, Andrea Leadsome would be advised of the situation if necessary. The Clerk shall also source temporary "slow down" signs, or similar, for strategic placement along Partridge Lane in the interim.

2. Footpaths Warden: The Parish Council noted that there had not yet been any nominations to consider for the appointment as Footpaths Warden and the current incumbent is prepared to continue until a replacement is found. The need for a volunteer for the post shall be advertised in the next Eydon Village News.
3. Highways Warden: The Parish Council was advised that a resident had been approached prior to this Meeting and is currently considering volunteering for the role as Highways Warden and he will confirm his decision in due course.

**8. Village and Community enhancement:**

It was noted that Scott's Landscapes had been using the old compost bin in the Burial Ground for grass cuttings and consequently, as a means to overcome the need for bins on site, the Clerk is to enquire of the current contractors the option for them to remove cuttings after each visit.

9. **Eydon Fete**: The Parish Council discussed its' input into the event and agreed to accept Cllr I Stewart's volunteering to run the Bottle Stall on the day (6<sup>th</sup> September) and the Clerk to assist with the bottle collection.

**10. Reports:**

1. Eydon Village Hall: The minutes of the latest meeting of the Management Committee had been circulated prior to this Meeting.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: No report presented.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: An advert had been placed in the latest Eydon Village News and a couple of enquiries to the Fund had already been received.

**11. Finance:**

1. Receipts.

The Parish Council noted the following receipt:

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| 1. Bank interest    | £9.91 |
| 2. <u>Payments.</u> |       |

The Parish Council considered and approved the following invoiced payments:

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| 1. Howescomms: annual website hosting. £100.00 + £20.00 VAT | £120.00        |
|                                                             | Cheque 300132  |
| 2. NCALC: Cllr Coy Training course fee.                     | £ 39.00        |
|                                                             | Cheque 300133  |
| 3. EON: Street light maintenance. £57.54 + £11.51 VAT       | £ 69.05        |
|                                                             | Cheque 3000134 |
| 4. A Hartley: Salary and expenses for April – June 2015.    |                |
| £ 486.75 + £ 130.16                                         | £ 616.91       |

	Cheque 3000135
5. Eydon Village Hall: Hall hire cost for April/May/June 2015.	£ 50.00
	Cheque 3000136
6. BDO LLP external audit fee. £100.00 + £20.00 VAT	£120.00
	Cheque 300137
7. Scott's Landscapes: June grass cutting. £ 442.00 + £88.40 VAT	£ 530.40
	Cheque 300138
8. Diane Malley: Payroll services	£ 24.00
	Cheque 300139
(9. South Northants Area Support Team (Neighbourhood Watch) Section 137 payment agreed at the meeting on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of June 2015 but cheque signed on the 14/7/15 for:	£ 10.00
	Cheque 300142)

The Parish Council considered and approved the following none invoiced payment:

10. Request from Eydon Community Sports Field Committee for financial contribution towards the insurance and other maintenance costs of the site:	
	£1000.00
	Cheque 300140

3. Bank balances: As of the 31<sup>st</sup> June 2015 the balances were noted as:

Current account:	£ 1272.73
Deposit account:	£23834.92

Previously issued cheques of £60.00 and £36.95 have yet to be presented.

4. The Parish Council noted the issuing of a cheque (300141) to the Eydon Village Hall Committee for the sum of £4200 as agreed at the Parish Council Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Minute reference **13**.)
5. The Parish Council considered and agreed the means of approval and payment of invoices received during the extended interval before the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting in September 2015 as follows: Routine and regular contractual payments may be made, the Clerk shall obtain cheque signatures if necessary and the payments shall be noted at the next Parish Council Meeting.
6. The Parish Council considered and noted the report of the Internal Control Officer: The Financial procedures and records were considered to be accurate and sound.
7. Nominated contact for the Pensions Regulator: Following receipt of correspondence from the office of the Pensions Regulator, the Parish Council agreed Cllr K Simmons would be the nominated additional contact for future correspondence.

8. BDO External Audit report: The Parish Council noted the report of the external auditors confirming that there were no issues arising from the audit.

**12. Planning:**

1. The Parish Council considered the following planning applications received for consultation:

1. S/2015/1426/FUL and S/2015/1427/LBC

27 High Street Eydon

Replace asbestos sheeted roof covering on main house with slate roof to match the existing roof on the single storey extension. Install three roof lights on both north and south elevations.

Consultation response: The Parish Council supported both applications.

2. Applications received for information only:

1. None received.

**13. Notable Correspondence** not covered above.

Received via email, previously circulated and noted by the Parish Council:

1. Cycle for Cynthia information.
2. Northants ACRE membership information.
3. Police Commissioner walk-about information.
4. SPLAT – SNC children’s summer activities information.

**14. Councillors’ comments** and items for inclusion on the next agenda.

1. The trees along Lime Avenue are reportedly overhanging the paths and road. The Clerk shall enquire with NCC Highways regarding the maintenance programme and advise them of the problem.

**15. Date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting:-** 7.30pm Tues 11<sup>th</sup> of August if required for consultation requests for planning applications and Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 for the next regular meeting, both to be held in Eydon Village Hall.

**16. Close of meeting** 8.35pm.