

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held from 7.30pm Tuesday 15th September 2015
in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chair), R Bracewell, R Collins, W Coy and N Stewart. The Clerk Mr A Hartley was in attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence were accepted from:** Cllrs C Henson and I Stewart.
3. **Open meeting:** 3 members of public attended the Meeting.
 - 1) The sad event of the passing of centenarian Mrs Masie Hollington, Eydon's eldest resident, was raised. The thoughts of those present at the Meeting were with her family and friends.
 - 2) Mr R Forsyth advised the Parish Council that he had now received correspondence from Northants County Council confirming his role as the Parish Council nominated Highways Warden and that he shall be attending an introductory training course for this position in the near future.
4. **Declaration of Interest** on agenda items by Parish Councillors: None declared.
5. **The Parish Council agreed the Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of August 2015** are a true record of that meeting, the Minutes were signed accordingly by the Chair.
6. **Matters arising:**
 1. The Clerk advised that following the receipt of correspondence from Daventry District Council regarding the requested clarification of the current status of the Slade Leys Farm applications, an email has been sent to the Clerk of Woodford Cum Membris Parish Council enquiring if it had received any/more informative feedback from DDC and that a response was awaited.
7. **Highway and byway issues:**
 1. The Parish Council is to consider further the requirement and means to improve the road safety for pedestrians and motorists using Partridge Lane following receipt of correspondence from Partridge Lane residents and the NCC Highways department:

The Clerk advised that further written correspondence had been received from concerned residents of Partridge Lane confirming the safety issues. Following discussion it was agreed the Chairman would draft a letter to NCC Highways in response to its' previous correspondence and circulate this to Parish Councillors for agreement prior to sending. This correspondence is to confirm that Eydon Parish Council is not satisfied with the response from NCC and request that further consideration is given to the matter.

2. The Parish Council is to consider and agree further correspondence to NCC Highways to address the poor condition of heavily potholed sections of the village roads:

Following discussion of this matter, the Chairman volunteered to draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to NCC, circulate it to Parish Councillors for comment prior to submission, to confirm the Parish Council's dissatisfaction of the NCC response to residents concerns over road safety etc as a consequence of the unattended potholes and that the matter be given further attention and the pot-holes suitably repaired.

3. The Parish Council is to discuss and agree correspondence to Francis Jackson Homes requesting the repair of verges adjacent to the former garage site building development, allegedly damaged by the site contractors.

The Meeting was informed that the damaged verge had already been repaired. The Clerk advised that he had spoken to a FJH representative about the issue which may have prompted the repair but he had also been reassured that any such damage, should it occur, would be repaired. This being of particular relevance when the building development is complete and the contractors have finished on site.

8. Village and Community enhancement:

The Parish Council is to discuss the development and promotion of pro-active aims within the village and community:

No developments were discussed.

9. **National Policy for the Built Environment:** The Parish Council is to consider feedback to the appropriate Select Committee regarding the development and implementation of the NPBE:

It was agreed that Parish Councillors would review the available document and forward any individual comments to the Clerk for the compilation of a response to the consultation as requested.

10. **Transparency Code funding application:** The Parish Council is to consider making an application to NCALC for funding to assist with the compliance of the newly introduced Transparency Code:

This matter was discussed and agreed that the Finance and General Purposes sub-committee would meet for a focussed review of the Eydon Parish Council's position and feedback its recommendations to the next Parish Council Meeting for formal consideration.

11. **Eydon Village News:** The Parish Council is to review the current production process of EVN following the 4 month trial period and confirm whether this process should continue or if changes are required:

The Parish Council agreed that the current arrangements appeared to be working successfully and resolved that they continue but the process is to be reviewed annually.

12. Reports:

1. Eydon Village Hall: No report was presented as there was no further information to add to that in the minutes of the most recent Village Hall Management Committee Meeting which had been circulated prior to this Meeting.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: By verbal report, the Meeting was advised that the September fund raising fete had been successful and a brief summary of forthcoming events was given. The ECSF Committee was very grateful to the Parish Council for recent funding provided.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: No report tabled.

13. Finance:

1. Receipts. The Parish Council noted the following receipt:

1. Co-operative funeral services £269.00

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following invoiced payments:

1. Alison Design and Marketing Ltd: EVN formatting for Sept edit. £60.00
Cheque number 300147

2. Scott's Landscapes: Grounds maintenance for Aug 2015.
£282.00 + £56.40 VAT Total: £338.40
Cheque number 300148

3. Texprep: EVN printing and delivery Aug/Sept: £122.28
Cheque number 300149

4. Eon Light Maintenance: £57.54 + £11.51 VAT Total: £69.05
Cheque number 300150

3. Bank balances: Noted as: As of 31st August 2015
Current account: £615.59
Deposit account: £16834.92

The receipt stated in item 13.1.1 above was not included.
There were no outstanding and un-presented cheques.

4. The Parish Council noted the application has been submitted to HMRC to reclaim the VAT element of the 2014/15 expenditure in the sum of £789.17.

14. Planning:

1. The Parish Council considered and responded to the consultation request for the following planning application:

1. S/2015/1832/FUL

Eydon Village Hall, 24 High Street, Eydon

Replacement roof. Replace windows with double glazed windows and remove three dormer windows on north elevation.

Parish Council decision: Support.

15. Notable Correspondence received since the previous meeting and not covered above.

The Parish Council noted the correspondence received via email and previously circulated:

1. Email from an Eydon resident suggesting enquiries should be made to clarify the proposal for street lighting implicated by the housing development on the site of the former Amos Garage.

The Clerk advised that he had spoken to Francis Jackson Homes regarding this matter and was informed that there was no proposal to install street lighting along the un-adopted road servicing the housing development.

2. NCALC: Electricity procurement report.
3. NCALC: Notice of AGM.
4. SNC Planning dept: Information regarding changes to Committee Site Visits, Section 106 payments and the reporting of Enforcement Complaints.
5. Newbottle Parish Council: Information regarding a Parish Councillor and Clerk training course.
6. BCR Associates: advertisement for electricity procurement consultants.

16. Councillors' comments and items for inclusion on the next agenda.

1. Cllr Bracewell reported the green waste bin at the burial ground had again been missed by the SNC waste services team. The Clerk shall take the matter up again with SNC to resolve the issue.
2. The tarmac surround to a recently installed British Telecom ground man-hole cover is uneven and a trip hazard. The Clerk shall contact BT to request the issue is remedied.

3. Recent ground-fill work by the water authority contractors down Tays Close has reportedly partially sunk during settlement to leave the area uneven. The Clerk shall contact the relevant authority to address the matter.

17. Confirm date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

18. Close of meeting. 8.35pm