

## EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held from 7.30pm Tuesday  
12th of January 2016 in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chair), R Collins and W Coy. The Clerk, A Hartley, was in attendance.
2. **The Parish Council received and approved apologies for absence from:**  
Cllr C Henson.

The Meeting was advised that correspondence had been received from Cllr I Stewart confirming that due to increased work and other commitments he felt it necessary to tender his resignation from Eydon Parish Council.

The Clerk advised he would post the statutory notice of vacancy on the Parish Council notice board and await further instruction from the SNC electoral services regarding the opportunity for the vacancy to be filled by co-option.

3. **Open meeting:** 3 members of the public were present and the following comments were raised from the floor:
  1. An enquiry was made concerning the street light maintenance as a number of lights were currently out of order. The Chairman advised that the maintenance contractors had just been changed from Eon to Aylesbury Mains and the Parish Council expect prompt attendance of light failures in the village.
  2. It was suggested that an additional dog waste bin might be of benefit along the High Street.
  3. A resident enquired about the proposed rise in the Precept from SNC. The Chairman advised that a number of additional and substantial costs were anticipated during the coming two to three years including an upgrade of the aged street lighting and consequently additional income would be required to protect the reserve funds at the current level.
  4. The Parish Council was advised that the caravan located at Dodd's Manor Farm was now vacant and would be removed from the site when ground conditions permit.
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 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair accordingly.

**6. Matters arising:**

1. Byfield Medical Centre: The Clerk had previously circulated to Parish Councillors information received from the Centre confirming the need for the proposed building development and subsequent expansion of services to maintain the level of care provided to the existing and future patient base.

**7. Highway and byway issues:**

1. The Parish Council noted the response received from Northants County Council Highways declining the request for the speed limit along Partridge Lane to be reduced to 20 MPH.
2. NCC Highways Dept Online Satisfaction Survey: The Parish Council completed the survey.
3. NCC Highways Dept draft Northamptonshire Parking Standards Consultation: The Parish Council considered participation in the consultation and agreed that, should they choose, Cllrs would send comments to the Clerk for inclusion in a feedback document.
4. The Highways Warden advised the Parish Council that NCC contractors had now repaired the potholes which had previously been marked by NCC Highways as being sufficiently deep to warrant attention, others below that threshold remain a hazard.

**8. SNC Draft Statement of Community Involvement Consultation:** The Parish Council is to consider the consultation invitation regarding the above draft statement which aims to facilitate community involvement in the development of the next phase of the SNC Local Plan other planning related matters:

The Parish Council resolved that comments should be forwarded to the Clerk for compilation into a response if required.

**9. NCC Draft Budget and Council Plan Consultation:** The Parish Council is to consider the consultation request concerning NCC financial matters and associated functions.

The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk may respond on the sections of the consultation which may be considered to be of direct relevance to the PC.

**10. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Review for West Northamptonshire:** The Parish Council is to consider the survey participation request.

The Parish Council agreed Cllr Coy would present the form to the ECSF Committee for partial completion and the remainder would be completed by the

EPC Chairman. The Clerk is to compile the responses and direct them to the relevant office.

**11. Village and Community enhancement:**

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

1. Councillor community interests/roles.

This discussion was deferred until a future Meeting with a more complete Councillor attendance.

**12. Future external audit requirements:** The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from NCALC regarding the requirement of Eydon Parish Council to confirm the means by which it intends to procure the future services of an external auditor.

The Parish Council agreed to procure the external audit service via the contractual arrangement recommended by NCALC, ie The Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.

**13. Reports:** None available from the below

1. Eydon Village Hall.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field.
3. Eydon Educational Trust.

**14. Finance:**

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

1. J & M Humphris:	Memorial stone placement.	£128.00
2. Unity Bank	Bank Interest £4.95 + £1.22	total: £6.17
3. NCC	Grass mowing grant.	£163.38

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following invoiced payments:

1. A Hartley	Clerk payment for Oct - Dec 2015	£442.50
	Travel and expenses Oct – Dec 2015	£107.16
		Cheque 300220
2. Scott's Landscapes:	November mowing of burial ground	
	£61.00 + £12.20 VAT	total: £73.20
		Cheque 300221
3. Eon:	Street light maintenance for the quarter ending Dec 2015:	
	£57.50 + £11.51 VAT	total: £69.05
		Cheque 300222

4. Eon: Quarterly electricity usage  
£265.07 + £13.25 VAT      total    £278.32  
Cheque 300223

5. Marcus Young Landscapes: Dog waste bin emptying  
£156.00 + £31.20 VAT      total    £187.20  
Cheque 300224

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the bank statement balances for the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 as below:-

Current account:    £3909.20  
Deposit account:    £19,656.50

4. **Budget and Precept request for 2016/17:**

**The Parish Council is to consider and confirm the proposed financial budget for 2016/17 in the sum of £20598 incorporating a 23% increase in the precept to be requested of SNC, this to be for the sum of £19217.**

The Parish Council discussed the budget for 2016/17 and agreed the precept request of £19217 primarily on the basis of an anticipated increase in costs with regard to the street lighting and other potential village commitments.

**15. Planning:**

1. The Parish Council considered and noted the planning application below:
  1. S/2015/3038/TCA – Fell Eucalyptus tree, 1 Mannings Yard, Eydon.
2. The Parish Council noted the decision of the SNC Planning Committee with regard to the recent application for development on the land adjacent to no.5 Moreton rd.

**16. Notable Correspondence** the Parish Council considered and noted correspondence received since the previous meeting that is not covered above.

Received via email and previously circulated:

1. NCALC:                      County Round-up information.  
   Local Government Spending Review information.
2. Northants Police:      Information regarding the proposed future communication strategy.

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

1. It was reported that a post supporting the hand-rail from the road to the pavement outside the Village Hall was broken. – As this may be a safety hazard, the Clerk advised he would look to obtain a reasonable cost for the repair and, subject to the approval of the Chairman, authorise the repair to be done as soon as possible.
2. It was noted that land adjacent to the development by Francis Jackson Homes at Quarry Close was being used as, for what appears to be, a collection site for a large amount of moved earth. The entrance to the paddock was also noted to have been altered to allow the entrance of large vehicles.

**18. Date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Eydon Village Hall.

**19. Close of meeting:- 8.30pm**