

## EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held from 7.30pm Tuesday  
9th of February 2016 in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chair), R Collins, W Coy, C Henson, R Bracewell and N Stewart. The Clerk, A Hartley, was in attendance.
2. **The Parish Council is to receive and consider for approval apologies for absence:** None to be received.
3. **Open meeting:** One member of the public was present, no issues or comments were raised from the Floor.
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 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair accordingly.

6. **Matters arising:**

1. Village Hall hand-rail: The necessary repairs have been authorised and completed.
2. The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received from the SNC electoral services that Eydon residents had not called for an election to fill the vacancy following Mr I. Stewart's resignation and that it was now in order for Eydon Parish Council to fill the vacancy by co-option. Cllrs shall canvass for potential candidates to be considered for co-option and the Chair shall submit a relevant article to the Eydon Village News promoting the role and advertising the vacancy.
3. The Clerk advised that the issue of the dislodged/mis-aligned kerb stones at the Doctors Lane/High Street junction has been reported to NCC Highways via the *Street Doctor* reporting scheme.

7. **Highway and byway issues:**

1. The Parish Council noted the partial closure of the High Street and diversion of traffic for 3 days from the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb to allow water mains works by Clancy Docwra.
2. The Parish Council noted that the resurfacing work to Doctors Lane was now complete.
3. The Parish Council is to consider completion of the Kierwsp annual Parish survey:

Having completed a similar questionnaire recently, the PC agreed to not do so again on this occasion.

4. The Parish Council is to consider the issues raised by the parking of Francis Jackson Homes contactors on the roadsides in the vicinity of the Quarry Close development.

The Clerk is to draft and send correspondence to Francis Jackson Homes, with a copy to the local police, advising of the current parking issues and requesting advice on how FJH intend to mitigate the problems caused.

8. **Annual Village Litter Pick:** The Parish Council is to confirm the arrangements for the litter pick over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March 2016:

Cllr R Collins agreed to co-ordinate the event again this year and Cllr K Simmons shall publicise the event through the EVN. Cllr N Stewart suggested he may be able to sponsor the provision of some printed T-shirts for the event. It was also suggested that cleaning of the village signs could also be undertaken at the same time as the litter-pick.

9. **Burial Ground wall:** The Parish Council is to consider the repair of the recently damaged boundary wall of the Burial Ground:

The Clerk advised the Meeting of the approximate extent of damage to the wall and was directed by the PC to ask Mr Ian Smith, who has previously undertaken masonry works in the village, to view the damaged wall and provide a quote for its' repair. The matter is to be discussed again when this information is available.

10. **Dog-waste management:** The Parish Council is to consider the current and required level of waste management including the option to increase the number of waste bins and frequency of emptying:

The Clerk advised the Meeting that following reports of the current bins being well used and during discussion with Marcus Young Landscapes, who is contracted to empty the bins, it was recommended that weekly emptying of the bins was strongly recommended rather than fortnightly as currently followed.

It was also noted that Cllr R Bracewell had re-set the dog waste bin located on the Green as it had been found to have been previously set incorrectly and had fallen over with the weight of contents. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Bracewell for his actions.

Following discussion by the Parish Council it was agreed that the weekly collections would be arranged and a further bin purchased, the precise location for which is to be decided. The Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements.

11. **Village and Community enhancement:**

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

The Parish Council shall meet to discuss this item only at 8.00pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> March if the Village Hall is available.

1. Councillor community interests/roles: May be discussed during the above meeting.

- 12. Interim internal audit report:** The Parish Council is to consider the report received from the interim internal audit.

The Chairman narrated the report following the internal audit, undertaken by the NCALC assigned auditor on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The Meeting noted that all was found to be in order. It was also noted that the auditor had highlighted that the Clerk's contract of employment was still awaited.

**13. Reports:**

1. Eydon Village Hall: No report nor outstanding meeting minutes available.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: Cllr W Coy had circulated the most recent ECSF Management Committee meeting minutes and drew the PC's attention a number of points during the Meeting.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: No report was available but the Meeting was advised that the next meeting of the Trustees was scheduled to be held in March.

**14. Finance:**

1. Receipts. The Parish Council noted that there had been no receipts since the last Meeting.

2. Payments.

The Parish Council consider and approved the following invoiced payments:

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| 1. Alison Design and Marketing: EVN formatting                      | £60.00<br>Cheque 300225          |
| 2. Aylesbury Mains: Street light repairs £82.80 + £18.58 VAT total= | £111.48<br>Cheque 300226         |
| 3. Texprep: EVN printing  | £54.70<br>Cheque 300227          |
| 4. Glasdon UK Ltd: Purchase of dog-waste bin £88.52 + £ 17.30 VAT   | total = £103.82<br>Cheque 300228 |
| 5. S Law t/a Help at Hand: Replacement of hand rail:                | £ 217.98                         |

Cheque 300229

6. Alison Design and Marketing: EVN formatting

£ 60.00

Cheque 300225

7. Scott's Landscapes: Burial Ground hedge cut: £420 + £84 VAT = £504.00

Cheque 300230

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the bank statement balances for the end of January 2016 to be:

Current account: £ 2879.77

Deposit account: £ 19656.50

The Clerk advised that there were no outstanding and un-presented payment cheques.

## 15. Planning:

1. The Parish Council is to consider and respond to the consultation request for the following planning applications:

1. DA/2016/0022, Slade Leys Farm.

Change of use of land for the storage and retail of agricultural vehicles and plant (retrospective), and the construction of a storage building and access track in connection with the said change of use, including the demolition of an existing building to enable the construction of the said access track (prospective)

The Parish Council discussed and agreed to object to the planning application above. The main objection points raised during discussion and subsequently drafted into the formal response to Daventry District Council included the opinion that the large vehicles and transport trailers serving the business and site were proving to be a serious hazard to the safety of other users of the narrow roads in the vicinity of that site.

2. Applications received for information only:

1. None received.

3. The Parish Council noted the correspondence received from SNC confirming that the recent appeal against the decision with regard to application A/2015/1606/FUL, 8 Hill View, had been withdrawn.

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

Received via email and previously circulated:

1. NCALC: Training course information and update circular.
2. Northants Police: Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Initiative announcement.
3. Northants ACRE membership information.
4. CPRE Spring Road Show publicity.
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Good Councillors Guide.

- 17.** The Parish Council is to confirm that agenda item 18 is to be discussed in a session closed to the public.

The PC agreed and confirmed that item 18 was to be discussed in a closed session.

- 18. Village Grass Cutting contract:** The Parish Council is to discuss and consider the grass cutting contract for 2016.

(The discussion and decision was deferred until after item 20)

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

Cllr Coy reported that one of the glass panes in the telephone box was broken/missing.

Cllr Collins advised the Meeting that reports had been received of a resident of Doctors Lane has been causing obstruction to the footpath which runs across an area paved by a previous resident for car parking.

- 20. Confirm date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.30pm Eydon Village Hall.

- (18)** (Closed session)  
Following discussion of the two potential grass contractors for the 2016 season, the Parish Council agreed to deploy *The Ground Care Company*, subject to the Chairman receiving suitable references from existing/previous customers.

- 21. Close of meeting:** 9.20pm.