

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council held from 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th November 2016 in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chairman), R Collins, C Henson, J Maxted, W Coy and N Stewart. The Clerk was in attendance.
2. **The Parish Council is to receive and consider for approval apologies for absence:** None.
3. **Open meeting:** 2 members of public were present. Points raised from the Floor:
 1. Attention was drawn to the partial obstruction of the path from Manitoba Way to Quarry Close by overgrown fir trees. The Meeting was advised that it was understood the trees were to be cut imminently.
 2. The question was raised whether the Parish Council would consider the purchase and installation of a defibrillator in the village. The Meeting was advised that further information would be sought on the matter prior to any formal discussion at a future Meeting.
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 Meetings held on the 11th of October 2016 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Parish Council agreed the Minutes were correct and they were signed accordingly by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising:**
 1. With reference to item 13.4 page 309, the Meeting was advised that the fencing used to confine a dog of aggressive nature to a property in the vicinity of the Green had been improved but concerns remain regarding the behaviour and potentially associated issues shown by the dog to passers-by. The Clerk shall seek information/advice from the SNC Dog Warden regarding such circumstances.
7. **Highway and byway issues:**
 1. *To receive and consider a report from the Highways Warden if available.*

The Highways Warden reported to the Meeting:-

1. NCC Highways Dept contractors had responded in a matter of hours to a report of a dangerously large hole that had been noted on the edge of the Byfield Road, implementing an effective repair.

2. Continuing email correspondence between the Warden and NCC Highways concerning the very poor road surface on Barnetts Hill and associated frequent and dangerous road use to avoid the damaged sections, had included NCC Highways opinion that the road condition was not sufficient to warrant a priority repair. This appeared to be inconsistent with earlier indications from NCC. The Chairman shall draft a letter to NCC on the behalf of the Parish Council requesting this matter be reviewed as soon as possible.

2. *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from NCC Highways regarding the available option to purchase additional winter grit provision.*

The Parish Council agreed not to purchase additional grit.

3. *The Parish Council is to consider the installation of speed reduction display signs in the village.*

The Parish Council reviewed previously provided traffic speed data and considered it appropriate to obtain further information with regard to that using Lime Avenue and re-visit earlier areas. A possible speed sensor mounting position has been suggested, the Clerk is to liaise with the relevant property owner and highways speed monitoring officer in this regard. The matter shall be re-discussed when further information is made available.

8. Consultations: *The Parish Council is to consider the following public consultation notifications.*

1. Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation – addressed under **item 11**.

2. Police and Crime Plan Consultation:- The Parish Council agreed the response on the basis of feedback received from a village Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

3. NCC Prioritisation Framework Process:- The Parish Council considered this consultation to be outside the scope of the Council and declined to respond.

4. SNC Rough Sleeper estimate:- The Parish Council agreed to respond to this survey via the Clerk.

- 9. Street Light replacement:** *The Parish Council is to consider information received from Aylesbury Mains regarding replacement street light fittings.*

The Parish Council agreed to defer discussion until after Councillors had more time to study the light specifications and costings. The matter would also be reviewed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee which would report back to a regular Parish Council Meeting in due course.

- 10. Horton Hospital service issues:** *The Parish Council is to consider a response to correspondence received with reference to the alteration of services provided by the Horton Hospital.*

The Parish Council agreed to forward correspondence to the relevant authorities outlining its support to maintain the current breadth of service at the hospital.

- 11. Precept capping:** *The Parish Council is to discuss the potential matter of future precept capping and consider a response in the light of guidance received from the NCALC.*

The Parish Council agreed to submit the letter proposed by NCALC to the relevant authority in support of the precept not to be capped.

- 12. Village and Community enhancement:**

1. The Parish Council is to discuss the matter of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Eydon.

The Parish Council agreed to Cllr Coy preparing a consultation document for residents outlining both the implications of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and other possible alternative frameworks.

- 13. Reports:**

The Parish Council is to receive and consider reports from the following if available:

1. Eydon Village Hall: Minutes of the most recent Hall Management Committee Meeting had been previously circulated to Councillors, no issues were raised.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: Minutes of the most recent Committee Meeting had been previously circulated to Councillors. Attention was drawn to the request for the road verge adjacent to the Sports Field to be mown by the contractors tending the village verges. There was agreement to the request which would be included for discussion during consideration of the village mowing contract for the 2017 season in due course.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: The Meeting was advised that to date, 6 applications had been received for financial grants from the Trust.

14. Financial Matters:

1. Receipts. *The Parish Council is to note any receipts received since the previous Meeting.*

There had been no receipts.

2. Payments.

The Parish Council is to consider and approve the following payments:

The payments were agreed as follows:

1. Alison Design and Marketing: EVN formatting £100.00
Cheque number 300272
2. Aylesbury Mains: Street light repairs £53.90 + £10.78 VAT = £64.68
Cheque number 300273
3. Eydon Village Hall: Hall hire fees for July – Sept. £34.50
Cheque number 300274
4. Texprep: EVN printing and site delivery £91.10 + £2.31 VAT = £104.96
Cheque number 300275
5. Mr D Fisher: Village Green maintenance for 2016 £320.00
Cheque number 300276

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the Unity Trust Bank statement balances for the end of the October.

Current Account: £2947.70
Deposit Account: £28893.49

4. *The Parish Council is to agree the remit and meeting details for the Finance and General Purposes Committee.*

The F&GP Committee is to undertake preliminary work on the budget to be proposal for the year 2017/18, potential replacement street light specification/costings and village enhancement initiatives. The Committee is to prepare and present reports to the Parish Council for discussion at a regular scheduled Meeting.

15. Planning Matters:

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

1. None received.
2. Applications received for information only:
 1. None received.
- 16. Notable Correspondence:** *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received since the previous meeting that is not covered above.*

Received via email and previously circulated:

1. Northants Rural Housing Association annual report – noted.
 2. Countryside Alliance Rural Awards information – noted.
 3. Northants Museums and Art Gallery information – noted.
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- 17. Councillors' comments** and items for inclusion on a future agenda.

None specified.
 - 18. Co-option of Parish Councillor:** *The Parish Council is to consider candidates for co-option to fill the current EPC vacancy.*

No candidates were presented for consideration. The Chairman is to promote the Casual Vacancy via Eydon Village News.
 - 19. Confirm date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Tuesday 13th December, Eydon Village Hall.
 - 20. Meeting closed:** 9.00pm.