

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council held from 7.30pm, Tuesday 13th December 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. Explanation was given regarding the ECSF request for support for a New Homes Bonus grant application to South Northants Council (agenda item **10**).
4. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr W Coy declared she would withdraw from the discussion and decision of agenda item **14.1.1** due to a family connection to the application process.
5. **Resolution to approve and sign the Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of November 2016 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Parish Council agreed the Minutes for the above Meeting which were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

6. **Matters arising:** The matters below were noted.
 1. Letter of support for the Eydon Village Hall *New Homes Bonus* application had been issued according to agenda item **3.1** from 13th Sept 2016.
 2. Confirmation of NCC approval or otherwise for Marcus Young Landscapes to install the dog waste bin on the High Street was still awaited.
 3. Further information regarding the possible positioning and costs of suitable speed reduction signs was still awaited.
 4. An interim reply had been received following out-going correspondence concerning the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation.

7. **Highway and byway issues:**

1. *To receive and consider a report from the Highways Warden if available.*

None presented.

2. *The Parish Council is to note correspondence from NCC Highways regarding the notification of the following road closures:-*

1. *High Street from 23rd Jan 2017 (Anglian Water pipe replacement).*
2. *Byfield Road and Barnettts Hill from 27th Feb 2017 (NCC surface repairs).*

Both notifications were noted.

3. *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from a resident concerning the condition of the Woodford Halse Road.*

The correspondence was noted. The Chairman advised he would incorporate some of the detail into correspondence he was drafting to NCC Highways on behalf of the Parish Council as discussed at the November 2016 Meeting.

4. *The Parish Council is to note that an issue of a broken stile along a footpath through Eydon Hall Estate reported to the Clerk has been referred to the NCC Rights of Way dept for attention: Noted.*
5. *The Parish Council is to note receipt of the Northamptonshire Highways and Transport Newsletter Autumn 2016: Noted.*

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

1. *NCC Fire Service and protection provision.* (Details had also been previously circulated to residents via EVN email listing).
2. *NCC School Admission Arrangements 09/2018.*
3. *NCC Early Years Single Funding Framework 2017/18.*

The Parish Council agreed that much of the detail in the above consultations was either not directly relevant to Eydon or was outside the scope of the Parish Council and consequently did not submit any formal response. It was also agreed that as the frequency of County Council public consultation has notably increased recently, the Clerk would also forward such consultation documents to Eydon residents via the EVN email listing in the future to allow the opportunity for individual resident consideration.

9. Village Lighting: *The Parish Council is to consider information received from Aylesbury Mains regarding:-*

1. *Replacement of the existing street light fittings.*

Cllr Collins presented to the Meeting a summary of the information received by

the Parish Council from Aylesbury Mains. On the approximate costings provided, it was agreed that a sum in the order of £3000 would be allocated for light replacement this year, subject to formal approval when the specific work is detailed. It was agreed that the style of light initially proposed by Aylesbury Mains would not be in keeping with Eydon's historic and rural setting, thus details of possible alternative designs shall be obtained and resident opinion sought prior to the work being commissioned.

2. Installation of a light externally mounted on the Village Hall to service the top of Doctors Lane.

The Parish Council agreed to include the installation and future maintenance of this light within the Eydon street light programme.

- 10. Eydon Community Sports Field *New Homes Bonus* application: *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received requesting Parish Council support for an application for funds towards the renovation costs of grass mowing equipment.***

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

11. Village and Community enhancement:

- 1. The Parish Council is to consider the correspondence received from a resident concerning the matter of irresponsible dog ownership issues in the village.*

The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had discussed the matter of aggressive natured dogs with South Northants Council which advised that providing the dogs are on private property there is no authority for intervention. Additionally, the procedure to be followed, should there be concern over a dog being excessively noisy, is available on the SNC website. The Parish Council noted the advice.

- 2. The Parish Council is to consider the offer from NCC for the Parish Council to undertake the cutting of the grass within the highway during 2017 under the provision of Section 136 of the Local Govt Act 1972 for which the sum of £163.38 would be awarded towards the costs.*

The Parish Council agreed to advise NCC of its intention to undertake the grass cutting duties for 2017 and apply for the grant accordingly.

12. Reports:

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

1. *Eydon Village Hall:* Minutes of the most recent EVH Management Committee meeting had been circulated to Cllrs prior to this Meeting, there was no further report.
2. *Eydon Community Sports Field:* Minutes of the most recent ECSF Committee meeting had been circulated to Cllrs prior to this Meeting, there was no further report.
3. *Eydon Educational Trust:* The trustees had recently met and the grant awards were in preparation.

13. Financial Matters:

1. Receipts. The Parish Council noted the following receipts received since the previous Meeting.

1. Humphris Funerals: Internment of Ashes £67.00

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:

1. Royal British Legion: Donation for Remembrance Wreath: £17.50
(Section 137 payment) Cheque number 300277

2. The Ground Care Company: Village grass mowing, November: £140.00
Cheque number 300278

3. SNC: Annual charge for refuse collection from Burial Ground: £145.00
Cheque number 300279

4. Alison Design and Marketing: EVN production: £100.00
Cheque number 300280

5. Diane Malley: Payroll services half year fee: £29.00
Cheque number 300281

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the Unity Trust Bank statement balances for the end of the November 2016.

Current Account: £2,323.56
Deposit Account: £28,893.49

The receipt in item 13.1.1 was not included in the statements. There were no outstanding cheques to be drawn.

4. Annual Budget 2017/18:

The Parish Council is to consider and draft an initial annual financial budget for the year 2017/18 prior to formal proposition and acceptance at the Parish Council Meeting to be held in January 2017.

The Parish Council agreed to allow further time for personal consideration of the matter and for the budget to be formally discussed during the January 2017 Meeting as stated.

14. Planning Matters:

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

1. *Application No. S/2016/2910/FUL*

Proposal Agricultural Machinery/Equipment and Storage building (Feedstuffs and Fertilizers etc) (Not Livestock)

Location: Stone House Barnetts Hill Eydon NN11 3TY

The Parish Council agreed the following response to the SNC consultation:

No Objection.

Eydon Parish Council has no objection in principle but would like to make the following comments:

1. SNC should ensure an agricultural tie is maintained on this building.
2. There are concerns over road safety with the access on this part of the road.
3. There is concern that the window on the west elevation overlooks the neighbouring property.

2. The Parish Council noted the applications received for information only:

1. *Application No. S/2016/2930/TCA*

Proposal Beech (B1) - Reduce height 4.75metres above ground level. Beech (B2) - Reduce in height by 5 metres to 5.5 metres. Pine (P) - Section fell to ground. Trees to be shaped to retain their natural form and proportions.

Location: 14 Blacksmiths Cottage, Lime Avenue, Eydon.

- 15. 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: All noted at the Meeting.

1. Defibrillator sales information.
2. NCALC:
 1. December up-date newsletter.
 2. Annual financial budget information.
 3. Training course notification.
3. A resident's comments concerning the above planning application consultation.
4. Information received from SNC regarding the precept request for 2017/18.

- 16. Councillors' comments** and statement of items for inclusion on a future agenda.

Comments: 1. The manhole cover towards the top of Partridge Lane is uneven and a potential trip-hazard. The Clerk is to report the matter via Street Doctor.

2. There has been a report of inconsiderate car parking on the High Street.

3. A request had been received from a resident for a white line to be painted on the road to protect a private driveway: It was noted this was an NCC Highways matter and not under any authority of the Parish Council.

- 17. Co-option of Parish Councillor:** *The Parish Council is to consider candidates for co-option to fill the current EPC vacancy.*

No candidacy had been received.

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

7.30pm Tuesday 10th January 2017, Eydon Village Hall.

- 19. Close of meeting:** 9.15pm