

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th of June 2017 in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chairman), R Collins, W Coy, C Henson and J Walker. The Clerk was in attendance.
2. ***The Parish Council is to receive and consider for approval apologies for absence.***
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Maxted and N Stewart.
3. **Open meeting:** 4 members of the public were present. Points raised from the Floor:-
 1. With reference to item 12 of the agenda, a brief history of the website, Eydon.org.uk, registered by and with the Eydon Internet Society, was presented. It was also stated that the registration could be transferred to other ownership if agreed. The principal author and owner of the site advised that he would have no objections for the site being developed in a way necessary to meet the village's needs.
 2. With reference to item 11 of the agenda, the owner of the Royal Oak public house in Eydon explained to the Parish Council the circumstances under which the decision to place the premises and business up for sale had been taken.
 3. It was reported that an articulated lorry had recently created traffic problems on the Woodford rd, it is thought this lorry was connected to the heavy plant business operating from Slade Leys Farm, Woodford Halse. Similar issues had apparently previously arisen. The Chairman advised that the matter would be looked into and initial enquiries placed with the NCC Highways Dept prior to any formal discussion by the Parish Council.
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 Tuesday the 13th of June 2017 as a true record of that meeting.***

The Parish Council agreed the Minutes to be a true record, they were signed by the Chairman accordingly.
6. ***Matters arising:***
 1. The Chairman advised that a section of verge from the High Street towards Manitoba had recently been missed by the grass cutting contractor. The Clerk shall contact the contractor to instruct that this verge is not missed in the future.

2. The Chairman stated that a meeting had been scheduled with a representative of Aylesbury Mains to discuss the upgrade of the village street lights, however, the representative had not made that meeting, the discussion was thus deferred.

7. Highway and byway issues:

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

The incidence of pot holes in the roads continues to be reported to NCC Highways via Street Doctor as and when this is required.

2. *The Parish Council is to consider concerns received regarding the excessive speed of some motorists using the Byfield/Woodford road.*

The Parish Council agreed to approach the Northants Police to request an initial speed survey of the route prior to further action. Clarification shall also be sought regarding whether the position of the 30mph speed limit zone was altered following the development of Quarry Close. The Clerk shall make the necessary enquiries.

8. Dog waste issues: *The Parish Council is to consider means to overcome dog waste issues in the village including the provision of disposable dog waste bags etc.*

Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed that the provision of dog waste bags via the collection contractors may be expensive, as dog waste bins are provided in several locations in the village the onus is on dog walkers/owners to behave responsibly, residents should be reminded of the reporting procedure to SNC to follow should this not be the case.

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

1. SNC: Residents' annual satisfaction survey:- circulated to residents.

The consultation was noted by the Parish Council.

10. Village and Community enhancement: *The Parish Council is to continue discussion of the development and promotion of pro-active aims within the village and community.*

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

11. The Royal Oak: *The Parish Council is to consider and note the correspondence received notifying of the intent for the sale of the Royal Oak public house.*

Following reference to the comments raised in item 3.2 above, the Parish Council appreciated the notification of the sale by the owner and agreed that the potential protection offered by the Royal Oak being listed as an Asset of Community Value

by SNC would only be discussed by the Parish Council after the completion of sale.

- 12. Village Website:** *The Parish Council is to consider requests from village organisations for the website to be modified and upgraded to recognise and meet current requirements.*

Following the comments raised during item 3.1 above and subsequent discussion, the Chairman advised he would make enquiries with colleagues in Woodford Halse regarding the development of that village website. The Clerk shall enquire from NCALC the responsibilities and legalities of a Parish Council hosting a village website. This matter shall be continued in due course.

- 13. Community accessible defibrillator:** *The Parish Council is to note the completed installation of the housing cabinet on the Village Hall, the current state of unit availability and the usefulness of the recent training evening.*

The completed installation and success of the training evening was noted and the Parish Council thanked the Cllr W Coy for all the work she had put into the valuable project. The Parish Council would also like to thank Mr Reynolds for volunteering the electrical work necessary for the installation.

- 14. Reports:**

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

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

There was nothing further reported for the above following the previous circulation of any relevant Committee/Trust Meeting minutes.

- 15. Financial Matters:**

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

1. HMRC: VAT repayment for year 2016/17:	£589.67
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2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:

1. Texprep: EVN printing and delivery: £67.45 + £ 2.31 VAT = £69.76
Cheque no 300310
2. The Ground Care Company: Village grass mowing May 2017: £150.00
Cheque no 300305
3. Alison Design and Marketing: EVN formatting etc £100.00
Cheque no 300306
4. Texprep: EVN printing and delivery: £102.65 + £ 2.31 VAT = £104.96
Cheque no 300310
5. Steve Smith: Burial Ground wall repairs: £980 + £198 VAT = £1176.00
Cheque no 300307
6. Eon: quarterly electricity usage: £301.13 + £15.06 VAT = £316.19
Cheque no 300309

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the Unity Trust Bank statement balances for the end of the May 2017.

Current Account: £5888.21
Deposit Account: £31013.87

4. Grant award: *The Parish Council is to consider awarding the annual grant to the Eydon Community Sports Field, the sum awarded in 2016 was £1000.00*

The Parish Council agreed the award of £1000.00 to ECSF. Issued via cheque numbered 300308.

16. **Planning Matters:**

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

1. *S/2017/1269/FUL*

Proposal:- Side single storey extension (annexe)

Location:- Malt Kiln House 6a School Lane Eydon NN11 3PH

Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed it had no objection to the application.

2. *The Parish Council is to note the applications received for information only:*

1. None received.

17. *Notable Correspondence* the Parish Council is to consider correspondence received since the previous meeting that is not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

Received via email and previously circulated:

1. *Copied correspondence from one resident to another concerning the advanced notification and use of fireworks in the village.*

The Parish Council agreed it would be appropriate for hosts of firework events to provide sufficient notice to residents via Eydon Village News etc. residents will be encouraged to do so, again via EVN.

2. *Northants CALC:- Information regarding the newly appointed Deputy Chief Executive.*

Noted by the Parish Council.

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

1. Correspondence from Cllr N Stewart – The contents were noted.

2. There had been an intrusion of sheep into the Burial Ground, which had affected some of the floral tributes on a number of graves/memorials. The problem has now been resolved by the adjacent land owner.

3. A field/road boundary hedge at the top of Hill View/Woodford Rd is becoming overgrown. The Clerk shall report this to NCC Highways via Street Doctor.

4. It was noted that there appears to be an increased incidence of horse manure being left on the road. The matter shall be reviewed in the future if this continues.

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

Tuesday 11th July, 7.30pm, Eydon Village Hall.

20. *Close of meeting:* 9.30pm