

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes from the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the Village Hall, High Street, Eydon.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chairman), R Collins, W Coy, J Maxted and N Stewart. 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 C Henson and J Walker.
3. **Open meeting:** *Members of the public may address the Parish Council at the discretion of the Chairman.*

The Parish Council agreed for this agenda item to follow items 4 and 5 to allow public comment/discussion regarding the temporary closure of the Culworth Rd following recent bridge damage to directly precede the *Highway and Byway* agenda item.

13 members of the public and Northamptonshire County Councillor Ian Morris were present. Items raised from the Floor included the following:-

1. Cllr I Morris advised the Meeting that the County Connect bus service in the county is to be terminated in July as the supporting budget was deemed to have been illegal. It was also stated that the County Council was looking at the possible means to lessen the impact of the service withdrawal.
2. The grass verge outside the Folly Cottage on the High Street has not been cut for some time. The Chairman advised the issue had been raised outside the Meeting and that the Clerk would pursue the matter with the grass cutting contractors.
3. The temporary closure of Blackbrook/Blackbird bridge and consequently Culworth Rd:-

Cllr K Simmons gave a review of a recent meeting, arranged by Culworth Parish Council, he had attended at the site with representatives of the NCC Highways agency engineering team.

A member of public advised Cllr I Morris that as a consequence of the road closure a number of local businesses were experiencing loss of revenue and many residents incurring additional personal cost. As lead for the Eydon residents action group, a member of public also asked who the project manager for the work was in order that a line of communication between the group/Eydon residents and NCC Highways could be developed. Cllr I Morris noted the request and would confirm in due course with whom this communication should be developed.

Additional questions regarding the possible use of traffic lights to create an alternating one-way traffic flow over the bridge and/or the use of a temporary Bailey Bridge pending repair had been suggested from the Floor. These were noted by Cllr I Morris.

Raised from the Floor and noted by Cllr I Morris was the suggestion that as a consequence of the increased traffic use, the condition of the diversion routes was now deteriorating, Cllr I Morris stated he would strive to have these roads repaired as a priority when necessary.

Responding to a question from the Floor, Cllr I Morris confirmed this matter had not been discussed at full Northants County Council Meeting and given the timescale available to the forthcoming Meeting, this would require there to be a petition presented at that Meeting. His PA could be contacted for full details regarding the petitioning process.

**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 Annual Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 as a true record of that meeting.**

The draft Minutes presented were deemed to be an accurate record of that Meeting and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

**6. Highway and byway issues:**

The Parish Council is to:-

- 1. Consider reports and correspondence received regarding the temporary closure and associated repairs of the bridge on the Culworth Road and agree appropriate responses/course of action.*

Following from agenda item 3 and previous correspondence received from NCC and NCC Highways, the Clerk was instructed to pursue NCC Highways for greater accuracy/clarity with regard to the target timeline for the repair process and with particular emphasis at this stage to the completion of the environmental assessment of the site and feedback from the Environment Agency.

2. *Receive and consider a report from the Highways Warden if available.*

No significant repairs to the existing and reported potholes have yet been completed.

**7. Matters arising:**

1. The public phone box has now been tended by British Telecom and is in working order, additionally, the phone box has been tidied.
2. Reply correspondence from Canons Ashby House regarding recent car parking issues had been received and circulated to Eydon PC.

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

1. South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2: - Local Green Spaces (Technical Assessment).

There were no Green Space requests relevant to Eydon and thus no response was considered. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to enquire of SNC if the application for Green Spaces within the Local Plan could still be made, specifically The Green, Sportsfield and the Allotments field.

**9. Eydon Village News:** *The Parish Council is to agree and note the final arrangements made with Texprep, Brackley, concerning the production of the Eydon Village News magazine.*

Cllrs K Simmons and R Collins had recently met with a Texprep representative to discuss the relevant procedures. Articles would be sent direct to Texprep with the deadline of the end of business on the penultimate Friday of each month. Draft copies of the EVN would be sent to Cllrs K Simmons, R Collins and the Clerk for proof reading prior to printing and distribution.

The Parish Council requested the Clerk to contact Texprep to confirm the formatting costs of the EVN production.

**10. Local Government Reform:** *The Parish Council is to consider and note the information received regarding the termination of the partnership between SNC and Chewell District Council and the possible future development of 2 council authorities for Northamptonshire.*

The Parish Council noted the content of the correspondence from SNC and await the formal consultation.

- 11. Replacement of the Eydon Street Lights:** *The Parish Council is to discuss the quotations received for the replacement of the ageing street lights, agree which is favoured to undertake the works and confirm the necessary details for the progression of the project.*

This item was withdrawn due to further information being required.

- 12. Burial Ground:** *The Parish Council is to note:*

1. The green waste bin had recently gone missing from the Burial Ground and has subsequently been replaced by SNC.
2. There had been minor damage to the Burial Ground gate fastener, this had been repaired by Mr P Broome.
3. The Clerk has undertaken an assessment of headstone integrity, one requires attention.

The above were duly noted. The Clerk was instructed to formally thank Mr Broome for the repairs to the gate as described.

- 13. Eydon PC contact email address:** *The Parish Council is to consider a proposal from the Clerk for the contact email address to be changed.*

The Parish Council agreed for the email address to be changed to one specific to the role. The Clerk shall complete the undertaking.

- 14. Reports:**

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

1. Eydon Village Hall: None presented.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: The installation of adult outdoor gym/fitness equipment is being explored the ECSF Committee.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: None presented.

- 15. Financial Matters:**

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

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following payments:

1. Texprep: EVN printing: £85.90  
Cheque number 300359
- 2 The Ground Care Company: grass mowing: £330.00 + £60.00 VAT

£360.00  
Cheque number 300360

3. Aylesbury Mains: Street light repairs: £96.00 + £ 19.20 VAT

£115.20  
Cheque number 300361

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the Unity Trust Bank statement balances for the end of the May 2018.

Current Account: £3269.81  
Deposit Account: £43091.42

## 16. Planning Matters:

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

1. Application No. S/2018/0941/FUL

Proposal Field shelter (retrospective).

Location Buftons Field Hollow Way Eydon NN11 3PW

Parish Council response:- No objection providing this does not lead to the right for further future development.

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

1. Application No. S/2018/1251/TCA

Proposal: Fell one holly tree

15 High Street Eydon NN11 3PP.

17. **Notable Correspondence:** *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received since the previous meeting that is not covered above.*

1. Northants CALC: Monthly update: Noted.

2. Northants ACRE: Practical Social Media training information: Noted.

3. East Midlands Food and Drink Heroes event advertisement: Cllrs K Simmons to attend.

4. Northants ACRE: Electrical Safety Checks/PAT training event: Cllr N Stewart attended.

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

1. Discussion regarding the opportunity for the Parish Council to employ a Parish Lengthsman.
2. Support for an outdoor adult gym/fitness equipment to be installed at the Eydon Community Sports Field.

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, 7.30pm, Eydon Village Hall.

**20. Close of meeting.**

The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.30pm.