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Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council
held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th of January 2021
on the Zoom forum.

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chairman), G Anderson, 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 PCllr J Maxted.

3. **Declaration of Interest** on agenda items by Parish Councillors.

PCllr W Coy declared an interest in item 7.1 and shall withdraw from the discussion.

4. **Resolution to approve and sign the Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of December 2020 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Parish Council agreed the Minutes to be accurate as described and were to be signed accordingly by the Chairman in due course.

5. **Meeting open for public comment:** 3 members of public were in attendance.

Raised from the Floor:

1. A resident suggested that should there be a recurrence of the out of control dog scenario as reported during the December 2020 Meeting, it might be worth the matter being referred to South Northants Homes, with whom the dog owner is thought to be a tenant.

6. **Matters arising:** None.

7. **Planning Matters:**

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

1. Application No: S/2020/2225/FUL

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Proposal: Minor amendments are sought to application granted Prior Approval (S/2019/0407/PA) to incorporate approved undercover domestic store into the dwelling to allow for additional bedrooms, plus proposed bike and bin store within the site boundary.

Location: Land West of Barnetts Hill Eydon

Parish Council response: Object.

Comment: Eydon Parish Council objects to the planning application and comment that the following would question the legitimacy of the original granted consent:

1. This application does not represent minor amendments to the application previously granted as there is noted to be an increase in the overall volume of the building and the proposed linkage of the out and main buildings would implicate a significant increase in living space.
2. The change to the inclusion of a pitched roof would also emphasise the increased accommodation.
3. There is an obvious increase in the number of windows further supporting the viewpoint of this application being a significant deviation from the original.

Eydon Parish Council also supports the concerns and views highlighted in the associated reports from the NCC Highways Authority and the Heritage Team.

2. Application No. S/2020/2288/FUL

Proposal Single glazed rear extension

Location Horseshoe Cottage 41 High Street Eydon NN11 3PP

Parish Council response: Object.

Comment: Eydon Parish Council notes this application refers to a dwelling within the Conservation Area and considers the material used for the glazing should be of timber and not aluminium. The use of aluminium would also be contrary to the specifications stated within the Eydon Village Design Statement.

3. Application No: DA/2017/0826 (Amended)

Description: Outline planning application for new medical centre and residential development.

Location: Land at Woodford Rd, Byfield, Northants.

Parish Council response: The Eydon Parish Council is supportive of the continued provision by a medical centre in Byfield to the surrounding area but feels it would not be correct to comment on this specific application and considers it appropriate for Byfield Parish Council to represent the residents of where the proposed development would have direct impact.

2 *The Parish Council is to note the details of the following planning application received for information only.*

1. None received.

8. Highway and byway issues:

The Parish Council is to:

1. *Receive reports from the Highways and/or Rights of Way Wardens if available.*

None received.

2. *The Parish Council is to continue discussion concerning the practice of residents adopting the use of adjacent NCC Highways verges as amenity garden.*

The matter is to be re-visited when more information is available.

3. *The Parish Council is to consider the invitation from Northants Highways to undertake the subsidized mowing of the roadside verges during 2021, subject to the relevant requirements and conditions.*

The Parish Council resolved to confirm to Northants Highways that it would undertake the roadside verges maintenance as described.

4. *The Parish Council is to note correspondence from a resident regarding minor damage to the High Street kerb adjacent to the entrance to Doctors Lane.*

The Parish Council was advised that further progress was awaited after the initial reporting and attendance by engineers to make the damaged area safe.

9. **Consultations:** *The Parish Council is to consider and respond if appropriate to the following consultation request:*

1. *Covid-19 preventative behaviour and symptoms study:* To be undertaken by individual PCllr if inclined to do so.

10. **Police liaison representative:** *The Parish Council is to appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police.*

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The Parish Council agreed this role would be better served if it were tied into the position of the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator (currently vacant). PCllr G Anderson volunteered to draft a recruitment article to fill this vacancy for inclusion in the Eydon Village News, the Parish Council website and relevant social media.

11. **Burial Ground Gates:** *The Parish Council is to consider the tidying and repainting of the gates.*

The Parish Council agreed to pursue the task of repainting the gates. In the first instance, the Clerk was instructed to contact contractors Banbury Blast to enquire of the likely costs for the gates' removal and cleaning down to the base metal prior to repainting.

12. **Neighbourhood Watch:** *The Parish Council is to discuss the appointment of an Eydon Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.*

Refer to item **10** above.

13. **200 Club:** *The Parish Council is to consider a contribution to the administrative costs of this village organisation.*

The Parish Council agreed to make a full contribution to the costs (stated to be in the order of £16.00) and for this not to be regarded as precedent for similar approaches to the Council for funding requests in the future.

14. **Parish Council Website development:** *The Parish Council is to receive and consider an update regarding the development of the new website.*

PCllr G Anderson advised that the new site was now populated and functional and it was noted that the previous site was no longer accessible. Photographs subject to copyright had been removed from the new site.

15. **Street lights replacement programme:** *The Parish Council is to receive and consider an update of the replacement programme.*

Details of possible replacement light fittings were still awaited as reported during the December Meeting.

16. **Reports:**

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

1. Eydon Village Hall: PCllr J Walker advised that the works to the floor were now complete, minor internal works were still in progress and it was anticipated these would be completed in the near future. The project appeared to be running in line with the budget thus far.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: No report presented.

3. Eydon Educational Trust: PCllr Henson advised there was nothing to report.

17. Financial Matters:

1. Receipts. *The Parish Council is to note the following receipts received since the previous meeting.*

1. None received.

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved the following invoices received for payment:

1. Texprep: EVN production: £116.90
Cheque number 300509

2. RBL Poppy Appeal: Remembrance wreath: £17.00
Cheque number 300510

3. Howescommes: 3 years website hosting: £300.00 + £60.00 VAT £360.00
Cheque number 300511

4. K Simmons: Reimbursement of Zoom Meeting fees and VAT: £11.99 + £2.40 £14.39
Cheque number 300512

5. Eon: quarterly electricity invoice and VAT: £472.43 + £23.62 £496.05
Cheque number 300513

6. Marcus Young Environmental Services: Dog waste bin annual servicing: £665.60 + £133.12 VAT £798.72
Cheque number 300514

7. A Hartley: Salary and expenses for Oct – December: £770.90
Cheque number 300515

8. The Parish Council noted the payment of the quarterly service charge by direct debit to Unity Trust Bank £18.00

3. Bank balances: The Parish Council noted the Unity Trust Bank statement balances for the 3rd of January 2021:

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Current Account: £7978.18

Deposit Account: £55121.53

4. Financial budget and precept for 2021/22:

The Parish Council is to consider and agree:

1. *Financial budget for the financial year 2021/2022:* The Parish Council received a report from the Finance and General Purposes Working Group which proposed a budget for the coming financial year. The Parish Council considered and agreed the budget for the financial year 2021/22.
2. *The precept request for financial year 2021/22:* The Parish Council confirmed the precept request to be £22646.

18. **Notable Correspondence:** *The Parish Council is to consider the following notable correspondence received since the previous meeting that has not been covered above:*

1. *Northants CALC:* *Update newsletters:* Receipt was noted.
2. *South Northants Council:* *Parish Updates newsletter.*
Community groups tackling loneliness to benefit from £4m fund information:
Receipt was noted.
3. AGE UK newsletter
Receipt was noted.
4. *Copy of correspondence from a resident regarding golf balls being hit astray from the Sports Field and onto neighbouring land.:* A resident and landowner described the circumstances of the correspondence. The Parish Council agreed to a suggestion that the provision of a designated area with appropriate signage for that activity might be considered by the ECSF Committee. This to be proposed by the ECSF Rep from the Parish Council.
5. *Correspondence from a High Street resident describing car parking issues along the High Street and the impact on residents:* The Parish Council considered this to be a village wide problem and not an issue for which the Parish Council can directly assist in this instance.

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

1. The Chairman asked to be made aware of any PCllrs intending to stand down from the Council at the May elections.

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2. The Chairman enquired if there were any concerns regarding the current Covid-19 lockdown. The consensus was that current arrangements within the community appeared to be working satisfactorily.
3. PCllr Anderson enquired why comments raised during planning application discussions appeared to be overlooked by the SNC Planning Dept. PCllr Walker had wished to raise the same and volunteered to draft a relevant enquiry correspondence to SNC requesting clarification.
4. PCllr Henson advised that Parish Council contact details of the noticeboard should be updated to be consistent with those stated on the new website.

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

Tuesday 9th of February, 7.30pm, on the Zoom conferencing forum.

21. Close of meeting: The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.