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Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council  
held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2021  
on the Zoom virtual conferencing forum.

1. **Councillors present:** PCllrs K Simmons (Chairman), G Anderson, W Coy, R Collins, 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: None declared.
4. **Resolution to approve and sign the Minutes of the Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 as a true record of that meeting.**

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

5. **Meeting open for public comment:** No members of public were present.
6. **Matters arising:**

1. Repainting of the Burial Ground gates: The Clerk advised that the proposal to use Banbury Blast to clean the gates prior to repainting may need to be reconsidered as the same treatment to the remaining fence sections may not be possible. The Clerk shall advise further after discussion with the contractors.

2. Parish Council elections: With the elections due on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, the Chairman confirmed efforts would be required to fill the likely vacancies as a number of current PCllrs may not be intending to stand for election in May.

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/2021/0058/FUL*

*Proposal Single storey rear extension*

*Location 6 Manitoba Way, Eydon, Northamptonshire, NN11 3PR*

Parish Council response to consultation: No objection.

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.*

No reports had been received however it was noted that PCllrs would report a number of new potholes for attention via Fix My Street system.

The Clerk was also instructed to report the damage to the verge by vehicle parking and turning at a location along the Byfield/Woodford rd.

Following reports from Thames Water regarding a parked car obstructing tanker access to the sewage treatment works down Doctors Lane, it was agreed the Clerk would, as a conduit from Thames Water, contact the household to which the vehicle was thought to be affiliated and request the established parking guidance is followed in the future to avoid similar problems in the future.

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

Following correspondence and guidance from NCC Highways, the Parish Council concurred that it is unlikely that formal permission from NCC Highways would have been received by a number of households which appear to have adopted sections of highway verge for amenity use. It was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC Highways to enquire if and how the Parish Council should deal with the current examples of such adoption and also any new instances which may occur in the future.

3. *The Parish Council is to note correspondence received from Northants Highways regarding a proposal for the future consideration and monitoring of traffic within the village and the implementation of traffic calming measures if considered necessary.*

The correspondence was noted and filed for future reference.

4. *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from Northants CALC regarding the Definitive Map Modification Order.*

Discussion was deferred pending the availability of the drafted Definitive Map.

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

1. None received.

10. **Request for Neighbourhood Plan Update:** *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from SNC regarding Neighbourhood Plans.*

The correspondence was noted. The Chairman advised that he was currently awaiting details of the availability of a possible consultant for the process, initially for an introductory meeting.

11. **Streetlights' maintenance and replacement programme:** *The Parish Council is to receive and consider an update of the replacement programme.*

The Clerk advised that the replacement lights for Manitoba Way and Place had finally arrived and were now installed. A sample light fitting for the remainder of the village is still awaited. The Clerk also advised that recent repairs to defective lights within the village had also included a change to LED lights where possible.

12. **Reports:**

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

1. Eydon Village Hall: PCllr J Walker reported that regarding the ongoing refurbishment programme, the door replacement, skirting board installation and some painting/decorating was still to be completed. The Management Committee was looking to submit the confirmatory funding application in the near future.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: No report received.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: There was to be a meeting of the trustees during the following week to consider a late grant application.

13. **Financial Matters:**

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

1. NCC Highways: Grass cutting grant for 2020: £163.38



3. Supporting Independence Programme - Public Health.
4. Northants ACRE: Good Neighbours Schemes information event.
5. NCC Highways: "Gritting....what you can do to help" publication.

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

PCllr R Collins:

1. If the annual litter pick was to proceed this year, the aim should aim for the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. The Clerk is to enquire of SNC if litter picks are being supported during the Covid 19 pandemic.
2. Has there been any development regarding the change of electricity supply through Clear Utility Solutions? The Clerk advised that the switch had been put on hold pending the start of the upgrade of the street lights.

PCllr C Henson:

1. Mentioned the circulation of details concerning the *Friendship Bench*.

PCllr K Simmons:

1. Advised that the national census was due to be undertaken in March.

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

9<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, 7.30pm, Zoom conferencing programme.

**17. Close of meeting:** The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm.