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Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council
held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th of March 2021
on the Zoom virtual conferencing forum.

1. **Councillors present:** PCllr K Simmons (Chairman), G Anderson, R Collins, W Coy, C Henson, J Maxted and J Walker. The Clerk was in attendance.
2. **The Parish Council is to receive and consider for approval apologies for absence.**

None.

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 9th of February 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:** 4 members of public were present.

Items raised from the Floor:

1. A non-resident member of public proposing to stand as a candidate for West Northamptonshire Council in the forthcoming election outlined the position of the new authority and received comments from the Parish Council for consideration should she be elected. The comments received included the concern over the concept of the "rural squeeze, poor physical condition of the roads and the lack of control over their repair, if there would be any change in development priorities with the new authority and the levelling up of the council taxes across the newly combined areas.

6. **Matters arising:**

1. The Chairman advised that canvassing for new Parish Councillors and the Police Liaison representative was ongoing.
2. A proposed visit to a Parish Council Meeting by a Neighbourhood Plan consultant had been deferred until after the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

3. Correspondence from NCC Highways was noted outlining the procedure to follow should there be concerns over incidents of the unapproved adoption of roadside verges for private amenity purposes.

7. Planning Matters:

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

1. None received.

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 receive correspondence from NCC Highways regarding the vehicular use of the highway verge adjacent to the junction on the Woodford rd.*

The correspondence was received and noted.

3. *The Parish Council is to consider the implications of the manure heap adjacent to the bridleway through the Buftons field.*

The landowner described to the Meeting the circumstances of the manure heap's accumulation from the maintenance/management of horses on the property and advised that the adjacent right of way would not be obstructed and all legal parameters regarding the potential environmental impact etc would be met.

The Parish Council noted the above report from the landowner.

4. *The Parish Council is to note correspondence received from Northants County Council advising of a temporary closure of Hill View in April 2021 to allow essential maintenance work to electricity power supply cables.*

The correspondence was received and noted.

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

1. None received.

10. **Village tidy-up:** *The Parish Council is to consider correspondence received from a resident regarding the clearance of litter in the parish.*

The Parish Council agreed to facilitate the continued tidy-up/litter pick of the parish. As previously resolved, the Clerk is to purchase the necessary equipment to avoid the need to co-ordinate the litter pick event with other parishes in the area should the loan of equipment from SNC have been required.

11. **Renovation of the waterpump on the High Street:** *The Parish Council is to consider arranging remedial works to enhance the appearance of the pump.*

Prior to further discussion, the Chairman agreed to undertake an audit of the facilities/features to confirm their precise location and condition.

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

The Clerk advised that he had been waiting for a recent funeral to have taken place before progressing this matter. A representative from Banbury Blast was expected to visit the site and assess the proposed work in the near future.

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

The Clerk advised that delivery of the proposed modified lantern was still awaited. The Parish Council requested the suppliers/manufacturers be chased to speed the process if possible.

The Chairman advised the Meeting that he had been approached by a resident enquiring if more lights could be installed in the village at some stage. No commitment had been made.

PCllr J Walker advised that the new light fitted to the exterior of the Village Hall was too bright and affecting neighbouring properties/residents and may need to be replaced should set-up adjustments not be possible. An approach to the Parish Council for associated funding support may be necessary.

14. **Reports:**

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

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1. Eydon Village Hall: PCllr J Walker reported that an on-going wifi problem had not yet been resolved. The refurbishment work was almost complete and community project funding from the HS2 project had covered a large proportion of the invoices presented thus far. The new modular stage has also recently been received.
2. Eydon Community Sports Field: PCllr J Maxted reported that the installation of the children's play area and equipment should commence next month and that a tree planting project for the area has been completed.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: PCllr C Henson advised that Ms S Yates was standing in as trustee until the new vicar takes up the role. One grant has so far been awarded for this EET financial year (January to December).

15. Financial Matters:

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

1. Burial Ground fees: £615.00

2. Payments.

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

1. Texprep: EVN production: £147.90
Cheque no 300519

2. K Simmons: Reimbursement of Zoom Meeting fees and VAT:
£11.99 + £2.40 £14.39
Cheque no 300520

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

Current Account: £4390.11.

Deposit Account: £55121.53.

4. *The Parish Council is to receive and consider correspondence from Marcus Young Environmental Services advising of the minor increase in the cost of dog waste bin emptying and also consider the current usage/capacity of the bins.*

The Parish Council agreed to accept the proposed fee increase.

The increased use of many of the dog waste bins was raised, the Clerk was instructed to contact the contractor above to enquire if the current usage was within normal capacity or if any measures should be taken to offset the

likelihood of problems of surplus waste bags being left on the ground etc developing in the future.

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

The following were noted with no further actions taken:

1. Northants CALC: Update newsletters.
2. South Northants Council: Parish Updates newsletter.
Election information.
3. Census information.
4. Northants Police annual report.
5. NCC Highways: Highways update.

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

1. The Chairman advised that he had received correspondence from a resident concerning a License Application to South Northants Council for a wine trading outlet from a property on the High Street.

It was suggested that this may be a contentious matter and although the Parish Council is not a statutory consultee in this application process, it may wish to discuss the matter. The decision date for the application is before the next regular monthly Parish Council Meeting, an extra Meeting may thus be called to allow such discussion.

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

Tuesday 13th of April 2021, 7.30pm, on the Zoom conferencing forum.

- 19. Close of meeting:** The Meeting was closed at 9.10pm.