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Minutes from the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council
held from 7.30pm on Thursday 25th of March 2021
on the Zoom virtual conferencing forum.

1. **Councillors present:** PCllrs 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 from PCllr J Maxted and accepted by the Parish Council.

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 March 2021 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Chairman requested a minor amendment to the Minutes which were subsequently accepted as a true record of the Meeting as described.

5. **Public Comment:** 7 known members of public were present. The Chairman decided that 1 anonymous member of public was not accepted to the Meeting.

The Chairman read out a statement (appended to the Minutes) outlining why this additional Parish Council had been called.

The Chairman proposed that the allotted time for Public Comment be extended from 15 minutes as specified in the Standing Orders to 30 minutes for this Meeting.

This proposal was accepted by the Parish Council.

Matters raised from the Floor:

1. 2 residents outlined concerns over the Licensing Application described in agenda item 6.

6. **License Application:** *The Parish Council is to consider a License Application submitted to South Northants Council relevant to 19 High Street and the garage adjacent to 16/18 and 20 High Street Eydon.*

The matter was discussed by the Parish Council and the Chairman permitted further comment and clarification from the public.

The Parish Council resolved not to present any comment to South Northants Council regarding this License application.

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

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

8. **Close of meeting:** The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Appendix

Chairman's Statement.

I called this extraordinary meeting of the PC to discuss the license application at 19 High Street and the garage attached to 16 to 18 high street after careful consideration.

At the outset, in calling the meeting, I want to make it clear that I have no pre-conceived ideas relating to the proposal, either for or against - I merely felt it should be discussed.

The Clerk tried to ascertain whether the Garage/slaughterhouse would require a planning application for change of use or under listing conditions, as it is attached to 16/18 High Street which is listed. It was apparent from his conversations, an answer would not be forthcoming until very near the cut off for representations for the license application of 1st April.

If it had been confirmed that Planning was required, I was minded not to hold a special meeting for the licensing application, but as it was not clear, I took the view that this could be the only opportunity for the Parish Council to have a discussion on the application and conversion of the garage.

I accept that under the licensing arrangements the PC is not consulted, but just because this is the case, it doesn't mean that the PC should not cast an opinion on the application, I believe that the onus is on us as a Council to respond to such a public notice on behalf of our Community, although any response would be treated with the same weight as any individuals response.

Our recent experience tends to show that our responses on planning matters appear to carry only as much weight as members of the public in any case.