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Minutes of the Meeting of Eydon Parish Council
held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th of June 2021
Eydon Village Hall

1. **Councillors present:** Cllrs K Simmons (Chairman), G Anderson, K Keeble, J Peppiatt and J Walker.
2. **The Parish Council is to receive and consider for approval apologies for absence:** n/a.
3. **Declaration of Interest** on agenda items by Parish Councillors: None declared.
4. **Resolution to approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Eydon Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of May 2021 as a true record of that meeting.**

The Minutes were approved, accepted and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

5. **Meeting open for public comment:**

One member of public was present. Points raised from the Floor:

1. A resident read out a letter written to the local MP and Unitary Authority Councillors in which complaints were raised concerning the poor condition of the roads in the area and the perceived inadequate maintenance protocol.
2. The Meeting was advised that the Eydon Fete Committee was considering the purchase of a marquee for the event and would be seeking contributions/donations towards the purchase cost from village organisations. An enquiry was made as to whether the Parish Council would consider making a contribution? The resident was advised to present a request in writing in advance of the next Parish Council Meeting for the matter to be discussed formally.

6. **Matters arising:** None raised.

7. **Planning Matters:**

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

1. Application No. WNS/2021/0373/FUL

Proposal Erection of wooden oak gazebo to rear garden

Location Orchard House 1 Lime Avenue Eydon NN11 3PG

Parish Council response: 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. *The Parish Council is to consider further correspondence received from the Clerk to Thorpe Mandeville Parish Council concerning the proposed temporary closure of the Banbury Lane as a consequence of HS2 works.*

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to respond to thank Thorpe Mandeville PC for the additional information but it did not think it could offer any meaningful support at this stage but would be willing to consider more targeted support in the future if appropriate.

2. *Access to the sports field: The Parish Council is to consider correspondence from a resident concerning access to the sports field from Bufton's field.*

The Clerk was instructed to write to advise the resident that the specific reference made in the Welcome to Eydon pack to the sports field access from Bufton's field shall be removed during the updating of the pack in due course.

3. *The Parish Council is to consider any verge grass mowing issues within the village.*

1. The Chairman read a letter received from a resident concerning the re-instatement of a section of verge following works by Western Power Distribution. The resident was concerned the verge would not recover from the works, however members of the Parish Council considered the further grass seed application and care by nearby residents should remedy the appearance during the growing season.
2. The Chairman read a letter received from a resident enquiring who is responsible for the maintenance of the path leading from the Village Green to

the Church? The Parish Council agreed it did not consider this to be the responsibility of the PC and more likely to be that of the Church.

3. PCllr J Walker suggested the residents may benefit from fortnightly reminders of contractors attending to mow the verges to allow cars to be parked in locations where they may be less vulnerable to stray grass cuttings and chip damage if desired.

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

1. Northants CALC: Elections 2021 return:- Completed by the Clerk..

10. **Standing Orders review:** *The Parish Council is to review and adopt any subsequent revision of the Standing Orders.*

Deferred to a future Meeting.

11. **Appointment of Parish Council representatives and working group vacancies:** *Further to the appointments during the Annual Meeting, the Parish Council is to appoint/fill any outstanding vacancies.*

No appointments made.

12. **Vacancies on the Eydon Parish Council:** The Parish Council is to consider the co-option of those willing and qualified to fill the two current vacancies.

No candidates were presented for consideration.

13. **Western Power Distribution electricity substation:** *With reference to previous discussion, the Parish Council is to consider further information received regarding the installation of a substation in keeping with the village.*

The Parish Council had previously received information from Potterspury PC regarding the stone clad substation in Potterspury and to aid further discussion, instructed the Clerk to request the current thoughts/proposals of WPD regarding the design and siting of the unit.

14. **Parish Council Website:** *The Parish Council is to consider and agree the formal protocol for news content/updates.*

The Parish Council agreed it would explore the option of using a local resident to edit the EVN and news section of website in preference to the current arrangements, under which, the former task is undertaken by the commercial printers and the website editing if yet to be agreed.

15. **Nuisance dogs:** *The Parish Council is to consider an approach to dealing with the increasing issue of nuisance dogs within the village.*

PCllr J Walker advised the Meeting that there appeared to be an increasing occurrence of noisy and/or misbehaving dogs in the village and proposed an article be included in the EVN to advise/guide dog owners and residents of the associated responsibilities and protocol. The Parish Council agreed accordingly.

- 16. Rewilding scheme:** *The Parish Council is to continue discussion of this initiative.*

The Chairman advised that further background research was being undertaken before any further progress could be made.

- 17. Audit and preservation of Eydon's public taps and pumps:** *The Parish Council is to continue discussion of the process.*

The Chairman advised that the audit had been completed and a copy forwarded to the heritage dept of the West Northamptonshire Council for review and comment. Feedback is currently awaited.

- 18. Street light replacement programme:** *The Parish Council is to receive and consider an update report of the programme.*

The Clerk advised that the sample heritage style light had now been received by the maintenance contractor. It was agreed that the unit would be trialled at a suitable location to assess its' appearance *in situ* prior to any purchase order being made.

- 19. HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee:** *The Parish Council is to discuss the celebration of the anniversary in Eydon.*

The Parish Council agreed to promote and support this as a major event in the community and would look to forming a working group to help organise events. Founder members to include PCllrs K Simmons, K Keeble and J Walker, additional members to be recruited in due course.

A proposed development of a dedicated footpath to the ECSF was also agreed.

The dateline for the celebrations was noted to be between the 2nd and 5th of June 2022.

- 20. Reports:**

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

1. Eydon Village Hall: PCllr J Walker reported that new front entrance doors had now been fitted to the Hall and that all associated refurbishment works were proceeding as planned and nearly complete. Invoices had been sent to the relevant HS2 office in support of the previously agreed community funding grant application.

2. Eydon Community Sports Field: PCllr K Keeble advised that the gang-mower had been serviced during the winter and a grant had been received from South Northants Council towards to purchase cost of a new ride-on mower to be used on site. An HS2 community fund grant has been agreed to assist with the purchase of play equipment and the installation of new WC facilities. Tree planting has also been completed in support of a national campaign. It was also reported that a team from Milton Keynes is now hiring the cricket pitch on a regular basis.
3. Eydon Educational Trust: None available.

21. Financial Matters:

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

1. WNC: Half year precept: £11323.
2. HMRC: VAT refund: £1864.99

2. Payments.

The Parish Council considered and approved/noted as appropriate the following invoices received for payment:

1. Texprep: EVN production: £116.90
Cheque number 300534
2. K Simmons: Reimbursement of Zoom Meeting fees and VAT:
£11.99 + £2.40 £14.39
Cheque number 300535
3. The Ground Care Company: Grass mowing during May:
£350.00 + £70.00 VAT £420.00
Cheque number 300536
4. Northants CALC: Issue of replacement damaged cheque
(number 300530) £44.00
Cheque number 300537

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

Current Account: £5082.15
Deposit Account: £63444.53.

22. Notable Correspondence: The Parish Council considered and noted the following notable correspondence received since the previous meeting that had not been covered above:

1. Northants CALC: Update newsletters.
Training course information.
2. Northants ACRE: Online Parish Council Network Event - 2 June information.
3. Census 2021 - End of Collection Operation – Thank you.
4. Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meetings.
5. Lord Lieutenant West Northants Council: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee information.

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

1. Cllr G Anderson: The development of a Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Cllr K Simmons: Development of a Queen's Platinum Jubilee pathway.
Freedom of Eydon programme.

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

Tuesday 13th of July, Eydon Village Hall.

25. Close of meeting: The Meeting was closed at 9.13pm.