



## **Council Meeting Minutes 14 July 2026**

- 26/Jul/001 Councillors present:** Councillors Keith Simmons, Kim Keeble, Lisa Genovese, Howard Carter and Luke Alexander were present.
- 26/Jul/002 Apologies:** Were accepted from Andy Reynolds
- 26/Jul/003 Declaration of Interests:** None
- 26/Jul/004 Resolution to approve and sign minutes of 9 June 2026:** Carried
- 26/Jul/005 Constitution of the Council and Regulatory Requirements:** the Council Resolved to Co-opt Mr Nicholas Esselen.
- 26/Jul/006 Public Comment:** A member asked for advice on the management of the verge near his home. He was advised that verges are generally owned by WNC, in some circumstances typically, where the verge is grass, EPC undertakes grass cutting for WNC and receives payments towards this cost however, EPC does not have responsibility for general verge management. WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood, who was present at the meeting, undertook to contact WNC Highways to seek advice and EPC Councillor Luke Alexander agreed to report the issue on FixMyStreet.com.
- 26/Jul/007 Matters Arising:**
- a. Maintenance of Steps into VH.** AJR advised that he is in contact with a contractor and hopes to have the steps repaired by the end of the summer
  - b. Village Design Statement.** The Chairman advised that due to the workload created by the Anglian Water issues, he has been unable to progress this project
  - c. Options for Moreton Triangle.** EPC has sought and obtained a quote from WNC for repair and improvement of this site. The cost work to EPC would be £12500. After discussion the council Resolved not to proceed with the work.
  - d. No Parking Signage on Village Green.** AJR has advised the Clerk that this has been completed

- e. **Water Butt in Cemetery.** The Clerk advised that the contractor intends to complete this work in July
- f. **Collapse of Church path wall.** The Clerk advised the meeting that he had originally requested a timescale for its repair from the Owners on 10 November 2025. Despite several email conversations, the owners have yet to provide any timescale for its repair.

#### **26/Jul/008 Resolutions**

See 26/Jul/006, 26/Jul/007c.

In addition, the Council passed a Resolution to recruit an EVN Editor and Social Media Co-ordinator

#### **26/Jul/009 Planning Matters**

- e. 2026/4225/FULL – 9 Moreton Road. The Chairman advised that, after Appeal, Approval has been given for the garage.

However, WNC Planning has also advised that any hedgerow using non-indigenous species must be removed and the Council will be in contact with Enforcement to ensure this is complied with.

#### **26/Jul/010 Highway and byway issues.**

- a. **Highways.** The Clerk advised that 10 Potholes had been reported in the Eydon Parish area and during the month and 6 of these had been repaired.
- b. **Rights of Way.** See 26/Jul/007f
- c. **Water Outage.** The Chairman reported this issue has taken a significant amount of his time. He is in contact with Stuart Andrew and the CEO of Anglian Water and is discussing compensation and long-term solutions to the water outages.

#### **26/Jul/011 Financial Matters**

- a. **Receipts.** The Clerk advised that there was 1 receipt for £312.11 in June 2026
- b. **Payments & Invoices.** Council Approved a Payments Schedule of £1,679.19
- c. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council noted the Reconciliation Statement showing a total Bank Balance of £69,414.17
- d. **Presentation of latest Accounts.** Clerk presented the latest working accounts and answered various questions.
- e. **Annual Audit.** The clerk gave verbal updates regarding the External Auditor requests for more information.

**26/Jul/012 Notable Correspondence.**

- a. **Request from resident to fell tree in Cemetery.** The clerk was asked to get a quote for this work.
- b. **Request from resident to manage verge to the NE of Hollow Way.**  
See 26/Jul/006
- c. **Invite to Northants NCLAC Conference.** EPC is able to send two delegates to this and the Clerk will resend the invite to the Councillors.

**26/Jul/013 Consultations**

None

**26/Jul/014 Reports**

- a. **WNC Report from WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood.** A verbal report was received.
- b. **Eydon Village Hall.** The latest accounts were provided,
- c. **Eydon Community Sports Field.** An update was given by HC
- d. **Eydon Educational Trust.** No update
- e. **Social Media Report.** A report was received and noted and is available for public view on the website

**26/Jul/015 Councillor Training.** To be discussed in September

**26/Jul/016 Freedom of Eydon.** Preparation for the presentation of awards in August was discussed

**26/Jul/017 Councillor Comments.** None.

**26/Jul/018 The next meeting** will be held at 19:30hrs on 8 September 2026 in the Village Hall

**26/Jul/019 The meeting closed at 21:30hrs.**

**Steven Fox**  
**The Clerk: 18 July 2026**