Eydon
Parish
Council

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# Council Meeting Minutes 8 September 2026

**26/Sep/001** **Councillors present:** Councillors Keith Simmons, Kim Keeble, Nic Esselen and Andy Reynolds were present.

**26/Sep/002** **Apologises:** Were accepted from Luke Alexander, Lisa Genovese, and Howard Carter

**26/Sep/003** **Declaration of Interests:** None

**26/Sep/004** **Resolution to approve and sign minutes of 4 July 2026:** Carried

**26/Sep/005** **Constitution of the Council and Regulatory Requirements:** Councillor Esselen provided his Register of Interests.

**26/Sep/006** **Public Comment:** A member of the public asked about the Council's plans for spending any Anglian Water donation and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

**26/Sep/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 in the near future
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. **Water Butt in Cemetery.** The Clerk advised that the contractor intends to complete this work in September
d. **Collapse of Church path wall.** The Clerk advised that he has had no reply from the owner of the wall reading its repair
e. **Update on Anglian Water.** The Council agreed to accept an offer of £2,000 from AW but that the Chairman should continue to push for higher refunds to individuals
f. **Village History Sign at Ccrumbs**. This should be installed in September
g. **Village History leaflet and dispenser.** The Council agreed to purchase 1000 leaflets and a dispenser.
h. .**Eydon Knits Poppies for Cemetery gates.** The Council was pleased to accept this idea



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**26/Sep/008 Resolutions**

See 26/Jul/007e, 26/Jul/007g.

**26/Sep/009 Planning Matters**

There were no updates.

**26/Sep/010 Highway and byway issues.**

a. **Highways**. The Clerk advised that 11 Potholes had been reported in the Eydon Parish area and during the last 2 months and 6 of these had been repaired.

b. **Rights of Way**. The Clerk advised that the second stile to Culworth had been improved with a wider footing added.

**26/Sep/011 Financial Matters**

a. **Receipts.** The Clerk advised that there was 1 receipt for £100.00 in August 2026
b. **Payments & Invoices.** Council Approved a Payments Schedule of £1,125.71
c. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council noted the Reconciliation Statement showing a total Bank Balance of £63,216.30
d. **Presentation of latest Accounts.** Clerk presented the latest working accounts and answered various questions.
e. **Annual Audit.** The clerk advised that the External Audit had now been completed and all appropriate documentation was available on the website.
f. **Local Government Pay awards.** The Clerk advised the Council about the process he has gone through with Payroll to calculate the new net pay amounts and these Standing Orders would be updated for October.
g. **Budget 2027-28.** A Finance and General Purposes committee will be convened to draft a budget for submission at the next council meeting

**26/Sep/012 Notable Correspondence.**

a. **Suggestion that there should be a Board in the Village Hall to list current and past Chairman of the Parish Council.** The Clerk was asked to further investigate this proposal.
b. **Invite for 2 people to WNC Parish Conference Thursday 26 November 10:00 to 13:00, Towcester Forum.** Councillors Keeble and Simmons agreed to accept the invitation



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**26/Sep/013 Consultations**

None

**26/Sep/014 Reports**

a. **WNC Report from WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood.** A verbal report was received.
b. **Eydon Village Hall.** Quotes are being received for Aircon units
c. **Eydon Community Sports Field.**
d. **Eydon Educational Trust.** No update
e. **Social Media Report.** The meeting reviewed a proposed evolution of the EVN format and confirmed the continued printing of 8 colour pages

**26/Sep/015 Councillor Training.** To be discussed in October

**26/Sep/016 Freedom of Eydon.** The Clerk advised that there had been some irregularities with regard to payment for the catering of this event. The original caterers withdrew one week from the event and it appeared impossible to obtain 2 Authorisers for payment through the Unity Bank of a replacement Chef's deposit. After discussion with the Chairman, the Clerk paid the £300 deposit however, Councillor Alexander did Approve the deposit at Unity Bank meaning that the Caterer received the full £600. The event was a great success and the Clerk was reimbursed however, the Clerk has not been able to obtain an Invoice from the Caterer.

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

**26/Sep/018 The next meeting** will be held at 19:30hrs on 13 October 2026 in the Village Hall

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

**Steven Fox**
**The Clerk: 9 Sep 2026**



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