

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
3RD SEPTEMBER 2001 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllr D Marriage (In the chair)
R Bagni
P Rollings
M Heyland

D Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)
ALSO PRESENT: P.C. Chris Pollard, and 5 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Windmill and Hayes

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

Letter received from WRVS thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £50.

Information was received concerning the Vital Village scheme allowing members of the public to become involved and would need a possible 12 volunteers and an estimated 18 months of work. This would be a village led scheme, but would open up the possibility of future grants.

Letter received from Samantha Elliott requesting use of the Coffee Tavern free of charge to hold a charity fun day in aid of the Pasque Hospice. It was agreed that by allowing free use of the Coffee Tavern may set a precedence and would have repercussions on other businesses. Cllr Bagni proposed that we charge £33.50 for use of the hall, but to donate £50 to the Pasque Hospice. All agreed. Clerk to write to Samantha Elliot.

Letter received from Parishoner Mr Sidhu who owns the village shop and has applied to the Countryside Agency for a grant to allow Mr Sidhu to refurbish and improve the facilities within the shop. Mr Sidhu was one of the members of public attending the meeting and gave a brief talk on the improvements needed to comply with regulations. It was agreed that full support would be given to Mr Sidhu's application. Clerk to write letter to the Countryside Agency and copy to Mr Sidhu.

Letter from Sally Siddons requesting a list of dates for future Parish Council meetings, and to forward minutes of the meetings for publication.

Thankyou card from Marlene thankins all for kind gifts and sendoff

Cornhill Insurance documents to be returned amending details of Parish Clerk.

The Bedford Association of Town and Parish A.G.M. seminar on Rural White Paper to be held on the 25th October at 7.30 p.m. (note who to attend?)

Ways and Means meeting at Clapham village hall for the needs of the youth in rural areas on the 3rd November.

Management development programme for 10 days starting in October costing £120.

Annual reception of Town and Parish company on the 10th October.

The following were placed in the Circulation file:

- Voluntary Voice
- Traffic warden service

- Water supply and water quality and whom to contact
- Standards board questions and answers
- Local government commission for
- Burton Guard informing of private security patrols
- SBDC report of rural management and community feedback
- SBDC order of tree preservation for Poplar farm. Copy to Peter Rollings

P.C. Chris Pollard was invited to speak on views and involvement with Eaton Bray.

P.C. Pollard is involved in working with eight villages, working a 9-5 week including working evenings and weekends and visits the village most days with exception to Sundays. Chris spoke that problem solving rather than policing is the way forward. Chris explained that he mostly visits the village during the day but it was felt that it would be more beneficial to be seen patrolling in the evenings.

School Lane recreation site has become a problem area with youths drinking alcohol, alleged drug taking, the riding of trials bikes along the bridlepaths, broken glass in and around the park with glass being placed beneath the childrens swings.

Cllr Bagni suggested to P.C. Pollard that more manpower would be needed on a shortterm basis to patrol the area at the times which are known to be of increased activity. P.C. Pollard agreed with this in principle but responded that there are no more police officers available.

It was suggested banning the youths from purchasing the alcohol, but as P.C. Pollard pointed out the majority of these youths are 18 years old. Mr Sidhu the licensee of the village shop also spoke to say that once banning particular youths they have become threatening and abusive.

It was suggested that we should contact Unwins Off Licence to arrange a meeting to include: Unwins, Mr Sidhu, P.C. Pollard, Cllr Marriage, Cllr Pearson , residents of School Lane, Mr V Moriarty, Mr S Roberts and Mr A Carson and the Parish Clerk to discuss suitable methods of deterring the alcohol consumption and the resulting activities of School Lane park.

P.C. Pollard went on to say that arrests have been made but the lack of evidence means no convictions are made.

Mr S Roberts, (resident of School Lane) asked if video evidence would suffice, but P.C. Pollard responded that this is not admissible in court. P.C. Pollard advised that the residents write to relevant authority in force as the worry of a serious injury or worse could be foreseeable.

P.C. Pollard informed the committee that the Architectual Liason Officer would be sending him a quotation for a barrier to be made for the car park of School Lane.

Regarding other police matters, P.C. Pollard reported a low crime rate in the rest of the village. Cllr Marriage asked P.C.Pollard to attend the November Parish meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

Meeting 20th August: 3 days had not been allowed before the calling of this meeting, therefore as a result this meeting is not legal and has no standing. It was suggested that the councillors voted again but there was concern that Cllrs who had attended the last meeting to vote were not all present at the September meeting.

Cllr Hayes remarked that the August meeting was not right in that it had been rushed and that some Cllrs had access to the Village Hall plans prior to meeting.

Cllr Marriage responded that he wanted to legalise the meeting and asked to vote again for the continued support of the application.

Cllr Marriage	proposed vote
Cllr Pearson	seconded
Cllr Beal	agreed
Cllr Bagni	agreed
Cllr Heyland	agreed
Cllr Rollings	voted against

Eaton Bray Youth Club Dave Heather applying for grant scheme. Cllr Rollings having problems with company sponsorship. Defer to next meeting. Cllr Rollings to initiate plans and technical drawings for the use of the Coffee Tavern.

An old disused sideboard to be removed. Cllr Pearson will organise.

Congratulations to Cllr Rollings, Cllr Beal, Dave Heather in their participation with the Youth Club float at the July carnival which secured them 3rd prize. Well done to all involved, not forgetting the youths.

Youth Club to arrange insurance because of the equipment stored at the Coffee Tavern. Cllr Rollings to speak to Dave Heather.

Traffic Calming: A report was read by Cllr Rollings with regards to the Gateway Planting Scheme including his suggestions for landscaping. This would involve placing a couple of large boulders in front of the gates. Clerk to contact Brian Jacobi regarding legality of boulders.

Cllr Marriage and Cllr Bagni to check details of Bower Lane plans, then refer to Clerk to chase County Cllr Piggott. Cllr Bagni to see D.Cox concerning money transfer of Road Safety Campaign.

Village Hall: Plans were passed by district hall, Heritage retracted any objections that they had. An independent Quantity Surveyor will be involved to ensure costs are kept down. The end of October will bring a breakdown of costs and funding. The next step will be to insure the funding is right which will include applying for lottery funding. £20,000 has been allocated by the Parish Council and a public meeting will event to show breakdown of moneys and any likely companies that may wish to be involved.

Sports and Social: Community meeting was held on Thursday 30th August, works have been assigned to ascertain problems on the roof.

A new bar steward is controlling the drinking hours of the club and the noise levels are being kept to a minimum. Clerk to check the loan situation and inform Martin Quinn of loan outstanding.

Middle Path: Clerk to liase with Marlene with regards to work put out to tender.

Pond Questionnaire: Cllrs Marriage and Rollings to complete.

St Marys Churchyard: Clerk to chase contractor

Car Park Signs: Clerk to liase with Marlene regarding order placed.

Cemetary: Clerk to chase Dave Granger regarding cutting back and spraying of ivy around trees. Also to ask for the brambles to be cut back and to use 'Roundup Pro' suggested by Cllr Marriage. Clerk to request a price for the cutting back of the boundary hedge next to the Hope and Anchor pub.

Letter received from Mr F Pell requesting the reservation of burial plot, unfortunately the particular site has been occupied, Cllr Bagni to phone Mr Pell and then inform Clerk of further action.

An application from Dillamore's for the erection of headstone, buriel dated May 2001, clerk to check specifications of headstone and required interim of buriel to headstone.

Bus Service: Clerk to write letter to Arriva asking what actions to be taken to overcome the cleanliness of the buses, and to revise the timetables, and request that the timings be reverted back to original.

Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club: Cllr Pearson to replace the three wooden posts

London/Luton Airport: Cllrs Beal and Marriage to attend A.G.M. meeting on 13th September. Cllr Bagni will attend if possible.0

Eaton Bray Lower School: Cllr Heyland expressed her concerns of the close proximity of the anti social behaviour occurring in School Lane recreation park. Cllr Heyland to ask the board of governors Chairman to also write with their concerns.

REPORTS:

Allotments: Cllr Marriage visited the allotments and reported the untidiness of the site including rubbish, overgrown paths, and barbed wire surrounding one plot. It was suggested that a skip was hired and volunteers helped in clearing the area in order that D.Granger could quote for hedge chopping and clearing the paths.

The house opposite Knights Close has an overhanging hedge onto the footpath. Clerk to write politely asking for it to be cut back.

It was reported that the mapboard for the village has not been erected. Clerk to liase with Marlene.

Ralph Timberlake who is currently decorating the Coffee Tavern, has informed the Council that the windowsills need to be painted, as this was an oversight on Mr Timberlakes behalf and should have been noted when quoting, the Council are prepared to pay £40 for this work to be carried out.

PLANNING:

No objections were made on the following:

SB-TP-01-0746 Two storey rear and single storey front and rear extensions

SB-TP-01_0763