

MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Monday 10th January 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr R Bagni (In the chair)

M Beal
R Windmill
M Heyland
L Tribbick
K Janes
D Marriage
D Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr Piggott, Sarah Markham – Beds C.C., Fran Barnes, Norman Lee, P.C. Nev Johnson, Faye Matthews and 2 members of the Public

APOLOGIES: None

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
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1017	Cllr Marriage	Present
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Nature of Interest

Cllr Marriage – Secretary of Sports & Social Club.

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

‘Days out in Beds Hartlands’ – Request for a donation. G.P. Committee to review.

Beds Rural Affairs Forum – Rural Renaissance funding 2005/6. Details passed to Fran Barnes, possible funding for the Youth Club.

Review of register of buildings at Risk – G.P. Committee to discuss and comment.

Items placed in the circulation file:

- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 15/12.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive Committee, 14/12.
- ? SBDC – Council meeting agenda, 14/12.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Planning Committee meeting, 24/11.
- ? SBDC – Information reports, 12/04.
- ? Beds Highways – Details of works completed in the Parish in the last 18 months.
- ? Beds C.C. – Questionnaire re: is there a need for a northern bypass around Luton. Supply forwarded to Eaton Bray P.O. and Stores.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive, 11/1.
- ? Local Council Review.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Executive meeting, 14/12.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Licensing Committee, 25/11.

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- ? SBDC – Minutes of Council Meeting, 7/12 & 14/12.
- ? Beds C.C. - The East of England Plan.
- ? Amey – Views from the PC regarding Highways.
- ? Beds C.C. – Comprehensive Performance Assessment Category.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Planning Committee, 15/12.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Licensing Committee, 19/1.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 12/1.
- ? SBDC – Key Stakeholder Consultation on the Draft SB Local Development Scheme. Cllrs to comment at next meeting

All Cllrs

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

6/12/04 – Parish Council Meeting – Page 1009 delete ‘5th’, add ‘6th’, These were then signed as a true record of that meeting.

23/12/04 & 6/1/05 – G.P. Committee Meetings – These were signed as true records of them meeting.

DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

Sarah Markham – Corporate Customer Service Advisor, Beds C.C.:

Sarah attended the meeting to explain to the Cllrs why there have been problems with telephone contact numbers at County Hall. The problems have arisen due to local telephone directories splitting areas which have resulted in all Beds C.C. numbers being omitted and also turnover of staff means telephone numbers are ever changing. Sarah explained that a new team of service advisors will be checking and detailing all the correct contact numbers and listing the main departments. The website will also be updated and become more user friendly. Sarah invited all Cllrs to visit the service centre.

County Cllr Piggott:

Cllr Piggott reported that 30mph road roundels have been scheduled for the village and will be painted once the weather improves.

Also reported - lighted speed indicators, 1 programmed for The Rye. It is the ambition of Beds C.C. to have 2 in each Parish but this has been held in abeyance until a meeting in March to discuss the for and against of these units. Cllr Piggott will report back to the PC in April.

District Cllr Janes:

No date has been set still for the appeal regarding the traveller site. Concerns were raised as to whether any more action can be taken to stop further sites. Cllr Janes reported that all measures of the law have been exercised and County has taken all the action possible.

Fran Barnes – Youth Club/School Lane:

Anti-social behaviour has been reported again in the School Lane vicinity involving many youths.

Fran reported that there have been some difficulties with the older youths attending the club. Despite providing requested equipment and more activities there is irregular attendance. The older youths have also asked that an extra night on a weekly basis be organised. This could prove to be difficult as resources and funding is not available. P.C.

Nev Johnson will be arranging a meeting with the Youth Club, School Lane residents and members of the PC to try to find solutions for the situation.

Items reported:

Knights Close – Block paving path sinking.

Off-Licence – Pathway directly outside uneven.

Overhanging hedge – Along the dual carriageway between Manton Road and Springfield Road

Fly-tipping – Behind Village Hall

Pothole – High Street, this has been filled but is uneven

Water leak – The Rye

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MATTERS ARISING:

Streetlights: Clerk has reported all faulty streetlights.

Village Booklet – P3: A response from Shaun Haydon that the PC can review the booklet once completed, but it will be the prerogative of the volunteers to further edit based on comments received.

The Rye – Traffic Sensor: Response from the Police advising not to spend more resource on the maintenance of these sites. Clerk to ascertain when these were installed, the costs, and information provided by the Police favouring these units. Cllr Marriage will look along the carriageway to assess whether it is possible for Police cars to park on the verge.

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Rye Rec. and Coffee Tavern Car park: The contractor is awaiting turfs for the car park and the rec will be attended to this week.

Seating at Moor End bus shelter: Seating has now been completed.

Tree at Mill End: John Hopwood has planted the new tree at Mill End.

30mph repeater signs: Clerk has instructed works for the repeater signs.

Bower Lane Cemetery: Clerk has written to the family regarding the fallen headstone, requesting that this be attended to. No response.

**REPORT FROM THE G.P. COMMITTEE MEETING, TO INCLUDE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE P.C ON GROUND MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT – 23/12/04 & 6/1/05:**

Burial Charges: Cllr Beal proposed that the charges for Parishioners for internments for single depth be raised to £35.00 and double depth be raised to £40.00, seconded by Cllr Janes, unanimous.

Trees/Shrubs – Moor End Lane/Mill End Close: Recommendations for the cutting back of shrubs and branches within this area, Clerk has requested a quote from contractor. Clerk has written to resident where there is overhanging hedges.

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Hiring Terms/Licensing Terms at Coffee Tavern: G.P. awaiting information.

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Mobile Speed Unit: Cllr Beal proposed that now G.P. has obtained all necessary information for the hire of this unit they can now organise and schedule this operation,

seconded by Cllr Janes, 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Further to the recommendation by the G.P. Committee, Cllr Beal proposed that David Grangers tender be accepted for the Ground Maintenance Contract, seconded by Cllr Marriage, unanimous.

The Agenda changed to allow the following;

P.C. NEVILLE JOHNSON:

P.C. Johnson will be liaising with Cllr Beal to arrange the meeting for the youths etc.

Forms were handed to the Cllrs which enables them to list 6 most concerning issues of crime and disorder. These forms have been issued to all Parishes and the information provided by them will assist in the Police finding solutions to these top concerns. Cllrs are to report back to the Clerk with their lists where a general consensus of the top 6 will be forwarded to P.C. Johnson.

13 crimes within the village have been reported to the Police between 6/12 – 10/1 with 4 crimes being detected.

BURIAL PLOT RESERVATIONS:

It was reported to the Cllrs that burial plot reservations are on the increase. The concerns are that plots once purchased can be owned for 75 years, thus rendering the plot unuseable for that time unless an interment occurs by that family. There is also the possibility that families move away and forget that a plot has been reserved, once again leaving a plot unuseable.

This item to be deferred until the next meeting.

DAMSONS IN DISTRESS PROJECT:

Cllrs Beal and Marriage along with Steve Halton visited possible sites for the project. The unused plots at Meads allotments were identified as a possible location. Allotment holders were invited to attend this meeting or to write with any concerns. 2 tenants were present at the meeting and 2 letters were received from others. It would appear that the general consensus is that the tenants are willing to liaise with the PC and the North Chilterns Trust in discussing the project further.

THE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB LEASE:

Letter of intent to renew lease has been received from the Club. The lease document would indicate that the loan is to be repaid before expiry. An updated schedule of repayments made to be forwarded to the secretary of the club.

Cllr Janes proposed that the Clerk obtain quotes from 4 surveyors and instruct the most suitable with a fee no more than £1k to carry out a dilapidation survey of the club house, seconded by Cllr Tribbick, 7 in favour, 1 abstained.

REPORTS:

The Village Hall: Cllr Marriage reported that the building completion certificates have been received. But monies have been held back as detailed electrical and gas certificates have not yet been received. Monies have also been retained until the snagging list has been

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completed. Clerk to update payment sheet.

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Eaton Bray Lower School: No items to report.

NEXT AGENDA:

No further items reported.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following applications;

SB-TP-04-1450 Erection of single storey side extension, demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement carport, 14 Medley Close.

SB-TP-04-1649 Erection of front porch, 36 High Street.

SB-TP-04-1651 Extension to front porch, 81 High Street.

Beds County Council Application

Objections rose that the architecture is not sympathetic to surrounding villages view.

BC-CC-04-43 New Visitor Centre, Car parking, Access, Drainage & Ancillary Works (Proposed Chilterns Gateway Centre).

District Decisions

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:

SB-TP-04-1283 Erection of side facing dormer windows, 3 Orchard Way

SB-TP-04-1342 Erection of conservatory to rear, 20 The Orchards.

SB-TP-04-1341 Erection of detached double garage, 109 High Street.

Cllr Beal proposed that the accounts for December be paid, seconded by Cllr Windmill, unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Windows (C.Tav)	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker (C.Tav)	83.33	
	Materials	9.91	
John Hopwood	Maintenance	123.51	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	34.76	
David Granger	Ground Maintenance	746.13	111.13
T Littley	Clerk		
SBDC	Building Inspection fee, V. Hall.	553.43	82.43
E.B. Youth Club	2 nd Term	1334.00	
Public Works LB	Loan repayment	3,578.28	
V & C Action	Member renewal	10.00	
R Bagni	Gibbs & Dandy	91.06	13.56
	Locking bars		
	TOTAL	£6,572.41	£207.12

INCOME

Mr Bailey	Cottage Rent	235.00
Lettings	Coffee Tavern	685.50
EBS&SC	Loan	*
Lloyds TSB	Interest	*
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*
Cricket Club	Rent	50.00
	TOTAL	£

BALANCES at close of business of January 2005

Lloyds TSB	£
Bank of Ireland	£

Dated this day of 2005