

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Monday 7th February 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllr R Bagni (In the chair)
M Beal
R Windmill
M Heyland
L Tribbick
K Janes
D Hayes
D Marriage
D Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)
ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public, Roy Simmons and Norman Lee.

APOLOGIES: None

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
922	Cllr Marriage	Present
924	Cllr Windmill	Absent

ACTION

Nature of Interest

Cllr Marriage – Secretary of Sports & Social Club.
Cllr Windmill – Personal planning application.

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

Letter from Bridge Club requesting that the bar billiards table be moved to another room and that the 2 large tables may be fitted with collapsible legs. The PC felt that it was not practical to move the billiards table.

Clerk

Request from allotment tenant to install a shed 10ft x 8ft on plot. Clerk to ascertain what items will be stored to necessitate the need for a large shed.

Clerk

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Authorisation of the Qualified Person. Compliance forms were completed in December 2002 by the G.P. Committee. The following officers are the qualified persons for the purposes under section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for Parish & Town Councils and Parish meetings;

Authority	Primary Authorisation	Second Authorisation
a. Parish Councils	Clerk to the Council	Chairman
b. Parish Meetings	Chairman of the Parish meeting	Proper Officer of the District Council

This information was placed in the circulation file.

Letter from a young resident asking whether skating facilities could be provided for the youths. G.P. Committee will discuss and report back to the P.C. Clerk to write to youth and invite to Committee meeting.	Clerk G.P. Comm.
Update from Steve Halton regarding the Damsons in Distress project. It is likely that funding will be attained. Surveys will be carried out to establish a baseline of where current orchards are and the conditions. Landowner forms are being sent out by the Trust, and Cllrs can pass on forms to any known owners.	All Cllrs
Notification of temporary 10mph and 30 mph speed limits at Harling Springs roundabout, this is due to carriageway repairs which will commence on 21/2/05.	
Beds County Youth Service – Rural Strategy. Strategy Discussion paper addressing where they will work in rural communities. Anne Maynard – Youth Worker will attend the March meeting. Clerk to invite Fran Barnes to attend and to forward copy of discussion paper.	Clerk
NALC have sent through details of the national agreement for Clerks regarding contracts. Cllr Tribbick will ascertain whether Finance Committee needs to discuss.	Cllr Tribbick
Items placed in the circulation file:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? Clerks & Councils Direct. ? Beds Bugle. ? SBDC – Council Meeting, 25/1. ? SBDC – Information reports, January 05. ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive Committee, 25/1. ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 2/2. ? SBDC – Minutes of Standard Committee meeting, 2/12. ? SBDC – Minutes of Planning Committee meeting, 12/1. ? SBDC – Notice of Meeting, Executive, 8/2. ? SBDC – Minutes of Council meeting, 25/1. ? The South East Plan – Consultation Draft. ? The Playing Field Association newsletter. ? County Funding Fayre – 10/3/05. 	
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:	
10/1/05 – Parish Council Meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
20/1/05 – G.P. Committee Meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:	
Cllr Janes reported that he will be sitting on the Licensing Committee at SBDC. It is anticipated that with new licensing laws there will be an increase of applications for late licences.	
It was also reported that Eaton Bray PC were not involved in the planning consultation which has permitted London Gliding Club to expand and develop two new hangars. Clerk to double check boundary and to write to SBDC.	
	Clerk
Reports – Fly tipping along Northall Road and the wall by the ford needs attention, this is believed to be on Edlesborough side. Clerk to report both items to relevant authorities.	
Members of the Public were allowed to address the Cllrs regarding anti social behaviour	
	Clerk

being experienced around the Knights Close area. Considerable damage has occurred to cars and a sign erected by SBDC has been removed. The P.C. advised the residents to continue calls to the Police when incidences occur and to record details of calls made. Also it was advised that residents should set up an Association which would encourage authorities to take the situation seriously. Housing at SBDC should be notified of any anti-social behaviour as terms of tenancy agreements maybe contravened. Clerk to contact SBDC to report the missing sign, and also to forward resident details to PC Johnson for him to liaise with them regarding the Home watch scheme. Report also to SBDC that refuse trucks are churning up the ground.

Clerk

Clerk

The agenda was changed to allow the next item to be brought forward;

REPORT FROM THE MEETING RE: YOUTHS & SCHOOL LANE:

P.C. Nev Johnson arranged a meeting with residents of School Lane, the housing association, two Cllrs, and two police officers to discuss the anti social behaviour also being experienced in this location. A good discussion was held with an exchange of views in trying to establish possible ways of occupying the youths. No conclusions were made at this time, but the Youth Club staff is looking into viable options.

MATTERS ARISING:

Key Stakeholder Consultation: No comments made.

Items Reported: Clerk to report again that the hedge along Manton Road has not been cut and to contact Peter O'Reilly regarding the water leak along The Rye.

Clerk

Streetlights: Cllr Bagni will forward to the Clerk details of the faulty light along School Lane.

Cllr Bagni
Clerk

The Rye Rec.: Hedge has not been cut, Clerk to chase contractor.

Clerk

The Rye – Traffic Sensors: Cllr Marriage reported that the location where patrol cars would park along The Rye to enable officers to carry out speed checks is unaffected. Clerk to request from the Police reasoning for this statement.

Clerk

Bower Lane Cemetery: Cllr Heyland to check whether headstone has been attended to. Cllr Pearson reported that some land within the cemetery that is overgrown could be potential burial plots, Cllr Bagni and Pearson will inspect.

Cllr Bagni
Cllr Pearson

Crime & Disorder: Clerk forwarded to P.C. Johnson the top 6 concerns, these being in order, burglary/theft from cars, speeding, nuisance youths, vandalism, illegal parking on footpaths, drink/drugs. P.C. Johnson is still collating information from all Parishes.

Special Planning Training for Parish Councils: Cllr Heyland attended a meeting at SBDC and raised the question, why are PC decisions on planning matters overturned, this was answered that PC's do not word objections correctly. It was agreed that future objections be monitored and explanations be obtained should SBDC go against the PC's recommendations. Information has been included in the circulation file.

REPORT FROM THE G.P. COMMITTEE – 20/1/05:

G.P. Committee reported;

Days out in Beds Heartlands booklet: Recommended not to support.

Review of 'Register of Buildings at Risk': Agreed not include the Coffee Tavern and 70 High Street does not need to be considered.

S.I.D.: Dates and volunteers have been organised. Clerk to arrange for pick up of unit.

Clerk

Trees/shrubs – Moor End Lane/Mill End Close: A quotation has been received from Dave Granger. Middle Path £500 + VAT, Mill End Close area, £180 + VAT. Cllr Marriage proposed that the quotations be accepted, seconded by Cllr Beal, unanimous. Clerk to instruct.

Clerk

Coffee Tavern Hiring Conditions: These were discussed and Cllr Beal proposed that following minor alterations these should be accepted, seconded by Cllr Pearson, unanimous. Clerk to issue to caretaker.

Clerk

The agenda changed to allow Report: Eaton Bray Lower School, to be brought forward,

Eaton Bray Lower School: Cllr Heyland reported that Mrs Sue Hounslow has been appointed as Head teacher, having been deputy for 15 years. The school will now look to appoint a teacher or part time teacher to assist. Clerk to write a letter of congratulations and invite Mrs Hounslow to attend a PC meeting.

Clerk

The government have issued guidelines in the re-structuring of school governor boards. The new set up will not include a Parish Council representative. A 'Community Governor' or a 'Sponsored Governor' can be elected which could be a Parish Councillor. Cllr Heyland is currently the PC school governor and her term of office should finish in 2007 but will finish in August 2006. Clerk to write to the School expressing the PC's wish to maintain contact with them and that they would be happy to forward a representative in a capacity that would best suit them.

Clerk

THE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB:

Alexander & Co have carried out a survey of dilapidations on the clubhouse. Copies of the survey have been received. Cllrs Hayes, Janes and Pearson will each do costings on the works to be completed, prioritising urgent, necessary and would like done. This information to be passed to the G.P. Committee at their March meeting for discussion and recommendation.

Cllrs Hayes,
Janes and
Pearson
G.P. Comm.

BURIAL PLOT RESERVATIONS:

Following a lengthy discussion on the best possible solutions to whether plots should be reserved or not, it was agreed that the Clerk should forward to Focus magazine an article for public response. Results of this to be reported back to the PC.

Clerk

REPORTS:

Additional Employment: The Clerk reported to the Cllrs that she has commenced additional part time employment with Beds Fire and Rescue Service. Messages and E-mails will still be picked up on a daily basis and replies made.

Village Hall: Cllr Marriage reported that a snagging list has been compiled with 3 items remaining outstanding. Monies will be held back by the Hall management Committee until these items have been satisfactorily attended to. Cllr Marriage proposed that the remaining PC funds be released to the Management Committee, seconded by Cllr Beal, unanimous. Norman Lee thanked the PC for their help and the PC thanked Norman for his tireless work and commitment to the hall.

NEXT AGENDA:

No new items reported.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following applications;

- ARM-05-0007 Erection of agricultural workers dwelling (reserved matters), Rosebury Farm, Harling Road.
- SB-TP-04-1548 Continued use of premises for a mixed use of nursery, and the retail Sale of imported plants and horticultural sundries. (Amended site area And non-compliance with cond. 2 of planning permission 95-0035)
- SB-TP-05-0060 Erection of first floor and single storey rear extensions.

Cllr Beal proposed that the accounts for January be paid, seconded by Cllr Marriage, unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Windows (C.Tav)	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker (C.Tav)	83.33	
	Materials	5.13	
John Hopwood	Maintenance	88.19	
	materials	32.72	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	24.86	
David Granger	Ground Maintenance	1,386.50	206.50
	Plus rose bed, rye rec.		
T Littley	Clerk	472.47	
Powergen	C/Tav. Electric	39.21	
Alexander & Co.	Survey report	470.00	70.00
Village Hall Mgmt Committee	Village Hall	11,353.55	
	TOTAL	£13965.96	£276.50

INCOME

Mr Bailey	Cottage Rent	188.00
Lettings	Coffee Tavern	140.75
EBS&SC	Loan	*
Lloyds TSB	Interest	*
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*
Beds C.C.	Booklet contribution	328.00
	TOTAL	£

BALANCES

at close of business January 2005

Lloyds TSB £*
Bank of Ireland £*

Dated this day of 2005

