

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** T Littley (Clerk)  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Anne Maynard – Beds CC, 3 members of the Public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Windmill (late), Heyland, Hayes and County Cllr Piggott.

**SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
1029	Cllr Bagni	Present
1030	Cllr Janes	Absent
1029	Cllr Marriage	Present
1029	Cllr Beal	Present

Nature of Interest

Cllr Bagni – Planning Application 05/0057, applicant known to Cllr  
Cllr Janes – Personal Planning Application  
Cllr Marriage – Planning Application, 05/0057, applicant known to Cllr  
Cllr Beal – Planning Application, 05/0057, applicant known to Cllr

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:**

Letter from Mrs Sue Hounslow – Head Teacher, Eaton Bray Lower School, inviting Cllrs to visit the School which would be a more effective way of getting to know everyone. A visit will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> April, Cllrs to inform Clerk of attendance. Council representation on the board of governors will continue.

E-mail from Graham Chappell, P.C.C. asking whether an ad hoc working group could be formed with members of the P.C. to meet and discuss on occasions issues arising within the churchyard. Agreed: G.P. Committee will liaise with P.C.C. members when this occurs. Clerk to inform Graham.

An emergency plumber was called out to the resident of the cottage due to the heating breaking down. The tenant paid this invoice, Cllr Marriage proposed that the sum be repaid back to the tenant, seconded by Cllr Tribbick, unanimous. Clerk to obtain information on British Gas maintenance scheme.

The residents of the village that wish to install a bench within School Lane have decided upon a suitable design. Clerk will order item and inform the residents of cost.

**ACTION**

All Cllrs

G.P. Comm.

Clerk

Clerk

Items placed in the circulation file;

- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Rural Management Committee, 16/2.
- ? SBDC – Information Reports – Feb 05.
- ? Voluntary and Community Action – Newsletter.
- ? Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Vibrant Local Leadership.
- ? Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Why Neighbourhoods Matter.
- ? South East Woodland News.
- ? DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill 7/12/04.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Executive meeting, 8/2.
- ? SBDC – Notice of Council meeting, 24/2.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 23/2.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Planning Committee meeting, 2/2.
- ? Beds C.C. – Outdoor Access Improvement Plan.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive, 1/3.
- ? Beds C.C. – Notice of meeting, Development Control Committee, Re: Chiltern G.P
- ? Beds R.C.C. – Network News.
- ? Standards Board – A Code for the future.
- ? Beds C.C. – Temporary Speed limits.
- ? Local Council Review – Magazine.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Standards Committee – 10/3.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Licensing Committee – 9/3.
- ? BEAF – What future rural Beds?
- ? Beds Bugle.

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

7/2/05 – Parish Council Meeting – Page 1021 delete ‘wall’, add ‘pipes’. These were then signed as a true record of that meeting.

*The agenda changed to bring forward the next agenda item;*

#### **BEDS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE – RURAL STRATEGY:**

Anne Maynard – Youth Worker Rural Strategy, Beds C.C. attended the meeting to inform Cllrs of the work that is being carried out by County Council. They intend to consult and support rural areas dealing with issues concerning youths. Training and mapping exercises are to be carried out. A flexible out reach vehicle will be ready for operation by the summer months and this can visit clubs and projects with the youths can be organised. Cllr Beal reported to Anne that EBYC have a lot of support from SBDC and extra money has been applied for with a view to having a regular additional evening for older youths, this concept is still in its infancy and no confirmation has been made as yet. Details of Fran Barnes were given to Anne in order that they may liaise for future projects. Anne was thanked for her attendance.

#### **DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

Cllr Janes reported that the new Chilterns Gateway Project Visitor Centre will be reduced in size. Further information will be received.

With regards to the Traveller site, all high court orders have been broken and information from the Office of Deputy of the Prime Minister is being awaited. Cllr Janes to keep the Clerk updated of any further developments.

Cllr Janes

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Allotment Shed: The tenant has confirmed that he would wish to store a rotivatar for some periods, a lockable container for tools and also to install a table a chair. Agreed: To allow tenant to install 10 x 8ft shed.

Clerk

Youth Letter Re: Skating Facilities: Clerk has written youth to invite him and 2 other friends to attend the G.P. Committee meeting in March to put forward ideas. To date no response.

National Agreement for Clerks: Cllr Tribbick reported that the new proposed contracts for Clerks are more detailed, although not compulsory. It was suggested that the Clerk read information and decide whether this new contract should be used.

Clerk

London Gliding Club: Further to checking boundaries, the Club actually lies outside of Eaton Bray boundary.

Fly-tipping and Wall: Fly-tipping has been reported. Edlesborough Parish Council had already reported the wall and this has now been attended to.

SBDC: Clerk has reported missing sign, but SBDC has said that they will replace these 'No ball games' signs. Refuse trucks have also been reported.

Items Reported: Peter O'Reilly has confirmed that the hedge and the water leak along The Rye have been attended to.

Streetlight: Cllr Bagni to forward Clerk details of light number. Details of other faulty streetlights were reported to the Clerk, who will in turn inform SBDC.

Clerk

The Rye Rec.: Cllr Marriage confirmed that the hedge has now been cut.

The Rye – Traffic Sensors: Response from the Police is that the officer carrying out these checks states it is not possible to park due to the drainage ditch. Richard Bratton has suggested that Cllr Marriage meets with the officer. Meeting arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr  
Marriage

Bower Lane Cemetery: It was reported that headstones, Maud and Ezra Tompkinson have been knocked down, Clerk to trace family. Also reported, some land that could be cleared of overhanging hedges to reveal potential plots. Clerk to obtain quote for clearing vegetation.

Clerk

Burial Plot Reservations: Article for Focus has been forwarded with a response from the public being accepted up until the April meeting.

S.I.D.: Volunteers will be taking part in a speed survey, week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March. Cllrs to report back at the next meeting their findings.

Trees/shrubs – Moor End Lane/Mill End Close: Clerk to chase contractor.

Clerk

## **INTERNAL AUDITOR – RESOLVE TO APPOINT I.A. FOR 2005:**

Cllr Marriage proposed that Mr Ray Foster be again appointed as Internal Auditor for 2004/2005, seconded by Cllr Janes, unanimous.

## REPORTS:

Clerk: It was reported that following a complaint about a fence panel that blown down in the cemetery, the Clerk instructed John Hopwood to replace. An E-mail received from Peter O'Reilly requesting a meeting for a 'walkabout' of the village to discuss carriageway repairs. This will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March outside Café Masala, Cllrs Bagni and Marriage will attend.

Cllrs Bagni  
& Marriage

C.P.R.E.: Cllr Bagni reported that further to attending a meeting it was stated that the Government wish to build within the next 20 years 19,500 homes in Bedford area and 26,300 homes within the L & D and Houghton Regis area. The P.C. are currently not members of the C.P.R.E., details are being forwarded to the Chairman.

Contact information for Clerk: Further to the additional employment of the Clerk, it was reiterated to Cllrs that although no specific times are detailed as to hours of contact. Cllrs may E-mail or leave telephone messages whereupon a response will be made same day or within 24 hours.

Youth Club: Cllr Beal reported that within the last 6 weeks there has been good attendance level of youths all paying subs. The Club is busy with activities including Comic Relief, and an Aqua splash outing. A new youth worker is in attendance with training programmed.

SBDC Planning: It was reported that information received from SBDC details items of planning applications that the PC are not necessarily informed of, Clerk to contact Planning to request that the PC are advised of all applications.

Clerk

Focus Letter: A letter in the last edition of Focus details concerns that some residents feel that the Coffee Tavern should be sold. Clerk to forward reply to Focus.

Clerk

## NEXT AGENDA:

No new items reported.

## PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following application;

SB-TP-05-0057 Construction of vehicular crossover, 120 High Street.

A letter of objection was received from a neighbour of the applicant which was read out to the Cllrs. Although the Cllrs sympathised with the resident it was agreed that the issues of dimensions were the decision of the District Council. No further objections were raised;

SB-TP-05-0122 Retention of alterations to approved permission 03-1802, involving Raising of ridge height, erection of front, side and rear extensions and Installation of front and rear dormer windows, 45 Church Lane.

An objection was raised on the following application, this being that the proposed alterations would destroy the original architectural design of the original building.

SB-TP-05-0038 Conversion of covered courtyard to habitable living space, 29 The Nurseries.

With reference to the following application, it was proposed by Cllr Pearson that this application would set a precedent of changing agricultural use to other use and therefore should be objected to, seconded by Cllr Beal, 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstained.

SB-TP-05-0103 Continued use of part of outbuildings as office, laundry and stores and Retention of covered link, The Paddocks, Springfield Road.

Objections rose that the building is an inappropriate size for a residential property within greenbelt land.

SB-TP-05-0127 Erection of storage barn, Hollybrook, The Rye.

#### District Council Decisions

##### Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

- SB-TP-04-1469 Temporary siting of one mobile home, Plot 5, Poplar Farm.
- SB-TP-04-1303 Retention of detached stable block, Wavertree, Tring Road.
- SB-TP-04-1450 Erection of single storey side extension, demolition of existing garage And erection of replacement carport, 14 Medley Close.
- SB-TP-04-1474 Erection of first floor side, two storey and single storey rear Extensions, (revised), 17 Cantilupe Close.
- SB-TP-04-1649 Erection of front porch, 36 High Street.
- SB-TP-04-1651 Extension to front porch, 81 High Street.
- SB-TP-04-1451 Variation of condition 12 of p.p. 98-0885, to allow temporary use of One cottage as a residential dwelling, land r/o Rye House, The Rye.

##### Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission

- SB-TP-04-1253 Retention of one mobile home, 34 The Rye.
- SB-TP-05-0060 Erection of first floor and single storey rear extensions, 74 The Rye.

##### Applications Withdrawn

- SB-TP-04-1464 Sub-division to form two dwellings and erection of two storey rear and Single storey side extensions, 18 Moor End.

**CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:**

Cllr Marriage proposed that the Chairman's allowance be reviewed every 2 years, seconded by Cllr Bagni, unanimous.

Cllr Windmill proposed that the accounts for February be paid, seconded by Cllr Pearson, unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS:**

		<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>V.A.T.</b>
<b>PAYEE</b>			
Mr Hodge	Windows (C.Tav)	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker (C.Tav)	83.33	
John Hopwood	Maintenance	105.74	
	Materials	19.92	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	29.92	
David Granger	Ground Maintenance	746.13	111.13
T Littley	Clerk	450.50	
Radford	Retention	406.08	60.48
Three Valleys Water	Meads Allotments	13.19	
	Coffee Tavern	48.61	
Cllr R Bagni	Chairman allowance	100.00	
Mr Bailey	Reimbursement	236.15	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,247.57</b>	<b>£171.61</b>

**INCOME**

Mr Bailey		
Lettings	Cottage Rent	188.00
EBS&SC	Coffee Tavern	142.00
Lloyds TSB	Loan	*
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*
	Interest	*
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£</b>

**BALANCES**

	at close of business	March 2005
Lloyds TSB		
Bank of Ireland	£*	
	£*	

Dated this                      day of                      2005