

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON Tuesday 10th May 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Cllr Janes

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Marriage nominated Cllr Beal, no other nominations, seconded by Cllr Heyland, unanimous. Cllr Beal accepted post of Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Bagni nominated Cllr Marriage, no other nominations, seconded by Cllr Hayes, unanimous. Cllr accepted the post of Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Details of committees and their members attached.

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
1041	Cllr Beal	Present
1041	Cllr Marriage	Present
1041	Cllr Heyland	Present

Nature of Interest

Cllr Beal – Treasurer of Youth Club.

Cllr Marriage – Secretary of Sports & Social Club.

Cllr Heyland – Neighbour of Planning application SB-TP-05-0406.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

E-mail from Malcolm Griffiths, Chair of Governors of EBLs informing the Council about the reconstitution of the governing body. Malcolm proposes that the LEA cede one of its LEA posts on the governing body to the Parish Council. The P.C. will await the decision by LEA.

ACTION

Second point on same e-mail refers to a ground water pump located within the school grounds. It has been asked whether the P.C. have responsibility for this. Clerk to advise that the School approach Beds County Council.

Clerk

Letter of resignation from the Clerk. Clerk to place adverts within Focus and the local newspapers for replacement.

Clerk

Items placed in the circulation file:

- ? Chalk & Trees – Chilterns Conservation Board newsletter.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Licensing Sub Committee, 12/4.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive Committee, 12/4.
- ? Voluntary and Community Action – Newsletter.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Planning Committee meeting, 6/4.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 27/4.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Executive meeting, 12/4.
- ? SBDC – Notice of Council meeting, 26/4.
- ? Clerks & Councils Direct – Newspaper.
- ? Beds Bugle
- ? Local Council Review – Newspaper.
- ? SBDC – Council meeting agenda, 19/5.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

4/4/05 Parish Council meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

14/4/05 G.P. Committee meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

The agenda changed to allow members of the public to address the table;

Residents informed the P.C. of problems arising with the youths from the Billington traveller site. These include threatening behaviour and physical assault. Unwins off-licence are also experiencing similar problems.

Cllr Marriage read to the Cllrs a report from P.C. Nev. Johnson which details 53 crimes being reported within the village between 10/1/05 – 09/5/05. These include burglary, theft, criminal damage, offences against a person (assaults). P.C. Johnson states that he has been taken aback by these figures and is currently interrogating these with a view to identifying solutions.

The residents were advised that they should not hesitate to call 999 if problems keep arising and are of an emergency nature. Other contact numbers are P.C. Johnson mobile, 07768 177719, office number 01582 473409 or the call handling centre 01234 841212.

The P.C. agreed that the Clerk should write to MP Selous and Chief of Bedfordshire Police, Paul Hancock informing them of the serious incidents being experienced within the village.

Clerk

MATTERS ARISING:

Parish Rep. Standards Board: Due to personal reasons Cllr Heyland has withdrawn her nomination for representative on the Standards Committee.

Beds C.C. – Spring/Summer Surveys Dunstable Downs: Cllr Heyland has completed and returned the survey.

Licensing Laws/Coffee Tavern: Sue Norman has confirmed that providing alcohol is not sold on the premises no licence is required.

Meeting Summaries: No information received from Cllr Janes.

Kissing gate The Comp/Wallace Drive: Michelle Flynn of Beds C.C. has responded that she is not aware of any public right of way or link between The Comp and Wallace Drive. It was advised to contact South Beds planners. Clerk has emailed SBDC but no response yet.

Hedgerow –The Comp: Overhanging hedges will only be dealt with by Beds C.C. if it is an obstruction to walkers, horse riders and cyclists, a private vehicle owner would have to take this up with the householder as they are exercising a private right of way.

Manton Rd/Springfield Rd Hedgerow: Peter O'Reilly from RCS has confirmed that the hedge has been cut and there are no vision splay problems. Cllr Heyland stated that the problem lies with walkers unable to pass by freely. Clerk to contact Raynesway.

Clerk

School Visit: A new date has been set for Monday 23rd May at 9.15 a.m. for Cllrs to meet with the teachers.

Cllrs

Bench: Clerk has forwarded brochures to Cllr Pearson along with price lists for the residents to choose preferred option.

Cllr Pearson

The Rye – Traffic sensors: The Clerk has chased the Police for a response concerning monitoring dates. A response to Cllr Beal states that speed checks will be carried out.

The Rye Rec.: David Granger has attended to the hedgerow.

Allotments: Cllr Heyland has visited the site and confirms that the trough is suitable to provide water for all allotments. A tenant has requested that the allotment holders fund the installation of an extra pump. G.P. to discuss with the tenant. Clerk to inform.

G.P. Comm.
Clerk

Churchyard: The Clerk was authorised to instruct contractor up to a maximum of £500. The quote is for £595.00 +VAT. Agreed: Clerk to ask for quote to be broken down and itemised.

Clerk

DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

No items to report.

REPORT FROM THE G.P. COMMITTEE MEETING – 14/4/05:

Pro-forma for annual monitoring has been devised; these are to be completed by individual Cllrs and returned at the July meeting on an annual basis.

All Cllrs

A diagram has been completed for a height barrier to be installed at The Rye car park. Cllr Bagni proposed that subject to costs being within the Councils restraints, a barrier should be installed, seconded by Cllr Marriage, unanimous. Diagram to be finalised and sent through with details of manufacturers to the Clerk for tendering.

Cllrs
Marriage,
Pearson,
Hayes
Clerk

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC CALMING:

Further to minute's page 1015 whereby it is the County Councils intention to install 2 light speed indicators within each Parish, the P.C. will await the outcome of this decision.

REPORTS:

Eaton Bray Lower School: No items to report.

Youth Club: Cllr Beal reported that around £75 worth of tuck has been stolen from the Coffee Tavern. This has been reported to the Police. It appears that unknown persons have been gaining entry into the premises and breaking into the stock cupboard. G.P. Committee to discuss security measures. Cllr Bagni proposed that the Committee be allowed to spend up to a maximum of £100 for the purchasing of locks, seconded by Cllr Beal, unanimous.

G.P. Comm.

Sports & Social Club: Cllrs Marriage, Pearson and Hayes have met to discuss the dilapidation schedule and have formed A, B, & C categories for works to be completed. A further meeting will be held to discuss costings.

Cllrs
Marriage,
Pearson,
Hayes

With the lease due to expire in June 2005, a discussion was held concerning the best way to proceed forward with extending the lease. Cllr Windmill proposed that the Parish Council engages the services of the Solicitor to draw up a temporary lease arrangement for an 18 month period which will include a schedule of remedial works that the P.C. will provide and that such works will be carried out to the Councils satisfaction within the stated timescales, seconded by Cllr Hayes, unanimous.

Clerk

Clerk to update repayment figures and forward to Cllr Marriage.

Clerk

Village Hall: Cllr Marriage reported that the A.G.M. will be held on 16/5/05 which all residents are invited to attend. Phase 2 of the project will be funded entirely by the village hall and it's fundraising.

Motorcycles: Reports that motor cross events are being held on land by the by-pass into Billington. The noise from these vehicles can be heard throughout the village and also into Wellhead. Clerk to contact the Environmental Health at SBDC.

Clerk

NEXT AGENDA:

No new items to report.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following applications:

SB-TP-05-0406 Erection of single storey front & side extensions, Le Chimes, Manton Rd.

SB-TP-05-0437 Erection of single storey side extension, 10 Comp Gate.

District Council

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission;

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

SB-TP-05-0122 Retention of alterations to 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.

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

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

Notice of Approval of Reserved Matters;

SB-ARM-05-0007 Erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Rosebury Farm, Harling Rd.

Application Withdrawn;

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

Cllr Bagni proposed that the accounts for April be paid, seconded by Cllr Hayes, unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Windows (C.Tav)	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker (C.Tav)	83.33	
John Hopwood	Maintenance	111.76	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	115.50	
David Granger	Ground Maintenance	784.90	116.90
T Littley	Clerk	350.72	
British Gas	Coffee Tavern	101.33	15.50
Allianz & Cornhill	Insurance	2104.31	
Youth Club	2 nd Term cheque	1334.00	
PowerGen	Electric – C/ Tav	68.53	
D. Pearson	C/Tav Window repair	30.00	
M Beal	Photocopy and First Aid	23.99	
Gates Plumbing	C/Tav boiler service	58.75	
Bucks & River			
Ouzel drainage	Drainage rates	3.21	
Move All Services	Fly-tipping – The Rye	60.00	
	TOTAL	£5238.33	£132.40
INCOME			
Mr Bailey	Cottage Rent	235.00	
Lettings	Coffee Tavern	102.00	
EBS&SC	Loan	*	
Lloyds TSB	Interest	*	
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*	
S A Bates	Burial - Maskell	350.00	
Mrs Wheeler	Allotment rental	5.00	
Mr Cassidy	Allotment rental	5.00	
Customs & Exise	VAT repayment	6035.16	
	TOTAL	£	
BALANCES			
Lloyds TSB	at close of business		
Bank of Ireland		May 2005	
	£*		
	£*		

Dated this day of 2005

