

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Beal (In the chair)  
D Marriage  
M Heyland  
R Windmill  
R Bagni

**IN ATTENDANCE:** E Hopwood (Clerk)  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr & Mrs Brand Mill End Close residents

**APOLOGIES:** K Janes L Tribbick D Pearson B Piggott

**SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nature of Interest : No new declarations

**CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:**

Letter received from North Chilterns Trust with regard to a Parish survey on veteran trees. More details to follow.

Policing in Bedfordshire- Invitation to Councillors to discuss the Policing budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Clerk to request printout of figures and Community Liaison Officers feedback.

Leighton Linlade Town Council- Invitation to inaugural meeting of Green Infrastructure Working Group

Voluntary and Community Action South Beds-It was unanimously decided to continue with annual subscription of £12.50

South Beds District Council- The proposed new Alcohol Free zones in the High Street Eaton Bray have been designated by the District Council for approval.

Cllr. Bagni proposed Cllr Windmill seconded unanimous that these be approved. Clerk to return form.

Letter received from David Mann on behalf of the PCC to make arrangements for the payment of £500 annually to go towards the provision of the Youth Worker's salary. Clerk to request that payment is made to the PC in the first instance and then passed on to the youth club as the precept includes all youth club payments.

Letter received from Taverners Bridge Club advising the PC that they had lost several members due to the difficulties they had encountered with the Coffee Tavern staircase .As the PC is looking to improve access for people with disabilities costs for a stair lift are to be obtained along with advice from the Disability Resource Centre.

**ACTION**

Clerk

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## Items placed in the circulation file

- ? Standard of Conduct in English Local Government
- ? Local Council Review
- ? Heartlands Headlines
- ? Homewatch Guide
- ? London Luton Airport Community Newsletter
- ? Beds CC Chairmans Letter
- ? Clerk and Councils Direct Newsletter
- ?

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Parish Council meeting – 5-12-05 Page 1080 delete item 9 These were then signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

G.P.Committee meeting -13-12-05 – These were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

The agenda then changed to allow two local residents to address the meeting.

Mr & Mrs Brand had attended as new residents to the Village and requested details of ownership of land adjacent to their property and public rights of way.

They are delighted to be living in the Village after their recent move from London.

Mr Brand stated that he would be happy to become more involved with the PC and suggested that a welcome pack to new householders may be useful. He also mentioned how invaluable Focus magazine had been to him.

Cllr Beal advised that the PC is to hold regular surgeries, and Cllr Marriage is to contact the Church to enquire if they send out welcome packs.

The chairman thanked them for their attendance.

Cllr Marriage

## MATTERS ARISING:

Poppy Appeal- It was noted that Mr & Mrs Stanley had won an award for top fundraisers in the area. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Village Hall- Meetings are to be held this week with the contractor to discuss rectification works. Paperwork should then be completed by the end of January.

Golf Games Recreation Grounds- Clerk to clarify with Louise Ashmore at BATPC local byelaws and regulations.

Clerk

Bedfordshire Fire Protection- The new fire extinguisher recommended for the Coffee Tavern has now been put in place.

Coffee Tavern- A brick was thrown through the front windows breaking three panes and damaging the frame, this has been repaired and a crime number obtained. Clerk to ascertain if the cost can be claimed from Insurance.

Clerk

Nurseries Kissing Gate- Clerk to chase SBDC re ownership.

Clerk

## PUBLIC MEETS THE PC:

After the recent successful meeting with Parishioners, all items brought up were discussed With the following comments.

Commercial lorries have successfully been diverted away from the Village.

Speeding has become more of a problem in recent weeks, options are to be requested from the Road Safety Officers after asking advice of Neville Johnson Community Police Officer.

The PC is pro-active and has a 3 year financial plan in place

The High Street is soon to become an alcohol free zone.

Planning regulations are beyond the control of the PC

Dirt bike track not viable at present.

Having a locked gate at the Nurseries end of Recreation Ground would cause more problems than it would solve.

Dialogue with owners who have overgrown hedges has been successful.

Councillor Bagni proposed Councillor Marriage seconded unanimous that £200 be allocated to a budget for Christmas lights etc within the Village for 2006. Clerk to approach local businesses to ask for support with this.

The grass triangle at the Rye could be planted to make this area more attractive

**VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES:**

Councillor Marriage is at present a Village Hall Trustee. It was suggested that two Parish Councillors could hold this position.  
Councillor Marriage to request if another Councillor is required.

**WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN:**

Councillors Marriage & Pearson to meet face to face with the PCC to clarify the details of planting etc.in a less formal way.

**BATPC AFFILIATION:**

Councillor Bagni proposed seconded by Councillor Marriage agreed unanimously to continue with this.

Quality Council Status: Councillor Marriage proposed Councillor Heyland seconded unanimously agreed that at the present time quality status was unnecessary.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

Clerk has completed checklist. All Councillors to have copies.  
Contractor to be asked for price to raise canopies of trees alongside School Lane Rec path. and to cut the front hedge and infil gaps with Hawthorn at the Cemetery Bower Lane.  
The earth mound at the cemetery to be dealt with when the fence is moved.

**REPORTS:**

GP Committte:

Rye Car Park Barrier has now been ordered, work should be completed by the end of March.

Play Area Inspections: Awaiting quotes for repairs.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Marriage

Cllrs Marriage  
& Pearson

Clerk

Clerk

Gateways & The Rye Triangle: Councillor Marriage to obtain application form from Rotary Club for grant, and to speak to Rye Nurseries to ask for help with planting.  
Clerk to ask Highways Department if permission is needed

Cllr Marriage  
Clerk

### **CLERKS REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that the new bin for Wallace Drive was due to be delivered within two to three weeks.

Details of legislation had been obtained from SBDC along with recommended contractors for Play Areas.

### **SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB:**

Steve Harris reported on Phase One dilapidations completed as follows:

- ? Changing room WC cistern
- ? External fire doors
- ? Internal doors
- ? Kitchen tiles
- ? Guttering
- ? Roof surface debris removed
- ? Some new ridge tiles on order, others to be rebedded.
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No costs had been incurred for these jobs so far.

The resealing of the floor and the Heating certificate would be done by January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Subject to weather conditions.

Councillor Marriage asked what was to be done in regard to the lease which expired on 19 December 2005

The lease has not yet been signed as land registry plan needs completion.  
He will fill in measurements and pass to Clerk to send to Solicitor.

Cllr Marriage  
Clerk

Cllr Marriage as secretary to the club was asked to confirm to the PC that Insurance is in place.

Cllr Marriage

Steve Harris gave projected figures for income for the next year. He feels that the club is holding its own and going in the right direction.

### **NEXT AGENDA:**

No items were raised

### **PLANNING:**

No objections were raised on the following applications:

TP/05/1337 Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension 4 Icknield Way Farm Cottages.

TP/05/1255 Erection of single storey side/rear extension and change of use amenity land for vehicular crossover.

TP/05/1289 Erection of replacement detached garage Grasmere Tring Road Dunstable

CED/05/1272 Continued use of land as builders yard The Ford Eaton Bray

Notice of Grant of Planning permission:

SB/TP/05/0955 Erection of timber shed 6 Richmond Court Eaton Bray

SB/TP/05/0983 Variation of condition 12 to allow temporary use of holiday cottage as a residential dwelling. Land rear of 38 The Rye Eaton Bray

SB/TP/05/0978 Erection of cattle building phase one and two. Kayric Harling Road Eaton Bray.

SB/TP/05/0886 Erection of rear conservatory and extension to form annexe 18 Moor End Eaton Bray

SB/TP04/1548 Continued use of premises for mixed use of nursery and retail sale of plants Rye Nurseries Eaton Bray.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission:

SB/TP/05/0838 Erection of ground and first floor extensions to provide a two storey detached dwelling and new detached double garage 39 Moor End Eaton Bray.

Councillor Marriage proposed that the accounts for December be paid seconded by Councillor Bagni agreed unanimously.