

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 10th May 2010 at The Coffee Tavern

PRESENT	Cllr D. Marriage (Chairman) Cllr J. Conner Cllr A. Garofall Cllr M. Hawkes	Cllr G. Johns Cllr D. Pearson Cllr R. Windmill
IN ATTENDANCE	Heidi Head (Clerk)	
ALSO PRESENT	General Public x1	
APOLOGIES	Cllr M. Heyland	

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Concerns were raised with regards to the grass cutting in The Rye Recreation Ground – the grass is not being cut back enough to ensure that the nettles etc. do not encroach onto the seating areas. Many benches in the area have nettles growing around them. In addition there seems to be an increase in fly-tipping in the recreation ground.

Concerns were raised to the state of Northall Road, around the Chiltern View site. It is very messy/untidy and is spoiling the area.

Concerns were raised with regards to the planning application submitted on the Five Bells site. There are conservation issues, over-development issues and this needs to be looked into further.

The Parish Council noted all comments and would look into those issues raised.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Final Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 6th May 2009

With the agreement of all present, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND ON-GOING

Chairman's Review of the Past Year and Plans for the Coming year

The last year has been busy. The Parish Council has completed the major project which was the **Skate & Ride**. The project was led by Cllr. Margret Hawkes backed up by other councillors and members of the public - both young & old! This was the largest project since the restoration of the Coffee Tavern back in 1994!

The Cemetery improvements continue to be led by Cllr. Joan Conner. Indeed we are now looking to extend the ground we have.

Much restoration of **the Conservation** area was achieved led by Trevor Moxey. Trevor has had to leave the Council due to health problems but we now have identified work which will be continued in this new year.

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The Allotments led by Cllr. Alan Garofall now have such a demand we are working to re-introduce the old allotments at the top of School Lane.

The Website this year with the help of Parish Clerk, Heidi and Theo Gray; the Parish Council Website has become truly live – indeed I have been told that it is one of the best Parish council Websites!

The Churchyard Flowerbeds – These has been completed by a team from the Parish Council, School and a member of the Public.

Last but not least **The Coffee Tavern Trustees** have worked very hard and the building has had more improvements the biggest being the Stair Lift, which you saw and maybe used on the way here. Cllr. Marion Heyland has retired as a Trustee recently, and we thank her for her work.

I have named just a few Councillors - **but ALL of the Parish Council** has worked very hard as a strong team in the usual support activities such as Roads, Footpaths, Planning and Streetlights.

This year we have **lost** Rick Brand and also Trevor Moxey who continues to help from the sidelines. We have **welcomed** Cllr. Gordon Johns.

We need to remember none of the above work would have been possible without the support we receive from our excellent **Parish Clerk, Heidi Head**.

I would like to record my thanks to the whole team.

**Cllr David Marriage,
Chairman of Eaton Bray Parish Council**

1. Cemetery

The Parish Council are in the process of upgrading all cemetery paperwork and burial records. There is a maintenance plan to ensure that the cemetery be kept in good condition at all times.

2. Coffee Tavern

There have been various improvements carried out this year. The Coffee Tavern is now accessible to all as: (i) a stair lift has been installed (ii) grab rails fitted in the ladies toilet (iii) users being made aware of the availability of a wheelchair ramp.

The Coffee Taverns has been re-decorated: (i) the large 1st floor meeting room (ii) the kitchen (iii) hall and stairs.

The PCC continue to use the small committee room as the church office

Enquiries have been made by Bedfordshire Police regarding the use of the Coffee Tavern as a rural office.

The cottage is let and there have been no problems this year.

3. Allotments

There has been improved cultivation of most allotments. The Parish Council are looking in more details at the procedure of eviction for holding tenants whose allotments are not being properly cultivated. A feasibility study is being done on additional allotment land in School Lane. The allotment, for the first time, will be taking part in the open gardens on Sunday 13th June 2010.

4. The Conservation Area/P3

Work to continue in this new year.

5. School Lane Recreation Ground Improvements

The Skate & Ride facility and additional seating has been a great success, with many young and older

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members of the parish using this facility.

6. Accounts for year ending 31st March 2010

The Clerk, as RFO, reported that parish council financial records are up to date and that draft year end accounts have been completed, ready for approval at the Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council on 11th May 2009. The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 4th May 2010, once approved by the Parish Council the accounts will be forwarded to the external auditors for 25th June 2010.

Approved

Signature:	Date:	
Print Name:		
Signed on behalf of Eaton Bray Parish Council		

Agreed

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Print Name:		
Signed on behalf of the Annual Parish Meeting		