

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 9th May 2011 at The Coffee Tavern

PRESENT	Cllr. M. Hawkes (Chairman) Cllr. J. Conner Cllr. A. Garofall Cllr. M. Heyland	Cllr. D. Pearson Cllr. B. Piggott Cllr. M. Simkins Cllr. R. Windmill
IN ATTENDANCE	Heidi Head (Clerk)	
ALSO PRESENT	General Public x2 Cllr. Marion Mustoe	
APOLOGIES	Cllr. G. Johns	

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

The Parish Council were asked when a full report of all residents' responses to the potential development of land at Bower Lane/Mill End close sent in to the council will be available for inspection. The Clerk confirmed that she is in the process of compiling this information and hopes to have it completed by the June Parish Council Meeting.

Concerns were raised with regards to 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. The Parish Council confirmed that the new Grounds Maintenance Contractor is aware of this problem and will be dealing with this matter in due course. The Parish Council reiterated that the areas concerned needs to be kept to a certain depth for wildlife, but in a more controlled way.

The Parish Council was asked about the unused building [Changing Rooms/previously Sports & Social Club] in The Rye. The council confirmed that they have arranged for a detailed survey to be carried out. Once the report is received they will action accordingly

It was suggested that the parish should have a Friends of Eaton Bray (FoEB) group set-up in which villagers can contribute towards improvements within the parish. The council felt this was a good idea and recommended that if any interested residents would like to set up such a group to write to the Parish Council with their ideas.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Final Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 10th May 2010

With the agreement of all present, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND ON-GOING

Chairman's Comments

The Chairman wished to thank all the Parish Councillors, Clerk and many others who have worked for/with the Parish Council over the year.

All the work and support that everyone has given is much appreciated.

Cllr. Margret Hawkes
Chairman of Eaton Bray Parish Council

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1. Cemetery

The new Grounds Maintenance Contract has now been agreed, with the additional monthly minor works being continued for 2011. The front hedge of the cemetery is being cut back away from the public footpath and any undergrowth encroaching on the footpath will be cleared. Gaps in the hedge are to be filled with temporary fencing to allow the Whips to grow. Many of the cemetery boundary hedges have encroached onto burial land and this is something that the Parish Council will need to look at this year. The Parish Council have spoken with the Central Beds Council Planning Officer, who has made recommendations regarding the acquisition of extra burial land, the Parish Council is now in the process of looking at the options available. Basic transcripts of all the cemetery records have now been computerised.

2. Recreation Ground Improvements

Two new pieces of play equipment have been purchased for the children's play area in School Lane, with fitting to be arranged for later in the year. The Community Scheme will be utilised for the repainting of all the parish play equipment. The Parish Council are looking into creating a separate entrance to the School Lane Car Park for pedestrians. The Parish Council are looking into creating hard standing areas at the entrance into the Skate & Ride Bowl/seating area. An alternative surface for the bridge leading from School Lane Recreation Ground in to Holmans Field will need to be looked at, as the continual replacement of the current wooden sleepers is very costly.

3. Any other project for the coming year

The Parish Council are looking into the possible repositioning of the flagpole, currently sited in St. Mary's Church grounds.

The Parish Council will be looking at the options available for road safety in the parish, i.e. speed control, safer routes to school.

The Parish Council will be looking at priority work needed to trees within the parish.

4. 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 2011. The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 5th May 2011, once approved by the Parish Council the accounts will be forwarded to the external auditors for 8th July 2011.

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		