

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 6th May 2003 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllr M Heyland (In the chair)
D Marriage
R Bagni
K Janes
D Hayes
S Siddons
M Beal
D Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: T Litley (Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr Piggott, Colin Siddons, Peter Rollings, Shaun Haydon, Emma Hinton, 11 members of the Public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Windmill

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Beal nominated Cllr Heyland, seconded Cllr Janes. All in favour. Cllr Heyland accepted the post of Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Janes nominated Cllr Marriage, seconded Cllr Beal. All in favour. Cllr Marriage accepted the post of Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES: As per attached sheet.

PARISH REPRESENTATION ON STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

Following Cllr Heyland's term of office on the Committee, Cllr Heyland reported that parish representation is rotated and would be unlikely that Eaton Bray would be nominated this time.

EATON BRAY PARISH MAP BOARD:

The agenda was changed to allow Emma Hinton from the North Chilterns Trust to give a brief talk on this new project. The Trust and the P3 group are developing a parish map board. The project is likely to cost a few thousand, but Emma has identified funding sources for this and suggested that the P.C. would be in a better position to apply for this. The P3 group and the Trust would manage the project. Cllr Marriage proposed that the P.C. apply for funding from the 'Awards for All' and the 'Local Heritage Initiative' for the design, build and placement of 2 parish map boards, seconded by Cllr Beal, unanimous.

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
886	Cllr Bagni	Present
886	Cllr Siddons	Absent
886	Cllr Marriage	Present
886	Cllr Beal	Present
887	Cllr Bagni	Present

ACTION

Nature of Interest

Cllr Bagni – Member of Village Hall working party
Cllr Siddons – Husband Chairman of Village Hall Committee
Cllr Marriage – Secretary of Sports & Social Club
Cllr Beal – Youth Club Leader (The Coffee Tavern)
Cllr Bagni – Friend of planning permission applicant

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

Beds Police – A total of 0 people were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit between 1st January and 31st March. It was felt that the timings of the Police attendance were not appropriate.

Letter from a resident complaining about youths racing motorbikes along the bridle track from Comp Farm. The letter suggested that the farmer was encouraging these activities. Cllr Heyland to contact the farmer.

Cllr Heyland

Letter from a resident of Mill End Close concerned with overgrown trees to the rear of their property. The tree warden has visited the site, and the trees in question do not belong to the P.C. The tree warden did point out that the particular pathway is being used as a dumping ground for all sorts of waste. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the residents to request that the dumping is stopped.

Clerk

E-mail from Anne Cox of the Leighton Buzzard Observer confirming that the article regarding the opening of the trim trail and the benefactors did include the Parish Council.

E-mail received from a resident of Saffron Rise thanking the Parish Council for organising the pruning of the trees at School Lane Recreation Ground.

Notification of application for grant of a new Justices' restaurant license in respect of Café Masala, 63 Bower Lane, (formerly Hope & Anchor). Plans of the premises will be forwarded.

A letter received from a resident concerned with the proposed telecommunication masts along The Comp and Chalky Lane. Clerk has responded.

Items placed in the circulation file;

- Bedfordshire Newspaper.
- Countryside Agency Publication – Parish Plans – guidance for town & parish Councils.
- Beds R.C.C. – Seminar – Future of the Lanes, 21st June, Rufus Centre.
- SBDC – Meeting of the Council, 22nd April.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Planning & Licensing, 24th April.
- Beds County Council – Town & Parish Council Highway Maintenance Partnership Scheme 2003/2004.
- B.P.F.A. – Newsletter.
- Local Council Review – Newspaper.
- Defra – Chilterns ANOB conservation board consultation on establishment order.
- South Beds if V.O. – Training sessions.
- The Chilterns C.B. – Newsletter.
- Beds Bugle – Newspaper.
- Clerks & Councils Direct.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

7/4/03 – P.C. Meeting -These were signed as a true record of that meeting.
22/4/03 – G.P Committee Meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.
28/4/03 – Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Following a training session that the Clerk attended, she reported to the P.C. that each month the accounts be resolved to be paid.

MATTERS ARISING:

Moor End Triangle: The tree warden has completed the works.

Mill End Close & Parish Council Land: The Clerk has been in contact with the Solicitor at SBDC, he has recommended to submit a land registry application for clarification. Clerk has requested this.

Clerk

Litterbin: As yet the bin has not been delivered.

Kissing Gates: Cllr Marriage will be visiting the site with the Handyman to start works on the gates.

Bower Lane Cemetery: Cllr Bagni has attended to the memorial garden.

Monsoon Restaurant: As in the A.P.M., Cllr Piggott has agreed to deal with this.

Cllr Piggott

Roundels: BABTIE have sent the order to the contractor for the roundels to be redone.

REPORT FROM THE G.P COMMITTEE MEETING- 22/4/03:

Questions were raised regarding the list of assets, the Clerk has identified items, which are not assets, and can therefore be omitted. The Clerk has obtained a quote for cover on extra items that the PC has purchased, and for play equipment at The Rye which was not covered. The quote being £84.42 per annum with vandalism cover, Cllr Marriage proposed that this amount was paid, seconded by Cllr Bagni, unanimous. The Youth Club does have insurance cover, but will need to look at cover for the TV, which is not locked up. It has been advised from Beds County Council that the speed sensors are considered to be old fashioned, and would strongly advise not spending huge amounts of money on them if they become faulty. They recommend speaking to Beds Police, agreed: Clerk to write to the Police asking how long they will continue to use this type of sensor.

Clerk

DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

It was reported to Cllr Piggott that a couple of streetlights along the High Street are out, and a concrete manhole cover also along the High Street is faulty.

Cllr Piggott picked up on the issue concerning the youths on motorbikes along the bridleway, and suggested that the byelaws are checked, as motorised vehicles may be allowed along that particular route.

Cllr Janes reported that he has moved from the District Planning Committee to the

Licensing Committee.

THE VILLAGE HALL:

Cllr Bagni proposed that the Parish Council apply for the 65K loan, seconded by Cllr Janes, 4 voted for, 1 against, 2 abstained.

A letter from Colin Siddons and the Trustees was read out, which thanked the P.C. for their support and asked for confirmation of draw down of the monies. It included the availability of the hall accounts and builders costs, and requested the names and contacts of the Cllrs elected for the Village Hall working party.

The P.C. were supplied with an 'appendix a', listing requirements that Cllr Hayes has compiled and that the PC should give serious consideration to. Agreed: The working party to discuss the 'appendix a' and to report back to the P.C.

Cllr Marriage proposed that the combined working group meet within the next 4 weeks and to bring back to the next P.C. meeting evidence to clear number 5 of the appendix a, seconded by Cllr Bagni, unanimous.

Amendment: Also that the funding that has been ratified for the refurbishment and to the availability of those funds, seconded by Cllr Bagni, unanimous.

Bills of quantity and specification to be assured of their availability.

THE COFFEE TAVERN:

In view of the Village Hall, it was felt not relevant to discuss the potential sale of The Coffee Tavern. It was raised that the Trustees still need to know how to manage and run the Charity. The Chairman felt that due to many other issues needing discussion, the agenda item of The Coffee Tavern should be deferred.

REPORTS:

School Lane Rec./Holman's Field: Dealt with in Matters Arising.

Youth Club: The Club is still trying to recruit a leader. There has been some local interest, which Cllr Beal will report on once firm negotiations have been achieved. If not successful further advertising will ensue.

Sports & Social Club: The club re-opened on 4/5/03, although insurance monies have not been authorised to date.

P.A.I.N. London Luton Airport: Nothing to report.

Eaton Bray Lower School: Cllr Hayes reported that the school fete would take place on 7/6/03.

NEXT AGENGA:

No additional items raised.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following applications;

- SB-LB-03-0020 Installation of secondary double glazing units to all windows, Ryecote Farm, The Rye.
- SB-TP-03-0328 Erection of part two storey/part single storey rear extension and single storey front extension, 29 The Comp.
- SB-TP-03-0386 Erection of conservatory to rear, 30 Wallace Drive.
- SB-TP-03-0391 Erection of roof extension with side and rear facing dormers, single side Extension and rear conservatory, 36a Totternhoe Road.

Objections were raised on the following application due to the original planning permission being that the occupant lived on the premises and worked the nursery.

- SB-TP-03-0368 Removal of condition 4 of planning permission SB/TP/93/0407, Hollybrook, The Rye.

The Parish Council would question the overdevelopment of this property.

- SB-TP-03-0385 Loft conversion with front and rear facing dormers, 1 The Cottages, Icknield Way Farm, Tring Road.

Objections were raised concerned with whether the surrounding residents have been consulted, and the concern with starting a precedence.

- SB-CED- 03-0005 Use of land and building to rear for business purposes, The Chalet, Church Lane.

The District Council

Notice of Public Path Order – Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Section 257 and paragraph 1 of schedule 14. The SBDC (footpath no.3 Eaton Bray) Public path diversion order no.1/2003.

District Council have granted consent on the following applications:

- SB-LB-03-0011 Erection of conservatory to rear, Ryecote Farm, The Rye.
- SB-LB-03-0010 Erection of single storey side extension, Moor End Farm House.

District Council have granted permission on the following applications:

- SB-TP-03-0152 Erection of single rear extension and loft conversion (amended scheme), The Lea, Springfield Rd.
- SB-TP-03-0160 Erection of front porch, 1 Church Lane.

District Council have refused to grant permission on the following application:

- SB-TP-03-0097 Erection of conservatory to rear, Ryecote Farm, The Rye.

Cllr Bagni proposed that the accounts for April 2003 be paid, seconded by Cllr Beal, Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS: MAY

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Window Cleaning	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker	83.33	
D Granger	Ground Maintenance	746.13	
Clerk	Clerk	499.33	
John Hopwood	Handyman	63.52	
British Gas	Coffee Tavern	141.14	
TXU Energi	Coffee Tavern	33.19	
Centrewire	Kissing gates	421.11	
Youth Club	2nd Term Cheque	1334.00	
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	1670.35	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	30.38	
Allianz Cornhill	Added items	84.42	

TOTAL £

INCOME

Mr Bailey	Rent	184.00
Coffee Tavern	Lettings	60.00
Lloyds TSB	Interest	*
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*
EBS&SC	Loan	*
Mrs Wheeler	Allotment (part year)	2.50
Youth Club	Hall Hire	150.00
HM Customs & Ex.	VAT repayment	2401.75

£

TOTAL

BALANCES Close of Business April 2003

Lloyds TSB	£*
Bank of Ireland	£*

Dated this day of 2003