

MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 7th
April 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)

ALSO PRESENT: Norman Lee & Colin Siddons – V.H. Committee. Peter Rollings – Tree Warden and 4 members of the Public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Heyland

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
875/876	Cllr Bagni	Present
873	Cllr Bagni	Present
875/876	Cllr Siddons	Present
875	Cllr Marriage	Absent
876	Cllr Marriage	Present
875	Cllr Beal	Present

ACTION

Nature of Interest

Cllr Bagni – Member of Village Hall working party.
Cllr Bagni – Member of Eaton Bray Tennis Club.
Cllr Siddons – Husband Chairman of Village Hall Committee.
Cllr Marriage – Chairman (Chairman’s Allowance).
Cllr Marriage – Secretary of Sports & Social Club.
Cllr Beal – Youth Club Leader (The Coffee Tavern).

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

Synergy Mast – A letter informing the Parish Council that Hutchinson has withdrawn the proposed scheme.

Parish Representation on the Standards Committee – Cllr Heyland’s term will finish on 9th July. Beds R.C.C. are seeking nominations for a Parish Councillor to serve a 2-year term. Item to be held over until the next P.C. meeting.

A thank you letter from the Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club and update, the floodlights are now up and operational. A ‘Play Tennis’ day has been arranged for Saturday 3rd May, for existing and non-members. (In circulation file).

The following were placed in the circulation file:

- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Executive Committee, 11th March.
- Local Council Review – Newspaper.
- Beds Bugle – Newsletter.

- Clerks & Councils Direct – Newspaper.
- Defra –Chilterns AONB Conservation Board Consultation on Establishment Order. Plus addendum.
- Amendments to Standing Orders – Cllrs to amend their documents.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Rural Management Comm. 19th March.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Local Governance Overview & Scrutiny Comm. 20th March.
- CPRE – Communities not concrete campaign.
- Beds County Council – Budget Consultation 2003/2004 – Feedback.
- Beds County Council – New powers for stopping up and diverting public footpath and bridleways for purposes of crime prevention.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Planning & Licensing Committee, 26th March.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Executive Committee, 25th March.
- Working together for Beds – Community Planning in Beds.
- Defra – The ‘Quality’ Town & Parish Council Initiative.
- Beds County Council Community Fund 2003.
- Beds Drug Action Team – A guide to services in Beds.
- SBDC – Notice of Meeting – Executive Committee, 8th April.
- SBDC – Inform action magazine.
- Voluntary Voices – magazine.
- P3 Group – List of activities and update of map boards.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

3/3/03 – P.C. Meeting – Page 870 – Remove ‘questionable behaviour’ add ‘action’.
These were then signed as a true record of that meeting.

25/3/03 – G.P. Committee Meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

CLERK’S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that the annual return for 2001/2002 has now been returned with the signed audit certificate and opinion. The opinion being that the statement of accounts has been prepared on a receipts & payments basis, instead of an income & expenditure basis as stated on the form. The Clerk requested that a resolution was passed to appoint again Mr R Foster as internal auditor for year ending 2003. Proposed by Cllr Marriage, seconded by Cllr Janes, 5 in favour, 1 abstained.

MATTERS ARISING:

Litterbin – Wallace Drive/High St.: Following the G.P. Committee meeting, the Clerk has now ordered the chosen bin, with a delivery time of 3-4 weeks. The P.C. thanked Cllr Hayes for his contribution in this project. (See also G.P. report, page 875).

New Bench – Knights Close: Fenland have confirmed that the screws have been changed on the plaque. Clerk has inspected and the cheque been released.

Tree – Mill End Close: Clerk has inspected tree and released cheque.

Telecommunications Masts: The Rye - Planning Application (see planning). The Comp – Synergy have now withdrawn this proposal.

Ground Maintenance – Winter works: The hedge at the cemetery, Trees at The Rye have been completed satisfactorily by David Granger. The handyman has cleared rubbish away from Mill End Close footpath. Peter Rollings to still attend to Moor End triangle, Clerk to chase.

Clerk

Mill End Close & Parish Council Land: Clerk to chase Solicitor at SBDC for confirmation of boundaries.

Clerk

School Lane/Holman's Field: The contractor will be starting works around the 14th April.

REPORT FROM THE G.P. COMMITTEE MEETING – 25/03/03:

Litter Bin: Now ordered, 3-4 week delivery. Due to increase of prices for 2003, the bin will now cost £27.00 over budget, agreed by Cllrs Marriage and Hayes.

Kissing Gates: The Clerk has confirmed with the manufacturers that each gate will cost £145.00 plus VAT and delivery. Delivery time 3-4 weeks. John Hopwood – Handy person has agreed to install these. Clerk to obtain a plan view of the design of the gateposts to ascertain how they will be installed. The contractor for the footpath will be asked to tarmac up to and including the area where the gate is to be installed. A site visit by a member of the Council when the contractor commences works is needed.

Clerk

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:

Cllr Beal proposed that the Chairman's Allowance be £60 for the year, seconded by Cllr Siddons, unanimous decision.

DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

Cllr Janes reported that the Rural Management Committee have some funds available left from last year. Cllr Janes will obtain more information after he has attended the next Committee meeting.

THE COFFEE TAVERN:

Cllr Marriage informed the P.C. that correspondence has now been received from the Solicitors. A brief summary was given, full documents will be circulated to all Cllrs.

The first letter details the running of the Charity including management, trustees, meetings and accounts. The idea of possibly selling the property including whose decision it would be, procedure to adopt if that decision is made and how to involve the public opinion in that decision. The second letter, being a draft for the application for the making of a scheme.

Following a discussion Cllr Janes proposed that the P.C. voted for whether the P.C. were in support of the potential sale of The Coffee Tavern, seconded by Cllr Hayes.

Amendment: Cllr Beal proposed that the questions to be answered by the Solicitor, 1. To define and clarify this Charity's 'Permanent Endowment'. 2. To define and clarify how the proceeds from any potential sale are to be spent. Following receipt of the above, an extraordinary meeting to be arranged with the Village Hall Committee and possibly the Solicitor to then decide the next course of action. Seconded by Cllr Bagni, 6 in favour, 1 against. Clerk to instruct Solicitor to obtain answers to the above questions.

Cllr Janes withdrew his proposal.

THE VILLAGE HALL:

Cllr Bagni reported that following the V.H. Trustee meeting, the working party for the new village hall has been disbanded, and a new working party for the refurbished hall is to be set up. The P.C. to vote at the May meeting whether they wish Cllr Bagni to carry on as representative for the P.C. on the V.H. Committee.

An extension of 6 months has been granted on the lease of the hall. Following this if there

is no action plan in place the hall may revert back to the church.

Architect: A quote has been received from the architect for the specifications required, this being £19k. The P.C. had agreed an amount of upto £5k. Agreed: Cllrs Windmill and Hayes to review the specifications, keeping to the £5k limit but still obtaining adequate information. This to be returned to the Hall Committee for a requote.

Clerk

Cllr Marriage will represent the Parish Council at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Cllr
Marriage

REPORTS:

Allotments: David Granger has recommended that the vacant allotment plots, be sprayed with roundup about 4 times over the summer months, to prevent a build up of weeds and grass. Following the project of last year whereby a substantial amount of work was completed on the allotments, it was proposed by Cllr Bagni that a cost of £180 be spent on keeping the plots tidy, seconded by Cllr Janes, 6 in favour, 2 abstained. Clerk to inform.

Clerk

Youth Club: Cllr Beal reported that following a staff meeting a new program of events for the new term has been devised. A Code of Practice for Youth Workers has been formulated. The Club are hoping to enter a float in this year's Carnival. An advert in Focus for the position of Youth Club Leader has not seen any response. Cllr Marriage proposed that a sum of £100 be spent on advertising as necessary, seconded by Cllr Janes, unanimous decision.

Condolences were passed onto Peter Rollings at his sad loss of a family member.

Sports & Social Club: Cllr Marriage reported that works on the Club have started again with the electricians. There could be a potential problem with the insurance company, but in the meantime the Club's Treasurer has taken out a personal loan to pay for current works. An abandoned van full of fridges has been dumped in the car park; Cllr Janes has said he will chase up to get it removed.

Cllr Janes

P.A.I.N. London Luton Airport: Cllr Beal reported that following a P.A.I.N. meeting it appears London Luton Airport will be the last airport to be developed if at all. Although passenger numbers could still increase. Night flights have been reduced, and reports of odd flying patterns, a document to be released on this. Luton airport are proposing radical changes to the Consultative Committee. A website for P.A.I.N. will be set up. A brochure 'The Future Development of Air Transport in the U.K. – South East – Second Edition' has been placed in the circulation file.

Eaton Bray Lower School: A statement from Mrs R Jacklin regarding the playgroup and that there is no funding available from the Government for relocating the group to the school.

Cllr Marriage and Hayes attended the grand opening of the 'Trim Trail' at the School. It was reported that an article in the newspapers listing the benefactors of the trim trail did not include a mention of Eaton Bray Parish Council.

St Mary's Grounds: The damaged wall has now been rebuilt.

Bower Lane Cemetery: Cllr Bagni reported of a complaint from a resident that the memorial garden is looking untidy and overgrown. Cllr Bagni has agreed to attend to this.

Cllr Bagni

The Monsoon Indian Restaurant: Cllr Bagni reported that the fencing around the restaurant has incorporated the Harling Road sign behind it. Cllr Janes will look into this and report back to the P.C.

Cllr Janes

Roundels: The new 30mph road roundels are wearing away already, the Clerk has reported this to BABTIE. Clerk to chase. Cllr Janes has agreed to look into obtaining details of specialised roundels, which flash at speeding motorists.

Clerk
Cllr Janes

Website: Cllr Marriage reported that the Clerk has a new website address for Eaton Bray Village in which to forward details of the Parish Council minutes.

NEXT AGENDA:

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May. Cllr Marriage informed the P.C. that he would be standing down as Chairman.

PLANNING:

The P.C. objected to the current position of the tower and believes a better location would be closer to the sewerage farm. The P.C. has received information from a knowledgeable resident and believes this position to be technically possible.

SB-TP-03-0189 Installation of a 25m lattice tower and associated development within a Compound of 14m x 10m, land off The Rye.

The P.C. objected to the proposal at 56 Totternhoe Road, as being overdeveloped, and too close to a listed building.

SB-LB-03-0019 Erection of replacement detached barn, The Old House, 56 Totternhoe Road.

SB-TP-03-0301 Erection of replacement detached barn, The Old House, 56 Totternhoe Road.

The P.C. objected to the overdevelopment on greenbelt land.

SB-TP-03-0286 Erection of one detached dwelling (outline), 18 Moor End.

No objection was made on the following applications;

SB-TP-03-0221 Change of use from one dwelling to two, 33 Northall Rd.

SB-TP-03-0283 Loft conversion with rear facing dormer and velux windows to front and side, 9 Medley Close.

SB-TRE-03-0299 Felling of one tree, Orchard End, Dyers Road.

District Council have granted permission on the following applications:

SB-TP-03-0069 Erection of single and two storey front extension, and single storey rear rear extension, 41 Wallace Drive.

SB-TP-03-0095 Erection of single storey side extension, Moor End Farm House.

SB-TP-03-0013 Erection of single storey rear extension with first floor balcony, Melford House, 4 Market Square.

SBDC – Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 4/2003 – Land at Doolittle Lane.

ACCOUNTS:

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Window Cleaning	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker	83.33	
	(materials)	1.98	
John Hopwood	Handyman	107.10	
D Granger	School Lane Trees	1320.47	196.67
D Granger	Ground Maintenance	746.13	
D Granger	Mill End Close	155.00	27.13
	fencing tender		
D Granger	Trees – The Rye		
	Hedge - Cemetery	564.00	84.00
T Littley	Clerk		
Beds R.C.C.	Meeting notices		
SBDC	Rates - Cemetery	3.33	
Lubbock Fine	Auditors	8.82	
Three Valleys	Burial Ground	411.25	
		47.00	
D Pearson	Coffee Tavern	208.00	
	repairs		

TOTAL £

* Info not rec'd,
final minutes
correct.

INCOME

Mr Bailey			
Coffee Tavern	Rent	230.00	
Lloyds TSB	Lettings	362.00	
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*	
EBS&SC	Interest	*	
SA Bates	Loan	*	
	Burial – Fosh	25.00	
Mr K Fosh	Grave reservation	35.00	
Co-op Funeral	Burial - Rollings	250.00	

TOTAL £

BALANCES**Close of Business****March 2003**

Lloyds TSB	£*
Bank of Ireland	£*

Dated this day of 2003