

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
Monday 10 May 2004 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllr M Heyland (In the chair)
R Bagni
L Tribbick
D Hayes
M Beal
D Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Piggott, Peter Rollings and 4 Member of the Public.

ALSO PRESENT: T Littley (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Marriage, Janes and Windmill

MATTERS ARISING:

Traffic calming: G.P. Committee considered ways to utilise the Griffin Award monies, which included additional 30 mph signs painted or signs at the side of the road. None of the ideas suggested are viable according to Highways.

Village Hall: £85k has been pledged to the Village Hall. The P.C. will borrow £55k and the remaining £30k will be from allocated funds. Concern was raised that a total of £100k will have been spent once the loan is repaid.

Allotments: Advertisements were placed on the notice boards to create awareness of the allotments, 16 out of the 26 plots are now occupied.

The Rye Car Park: Tenders for the upgrade of the car park were opened at the April P.C. meeting. The G.P. Committee have been reviewing these. Two of these tenders exceeded the budget allocated for the upgrade and one quote came in closer to the original target. Once satisfactory references have been obtained pertaining to this contractor and order will be made. Queries were raised as to why the original budget allowance of £20k was reduced to £15k. Cllrs with knowledge of this area felt that a satisfactory job could be obtained with £15k.

Standards Committee: Cllr Heyland as representative of the Standards Committee reported that due to Government Legislation the Committee is having to tighten up on the Code of Conduct and Cllrs are to become ever more careful concerning their own conduct.

SEATING AT MOOR END BUS SHELTER:

Some while ago the seat had become vandalised which resulted in John Hopwood – Maintenance man, having to remove the seat and concrete pillars, resulting in there being no seat within the bus shelter. The query was whether it was necessary to replace this. Comments from the members of public attending the meeting reported that several elderly people have remarked on this and would request that the seat is

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replaced. The G.P. Committee to consider this at their next meeting and report back to the P.C. meeting.

G.P. Comm.

OPEN FORUM:

Bower Lane 30mph road sign: The road sign leaving the village has been turned which does not allow for drivers to see it properly. Clerk to contact Beds C.C. and request that the sign is secured so not allowing for any movement.

Clerk

Policing Level: Reports of youths jumping into back gardens assessing contents of sheds etc. raised the concern over the policing levels within the village. The Clerk confirmed that the new beat officer PC Neville Johnson will be attending the May P.C. meeting to introduce himself. It was felt that Police attendance and that of PCSO's has slightly improved with regular sightings of patrols.

Programme of Sports Pitch Maintenance: A query was raised as to whether the P.C. had in place any agreement for the upkeep of the football pitch on The Rye. There has been no maintenance for some years. It was agreed that recommendations could be sought from the footballers and the Sports & Social Club as to how best achieve a suitable programme of care. Clerk to contact Cllr Marriage – Secretary Sports & Social Club, to raise this issue at their next meeting which takes place this week. The P.C. to discuss further at their June P.C. meeting.

Clerk
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The Rye/Totternhoe Road Junction: This particular junction can be extremely dangerous due to reduced visibility of oncoming traffic. Suggestions were that Beds C.C. were approached and asked to install a 'T' junction. The P.C. to further discuss at their next meeting.

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The Focus Magazine: Issues raised were that the advertisement for the P.C. meeting of May was stated 3 May 04, and not 11 May 04. There was no advertisement in the May edition for the Annual Parish Meeting. In the 'village diaries' section there is never a mention of the date for the P.C. meetings. The P.C. to discuss further at their next meeting.

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Church Lane resident: A planning application which was approved for extension works to a property located next to the allotments has raised an issue for the resident. Anglian water has requested that should access to the main sewage be needed, this access can only be obtained through the allotments. The Clerk asked that the information be forwarded in order that the P.C. can discuss this under agenda item, Planning at their May meeting.

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The Meads Bus Shelter: Reports that youths are still loitering around the shelter causing a nuisance, and leaving litter. A request that a bin be installed in this area. The P.C. to discuss at their May meeting.

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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2004:

The Annual Return form has not been received. The accounts have been finalised and the Clerk issued the Cllrs with copies for review. A query was raised as to where the payment for St Mary's wall was included. The Clerk stated that this payment had been made in 2002/2003, but was asked to confirm this for next meeting. Concerns were also raised as to regards the low projected cash in bank at the end of 2004/2005. A strict budget control must be adopted for the current financial year. A recommendation by Cllr Piggott was that a 3 year forecast be put into place.

Clerk

Once the annual return form is received, the Clerk will contact the Internal Auditor for preparation. The accounts from financial year 2004/2005 show the Coffee Tavern being separate.

Defer signing off of the accounts until the return is received and completed.

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Dated this day of 2004