

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Monday 4th April 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: T Littley (Clerk)
ALSO PRESENT: Fran Barnes – Youth Club

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Windmill and Tribbick

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number	Member declaring Interest	Present or Absent during discussion
1033	Cllr Beal	Present

Nature of Interest

Youth Club Treasurer

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

SBDC – Parish representation on the Standards Committee. Cllr Heyland volunteered to be re-nominated. Clerk to complete paperwork.

Beds R.C.C. Affiliation fee of £374 due for 2005/06. Cllr Janes proposed that the membership be renewed, seconded by Cllr Marriage, unanimous.

Beds C.C. – Spring/Summer Surveys. Dunstable Downs. Cllr Heyland to complete.

Letter from MP Selous detailing the Conservative proposals to deal with the issue of unauthorised traveller encampments. Included in the circulation file.

Cllr Bagni raised the issue of licensing laws applicable to the Coffee Tavern. Clerk to contact Sue Norman. Cllr Janes will also forward information to the Clerk.

Items placed in the circulation file:

- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 16/3.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of meeting, Council, 24/2.
- ? Clerks & Councils Direct.
- ? Defra – Broadband.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Executive Committee, 22/3.
- ? SBDC – Information Reports, 03/05.
- ? SBDC – Grass cutting and weed spraying programme for 05/06.

ACTION

Clerk

Cllr Heyland

Clerk
Cllr Janes

- ? Highways – Rural Grass Cutting.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Rural Management Committee, 30/3.
- ? Beds Heartlands – Headlines.
- ? Damsons in Distress – Update.
- ? Defra – Quality Parishes and Parish Planning.
- ? SBDC – Notice of meeting, Planning Committee, 6/4.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee, 15/3.
- ? SBDC – Minutes of Executive Committee, 22/3.
- ? SBDC – Formal submission of the Draft South Beds Local Dev. Scheme.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

7/3/05 - Parish Council meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.
 17/3/05 - G.P. Committee meeting – These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

DISTRICT & COUNTY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

The Rye car park has been reported to SBDC with regards to fly-tipping.

Cllr Janes reported that he will be attending Planning, Rural Issues and Licensing Committee meetings. Summaries of these meetings will be forward to the Clerk for next meeting.

Cllr Janes

Cllr Marriage reported that the gate leading from The Comp to Wallace Drive does not allow for a pushchair to go through. Clerk to obtain information on ownership.

Clerk

Items for County:

Cllr Heyland reported that a complaint has been received regarding overhanging hedgerows along The Comp. Clerk to inform Michelle Flynn – Beds C.C.

Clerk

The hedgerow between Manton Road and Springfield Road has not been cut, Clerk to chase Highways.

Clerk

YOUTH CLUB:

Fran Barnes attended the meeting and reported that the Club has secured the help of another volunteer.

Issues with some youth's not paying sums have now been resolved and payment is now being received.

Also reported that the Club have applied and been successful in securing a grant from the Local Network Fund for an additional youth evening. This extra evening will be solely for the 14-17 year olds.

The Chairman and Councillors congratulated Fran and her team. Thanks were given for her efforts and commitment.

MATTERS ARISING:

School Visit: Cllr Heyland will arrange with Sue Hounslow another suitable date for a school visit by the Cllrs.

Cllr Heyland

<p><u>British Gas Maintenance:</u> Cllr Marriage proposed that a British Gas maintenance plan be taken out for the cottage for £16 per month, seconded by Cllr Hayes, unanimous. Clerk.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>Bench:</u> Clerk to obtain catalogues to issue to residents wishing to install a bench in School Lane.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>National Agreement for Clerks:</u> Clerk did not feel that further changes were necessary.</p>	
<p><u>SBDC:</u> Cllr Janes has chased for a 'No Ball Games' sign to be re-erected in Knights Close.</p>	
<p><u>Streetlights:</u> All faulty streetlights reported.</p>	
<p><u>The Rye – Traffic Sensors:</u> Further to the meeting held between the Police and Cllr Marriage, it has been agreed that the site is suitable for use. Clerk to ascertain when monitoring dates will occur.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>Bower Lane Cemetery:</u> A quote of £500 was received for the removal of soil/clay and vegetation. This will be deferred until next budget.</p>	
<p><u>Beds C.C. Carriageway Repairs:</u> Peter O'Reilly has informed the Clerk that all works discussed have been issued an order to commence.</p>	
<p><u>SBDC Planning:</u> E-mail received from Planning & Economy explains that all applications are listed on the weekly applications report but if further plans are required for TD and CED this can be arranged.</p>	
<p><u>The Rye Rec:</u> Cllr Janes reported that where the hedges have been cut on the rec, areas have been missed where there are obstacles. Clerk to contact contractor.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>S.I.D.:</u> Reports of the S.I.D. project were issued to Cllrs for perusal. Cllr Beal reported that the outcome details and letter were sent to the Police, as no response was made Cllr Beal contacted them for more information on what action will be taken. Response was that a speeding problem is known but there are no plans at the present time to react to this. Traffic calming will be an agenda item for June 2005.</p>	
<p>G.P. COMMITTEE REPORT – 17/03/05:</p>	
<p>Skating facilities: No attendance by the correspondent. G.P. discussed suitability and potential funding. The Parish Council have decided to postpone subject.</p>	
<p>Sports & Social Club – Survey of dilapidation: Cllrs Marriage, Hayes and Pearson to liaise and arrange a meeting for discussion and plan of works.</p>	Cllrs Hayes, Marriage Cllr Pearson
<p>Council representative for meetings with St. Mary's Church will be Cllrs Pearson and Marriage.</p>	
<p>G.P. have recommended that the Parish be divided up into 9 sections in order that each Cllr can monitor items that need attention, i.e. road signs, pavements, hedgerows, footpaths etc. Cllr Beal will form a checklist to be issued to Cllrs.</p>	Cllr Beal
<p>RYE CAR PARK SECURITY – RE: FLY TIPPING:</p>	
<p>Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain information on height barriers for next meeting.</p>	Clerk

BURIAL PLOT RESERVATIONS – RESULTS OF PUBLIC RESPONSE:

1 letter of response has been received and that is in favour of allowing residents to be able to reserve specific plots. Further to talks on this subject Cllr Janes proposed that no reservations are to be allowed as the Parish is duty bound to provide burial plots for parishioners, seconded by Cllr Bagni,

Amendment

Cllr Pearson proposed that Parishioners be allowed to reserve plots for 10 years on a renewable basis, seconded by Cllr Beal

Vote for 2nd proposal: 3 in favour, 4 against

Vote for 1st proposal: 5 in favour, 2 against

Clerk to issue Focus with a statement.

Clerk

REPORTS:

Lower School: Cllr Heyland reported of a problem where a female dog walker allowed her dog to enter the school premises and foul the playground. Upon inspection there are no gaps in the boundary fence and would appear the dog entered through the opened gate. Cllr Heyland will recommend to the School that they install a return spring on the gate. Cllr Janes reported that for future reference the boundary fence belongs to County Council.

Cllr Heyland

Allotments: The Clerk had been asked by a tenant for a tap to be installed. The P.C. agreed that this would be unsuitable as hoses could be run from this. Cllr Heyland will inspect the site to ensure that the trough and ball valve is sufficient.

Cllr Heyland

Churchyard: Cllr proposed that the quote for remaining items to be completed within the churchyard (as per minutes pages 995/996) be instructed providing it is to a maximum of £500, seconded by Cllr Beal, unanimous. Clerk to verify quote and instruct contractor.

Clerk

NEXT AGENDA:

Date for the Annual Parish Meeting has been set as Monday 9th May, at 7.30 p.m.

Date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting has been set as Tuesday 10th May. At 7.30 p.m.

Both will be held in the Coffee Tavern.

No further agenda items reported.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following applications

SB-TP-05 0192 Erection of conservatory to rear, 79 Bower Lane.

SB-TP-05-0173 Erection of single storey rear extension, 31 Bower Lane.

SB-TP-05-0252 Erection of single storey side extension, 26 Moor End.

ACCOUNTS:

Cllr Beal proposed that the accounts for March were paid, seconded by Cllr Janes, unanimous.

PAYEE		AMOUNT	V.A.T.
Mr Hodge	Windows (C.Tax)	8.00	
Mrs Hignell	Caretaker (C.Tax)	83.33	
	Materials	21.19	
John Hopwood	Maintenance	76.44	
Inland Revenue	PAYE	21.56	
David Granger	Extra work - Millend	949.40	141.40
T Littley	Clerk	431.18	
Three Valleys Water	Burial Ground	55.00	
SBDC	Cemetery rates	10.86	
Beds R.C.C.	Affiliation fee 05/06	374.00	
	TOTAL	£2030.96	£141.40

INCOME

Mr Bailey	Cottage Rent	188.00
Lettings	Coffee Tavern	129.00
EBS&SC	Loan	*
Lloyds TSB	Interest	*
Bank of Ireland	Interest	*
EDF Energy	Wayleaves	38.10
	TOTAL	£

BALANCES

Lloyds TSB £
Bank of Ireland £

at close of business April 2005

Dated this day of 2005