MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th November at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr M Beal (In the chair)

R Windmill L Tribbick D Hayes D Pearson M Heyland K Janes

IN ATTENDANCE: E Hopwood (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: R. Bagni D. Marriage

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Page Number Member declaring Interest Present or Absent during discussion

Nature of Interest: No new declarations

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

A letter from the Galloway family regarding the Memorial bench placed in School Lane Recreation Ground was read out.

This had been vandalised on several occasions so the family have removed it before it was damaged beyond repair, it will then be placed in the School grounds where it can be cared for. Clerk to write to the family.

Clerk

A new tranche of designated alcohol free zones is being undertaken by SBDC. The PC has been asked to identify any areas for inclusion in this.

The High Street from The Three Corners to the Five Bells including the Market Square but not including the land leased to the Public Houses was put forward to be included in this.

Clerk

Bedfordshire School Review Documents were received and placed in the Circulation file.

The London Luton Airport Master Plan has been copied from the Website and placed in the Circulation file.

A letter received from Cllr Marriage requesting that the damaged posts from the S&SC car park that had been stored in his garden be sold to him for £30 as the Council had no further use for them. Unanimously agreed, Clerk to write.

Clerk

A response from the Driving Standards Agency after our request that they change or vary their Test Routes through the Village.

They are not able to remove the Village but have instructed their examiners to avoid Eaton Bray wherever possible.

The fence at School Lane Car Park damaged by a car is not included in the Councils Insurance.

This repair could be done at a minimum cost. The Handyperson to carry this out.

Notice of an appeal by Dunstable Waste Group re their Planning permission at Goswell Yard Billington.

Hearing date set for 10th January 2006 at County Hall 10am.

The Rural Community Charities are setting up a website that Parish Councils can link to.

Cllr Marriage

Police Force Restructuring is being proposed. A questionnaire was sent for completion. Clerk to copy to all Councillors, collate their responses and return.

Clerk

Clerk

A letter from Sue Hounslow Headteacher of the Lower School asks that members of the newly formed School Council meet with the Parish Councillors. Cllr Janes and Councillor Heyland to liaise with the School to arrange mutually convenient and appropriate date and time.

Cllrs Janes & Heyland

Items placed in the circulation file:

- ? SBDC Minutes of Executive 18 October 2005
- ? SBDC Minutes of Council Meeting 4 October 2005
- ? SBDC Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee 27 September 2005
- ? SBDC Executive Meeting Agenda
- ? SBDC Minutes Planning Committee 31 August 2005
- ? SBDC Minutes of Executive 27 September 2005
- ? SBDC-Notice of Executive Meeting 8 November 2005
- ? SBDC- Notice of Licensing Sub Committee Meeting 10 November 2005
- ? What's on in the Chilterns Newsletter
- ? The Playing Field Newsletter
- ? Voluntary & Community Action Annual Report
- ? Voluntary & Community Action Newsletter
- ? Chilterns Conservation Board Newsletter
- ? Aylesbury Vale Statement of Community Involvement (draft)
- ? Bedfordshire Bugle
- ? Beds C.C.Review of School Structures
- ? Brief on the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005
- ? Neighbourhood Policing Plan
- ? B:DAT Agenda of Meeting 10 November 2005

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

3/10/05- Parish Council Meeting Page1069 **delete** all debts paid **add** debts to Brewery paid. Page 1070 **delete** no objection to Planning applicationTP-05-0983 Variation of condition 12 38 The Rye. **Add** no objection only if this variation is used only for the present occupier and no other. These were then signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

13 October G.P. Committee Meeting – These were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Cllr Janes reported that several Planning Applications in the area had been turned down. He will find out more information for the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING;

Golf balls The Nurseries

Clerk to advise the resident that it is an offence to play golf on the Recreation Ground they should therefore contact the Police if they see this occurring. Also advised of the P Cs policy on trees for which the PC is responsible.

Clerk

Rye Car Park Barrier:

Two quotes had been received for this but it was felt that a new design was required and then further quotes to be obtained. Proposed by Cllr Beal seconded by Cllr Tribbick 4 votes in favour one abstention.

G.P. Committee

BOWER LANE CEMETERY:

Cllr Heyland had visited the cemetery and reported that the seat was covered in Lichen, the gate needed painting and the sign cleaning, Handyperson to clean bench and sign and repaint gate. Further works to be carried out in the Spring.

Cllr Tribbick had allowed money in this year's budget for moving the fence and relaying the path for the extension to burial plots, hopefully this could include filling in of the gap in the hawthorn hedge. This to be included in next February's agenda.

Clerk

PLANNING:

Cllr Hayes asked for designation of how Planning Sub- Committee works. It was suggested that the Clerk passes any Planning Applications to the Planning Committee. Chairperson before the P C meetings, so if further information is required it can be dealt with ready to put to the full Council Meeting. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead.

Clerk

Cllr Janes will request a County & SBDC Structure plan.

G.P. COMMITTEE:

Charity Commission paperwork has been completed and returned. The Parish Council are recorded as the corporate body trustees.

A selection has been made for a new vandal resistant bin for Wallace Drive. After the Insurance claim is made the balance may have to be funded by the P.C. Proposed by Cllr Janes seconded by Cllr Pearson unanimous. Clerk to order.

Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr Tribbick reported that the budget for 2006/7 and 2007/8 had been completed with 2008/9 forecast, but that this would be 'a very tight budget' enabling the PC to only do what they are obligated to do rather than having a wish list.

It was proposed by Cllr Janes seconded by Cllr Heyland that the precept be kept at £45,000 With a prediction for the same in 2007/8 unanimous. Clerk to inform SBDC.

Clerk

That this is a miniscule part of the council tax paid by the average council tax payer in the Parish was noted.

WAR MEMORIAL:

The War Memorial is being pressure washed before the Remembrance day services. Volunteers have been requested to clear the leaves from the area to leave it in a pristine condition on the day enabling us to honour those who lost their lives. The memorial bed has now been replanted.

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES:

After the yearly inspection was carried out it was recommended that a CO2 extinguisher be placed on the ground floor. Cllr Beal proposed Cllr Tribbick seconded unanimous that this be given the go ahead. Clerk to request.

Clerk

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

It was felt that the Contractor was not fulfilling his obligations, and that many areas were not being carried out as per the specification. Included in this were:

- ? The Pound
- ? Rye Recreation Ground hedge
- ? Cemetery bed not yet planted
- ? Mill End Close Trees
- ? Old Pond Shrubs
- ? Allotment hedges
- ? Perimeter School Lane Recreation Ground

Clerk

The Clerk to request a weekly job sheet and itemised bills.

CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS:

Quotes have been received for inspections of the play areas to comply with safety regulations.

Cllr Janes proposed Cllr Hayes seconded 4 in favour 1 against to request an inspection as soon as possible from ROSPA.

Clerk

It was also agreed to schedule annual inspections from now on.

NEXT AGENDA:

Invitation to be sent to Cllr Piggott asking him to attend to give a report. Clerk to write

Clerk

PLANNING:

No objection was raised on the following application

Listed Building Application:

LB-05-0987 Installation of additional double glazed window to north east elevation 7 Richmond Court

No objection was raised on the following application as long as the shed is no more than 4 metres high at the apex.

TP-05-0955 Erection of timber garden shed 6 Richmond Court

Objections were raised on the following application: Overdevelopment on green belt site.

TP-05-1101 Demolition of single storey rear extension and detached garage and erection Of two storey side extension and new detached garage. Robintrill Honeywick Lane

ACCOUNTS:

Cllr Janes proposed that the accounts for October be paid, seconded by Cllr Tribbick , unanimous.