

**MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Beal (In the chair)  
D Marriage  
M Heyland  
R Windmill  
R Bagni  
D Pearson  
K Janes  
D Hayes  
L Tribbick  
B Piggott

**IN ATTENDANCE:** E Hopwood (Clerk)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nigel Conroy: Trading Standards. Neville Johnson, Josh  
Tonkin Community Police Liaison Officers.  
SBDC representative. 28 Village Residents

**SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nature of Interest : No new declarations

**CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:**

An invitation to Councillors to attend the Beds CC Church Service. Details placed in circulation file.

A request for a memorial at Bower Lane cemetery had been requested from Geere & Company that exceeded the measurements laid down in the Parish Regulations. It was unanimously decided not to allow this on the grounds that it may set a precedent.

A letter was received from Eaton Bray Lawn Tennis Club requesting permission to access courts for resurfacing. Cllr Bagni left the room as he is Chairman of the Club.

The Council approved this in principle as long as a more detailed time frame is given and any damage to the surrounding area is reinstated to their satisfaction. Clerk to advise.

An invitation to participation workshops by Halcrow re: Luton Northern Bypass. Clerk to ascertain contractors access points.

The chairman advised that he will be away from 5<sup>th</sup> March until 7th April. Cllr Marriage as Vice Chairman will chair the meetings in his absence.

**Items placed in the circulation file**

- Bedfordshire Bugle
- Voluntary & Community Action Workshops
- The Playing Field Newsletter
- Chilterns Commons Newsletter
- SBDC – Planning Handbook

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- Beds CC- Making Bedfordshire Thrive
- Bedfordshire Heartlands Leaflet
- Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity events sheet
- Application Rotary Club Environmental Awards

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Parish Council meeting 09 01 2006 -Page 1086 alteration -add award collected on behalf of Eaton Bray. These were then signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

The agenda then changed to allow residents to voice their concerns about fly tipping in Northall Road.

They felt that problems had escalated of late and that SBDC were not fulfilling their commitments to this, several areas of the Road were now no go areas for pedestrians due to what they felt was hazardous waste. It was suggested that more street lighting would be beneficial and possibly cameras installed to catch those who left the waste.

A representative from SBDC was in attendance, he asked for more people to contact them directly, and advised that previous prosecutions were not a deterrent. Brian Piggott as County Council Representative then joined the meeting and was asked for his comments. He did not have any information with regard to monitoring and did not know when asked if there was additional funding allowed. He agreed to attend the next meeting to address these issues.

It was suggested that a mini agenda be put in place for the March meeting when managers will be invited to report to residents on finding solutions to these problems. A more coordinated policy is needed with stiffer penalties for offenders.

The telephone number for reporting fly tipping is **SBDC- 01582 474133** this to be put in Focus Magazine.

The agenda further changed to allow report from:

## **NIGEL CONROY: TRADING STANDARDS SPECIAL CONSTABLE.**

Nigel attended to advise the Council that he was a Special Constable assigned to the cold calling response team based at County Hall which was started in September to make Bedfordshire a no cold calling zone. So far 31 schemes were in place.

If a call is made the team will respond and confront cold callers and will escort them from the area if they are not legitimate, will check to see if contractors are working illegally or claiming benefit.

If this scheme is adopted in the Village tri signs will be erected in strategic positions and every household will receive a booklet and sticker with contact numbers.

It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this. Clerk to contact John Plater as distribution manager of Focus to request booklets be included in March issue.

The Chairman thanked Nigel and wished him every success with this new initiative.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE LIAISON OFFICERS:**

Neville Johnson and Josh Tonkin attended the meeting; Neville reported that 16 offences had been recorded in the Village in December.

He was in contact with Jeanette Kite re dispersal orders.

He had recently attended the Youth Club to security mark members mobile phones and

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advise on a street awareness scheme which would hopefully encourage youths not to offend. He had also completed static speed checks with two cautions given, and would do more of these when time allowed.

Josh introduced himself and the Chairman then thanked them for their attendance and continuing support.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Alcohol free zones:** Clerk has returned forms to SBDC

**Taverners Bridge Club:** Advice received from the Disability Resource Centre regarding stair lift in the Coffee Tavern. Clerk to ask for feedback from Club.

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**Golf Games Recreation Grounds:** GP Committee to check that a suitable clause is in place after comparison with model of byelaws received from BATPC.

GP Committee

**Wallace Drive Litter Bin:** Now in place.

**Coffee Tavern:** Costs for broken windows and frame could not be claimed from Insurance As the cost did not exceed the excess penalty.

**Nurseries Kissing Gate:** A price had been received from JGS Metalwork for these works Cllr Bagni proposed Cllr Marriage seconded unanimous that this go ahead. Clerk to request

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**Public meets the PC:** Speeding – A letter had been placed in Focus re speeding in the Village. The Council cannot reply personally but before this letter appeared Councillors had been in touch with PC Smith who had proved that one third of traffic exceeded the speed limit, some prosecutions had been made. He asked that more complaints be made directly to the Police by residents.

Barry Field at Beds CC was also contacted re traffic calming and flashing signs. Officers will come and walk the Village with the Councillors to advise and make recommendations.

Concerned residents should contact the Community Police Officers as follows

**Neville Johnson -01582 473418 mobile 07768177719**

**Josh Tonkin- 01582 473462**

**Village Hall Trustees:** This will be discussed at the AGM on March 27<sup>th</sup>

**War Memorial Garden:** A meeting had taken place with the PCC and the Rev. Grant It was stated that the bed did not now look very attractive. The following was agreed: Mid February review of design, Mid May lift covers check soil and dig over. Hopefully by mid June all planting will be completed. Review to take place in the Autumn.

**Play Area Inspections:** A quote has been received from Clements quote awaited from Wicksteed. GP Committee to deal with these.

GP Committee

#### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

Canopy School Lane Recreation Ground & Hawthorn infill Bower Lane Cemetery.

The quote received from the contractor was felt to be too high .Cllr Heyland offered to donate plants and Cllrs Pearson and Bagni will plant them at the Cemetery. Handyperson to trim overhanging trees.

Cllrs Bagni  
Pearson

#### **PUBLIC MEETS THE PC : DATES**

A date has been set for the next meeting it will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10am -12 noon

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Several Councillors have offered help. Clerk to display dates.

### **SCHOOL MEETS THE PC: DATES**

A date has now been set for this. February 23<sup>rd</sup> at lunchtime Clerk to advise School.  
Several Councillors to attend.

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### **ALLOTMENT WATER SUPPLY:**

A previous request by allotment holders was discussed again. Cllr Marriage proposed Cllr Tribbick seconded 4 in favour 2 against. Work to go ahead. Clerk to advise.

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**COFFEE TAVERN POWER SUPPLIER:** Savings could be made by changing supplier and paying bills by direct debit. Cllr Bagni proposed Cllr Tribbick seconded unanimous to go ahead with this.

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The agenda changed further to allow comments from Residents on a Planning Application in the Comp.

18 residents attended the meeting to voice serious concern about the following application, and gave letters to the PC.

SB/TP/2006/0053

Land off The Comp Eaton Bray -Change of use of Agricultural building and land to class B1(business ) and class B8 (storage and distribution)

This planning application included 17 parking spaces which were seen to indicate a high volume of traffic in a residential area. The residents put forward all of their concerns which included.

- This building was originally erected without Planning Permission
- Single Track Road with no footpath
- Road maintenance is paid for by residents
- This would set a dangerous precedent
- Inappropriate development in Green Belt land
- Egress onto a dangerous junction
- Blind egress for all residents
- No chance to enforce speed limit
- This is a bridleway with access for horses and pedestrians
- Excessive traffic in a residential area
- Environmental issues
- Used by school children
- -1 enforcement Order

Cllr Bagni proposed Cllr Windmill seconded unanimous that these were put forward to SBDC as reasons for objection to Planning Permission.

These were not emotive decisions but were based on consideration of acceptable Planning.

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One of the residents then asked if the work on the Nurseries Kissing gate was permanent. He was reassured that this was a trial and if problems occurred with nuisance it could be returned to its former state. He was asked to contact the PC if he had problems.

The following Planning Application was then discussed:

TP/06/0088 19 Greenways Eaton Bray Erection of two storey side extension

Objections were raised due to overdevelopment.

**REPORTS:**

**Village Welcome Pack:**

Richard Stroud had been contacted via the Church. The welcome pack is being updated and sent to all new residents.

**Sports & Social Club Lease:**

The draft lease has been received. Clarification of a few points is necessary. Signatories for the PC are to be Cllr Pearson and Cllr Beal and for the Club Mrs Harris and Mr Oxtoby.

**Handyman's tool kit:**

The handyman's tool kit to be checked by the Clerk and he is to be asked if any new tools or replacements are necessary.

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**NEXT AGENDA:**

Bower Lane Cemetery Fence

Fly Tipping Northall Road

**Councillor Ross Bagni:**

Councillor Bagni advised the Council that he would not be standing for re election in May. The Chairman said the PC would be sad to see him go as he had given 16 years to them with lots of very positive outcomes to his contributions.

**PLANNING:**

Notice of Grant OF Planning Permission

SB/TP/O5/1119 Erection of rear Conservatory 9 Northall Road

SB/TP/05/1117 Erection of single storey side extension Free Range Farm Doolittle Lane

SB/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

Notice of refusal of Planning Permission:

SB/TP/05/1149 Erection of single storey side extension The Paddocks Sringfield Road Wellhead.

Notice of Withdrawal of Planning Application

SB/TP/05/1176 Erection of detached cottage land adjacent to Salvation Army Chapel Booth Place.

Councillor Heyland proposed Cllr Beal seconded that the Accounts for January be paid Unanimous.