

MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 9th May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr M Beal (in the chair)
D Marriage
M Heyland
R Windmill
L Tribbick
D Pearson
J Connor
R Brand

IN ATTENDANCE: E Hopwood (Clerk)
ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Ken Janes 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Brian Piggott

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Marriage proposed, Cllr Pearson seconded, unanimous that Cllr Beal be elected as Chairman. Cllr Beal accepted.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Tribbick proposed, Cllr Beal seconded, unanimous that Cllr Marriage be elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Marriage accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Details of these attached.

SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nature of Interest : No new declarations

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Letter received from Julian Hicks regarding his ongoing concerns about speeding traffic spanning many years.

This is to be discussed in more detail at the next GP meeting.

Reply received from Neil O'Leary from Bedfordshire Highways confirming that the speeding loop sensors installed in the Rye would stay in place.

Letter from Driving Standards Agency re: learner lorries. They are powerless to enforce the areas that these driving schools use and can only ask that they vary the routes where possible.

Cllr Janes was asked if he had any comments, he recommended that the PC ask Beds Highways to reduce the weight limit of lorries using the Village to 7.5tons, but that enforcement may be difficult.

County Cllr Piggott to be asked for his input.

Letter from Macmillan Cancer Relief giving thanks for £50 donation.

GP Committee

Clerk

Information received re: Road closure Bower Lane this will take place 12-23 June.

Letter from Ross Bagni giving thanks for his leaving present from the Councillors on his retirement after 16 very successful years on the Parish Council.

Letter from Liz Hopwood resigning as Parish Clerk.

Items placed in the circulation file

- Voluntary & Community Action Newsletter
- London Luton Airport Monitoring Report
- Bedfordshire & Luton Fire & Rescue Service Report
- Chiltern Views Newsletter
- Beds CC Highways Report
- Local Council Review
- Bucks CC Questionnaire
- What's on in The Chilterns Newsletter
- Chilterns Conservation Board Invitation
- The Playing Field Newsletter
- Clerks & Councils Direct

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Parish Council meeting –April 3rd 2006 -These were signed as a true and accurate record of this meeting.

GP Committee meeting- 24 April 2006- These were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

District and County Representatives:

Cllr Janes reported that the Public Health Department of SBDC are to charge Beds CC For the remedial work to clear around the Northall Road Travellers site.

Work is ongoing to resolve this problem.

MATTERS ARISING:

Beds Highways Questionnaire:

Nothing yet received from Cllr Piggott.

Common Land & Land Registration:

Maps have been looked at by Cllrs Marriage & Beal

The Pound Telegraph Pole:

GP committee to check forms received from BT and return

Bower Lane Cemetery:

The Hawthorn infill planted recently has been damaged Cllr Pearson to fill in gap temporarily. Replanting to be carried out in the Autumn.

The cemetery bench to be cleaned and resealed by the handyman.

GP Committee

Cllr Pearson

Handyman's tool kit:

Cllr Marriage has catalogue for these, to liaise with Handyman.

Cllr Marriage

Speeding Traffic:

It was proposed by Cllr Heyland seconded by Cllr Windmill unanimous to hold a separate meeting to discuss this problem. July 6th at 7.30 was decided. Ad to be placed in Focus asking Parishioners to attend to give their views.

Clerk

Meads Bus Shelter:

Date for repair not yet confirmed by JGS, they will advise ASAP.

Village Signposts:

Catalogues received, GP committee to decide on the best options.

GP Committee

Bower Lane Cemetery fence:

Two quotes had been returned, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Marriage seconded Cllr Tribbick 5 for 1 against, it was decided to accept the quote from Aaron Fencing. Clerk to advise.

Clerk

Market Square dog bin:

The landlord of the White Horse had requested that a dog bin be placed here, and offered possible sponsorship. Prices have been obtained, GP Committee to find out if this will be forthcoming.

GP Committee

Traffic Calming:

Cllr Beal reported that he had further researched the possibility of flashing 30 speed indicators. A grant of £6000 could be given by Highways for these. The costs were estimated at £4500 each. It was recommended that the £1500 left in the Griffin Fund be used to help cover the cost if this were allowed. Cllr Beal to seek more details of possible sites.

Cllr Beal

PC Working agreement:

The agreement was given to the two new Cllrs and discussed. This to be put on hold and discussed at the October meeting when a new Clerk was in post.

PC Byelaws:

Changes to the byelaws were agreed at the March meeting, implementation of these had been problematic as DEFRA had to be applied to, and he has now done this and awaits their response.

Coffee Tavern disabled access:

The Bedfordshire Fire Safety Officers will be inspecting the Coffee Tavern at 4.30pm on May 11th to give advice on the safety issues involved in installing a stair lift.

Cllr Brand informed the Council that they could be rented from Stannah.

Coffee Tavern Redecoration:

Quotes for internal and external decoration to be sought as the work should be completed in August. Quotes also to be requested for work on Flashing.

Clerk

Clerk:

The Clerks position had been advertised in the local papers and Beds on Sunday. Many applications had been received and a short list made by Cllrs Marriage & Beal. Interviews of three selected applicants will take place on Thursday 11th May.

Cllrs Beal & Marriage

REPORTS:

GP COMMITTEE:

The Market Square seemed to be the only piece of Common land registered in the Village. Information to be put together over the next few weeks after seeking new maps from Beds CC and SBDC.

The Countryside Agency to also be contacted for information.

Clerk

School Lane & The Rye recreation grounds play equipment:

Cllr Marriage had prepared a spread sheet of repair costs for the play areas.

Discussion took place on the best way to proceed.

It was proposed by Cllr Marriage seconded Cllr Pearson unanimous to ask the handyman to start the painting and groundwork.

Cllr Marriage to bring spreadsheet with details of repairs needed to the next meeting for discussion along with the proposals for installation of safety matting when finances allow.

Cllr Marriage

Burial Charges:

It was unanimously decided to increase burial charges for Parishioners.

All costs were increased by £10.00. A charge of £25 was also to be implemented for Headstones.

Public meets the PC:

The meeting on 8th April was attended by 6 Parishioners.

Problems discussed were speeding, overgrown hedges, Youths outside the Off Licence, Burst water main The High Street and Commercial lorries using Wallace Drive for overnight parking. These items will be looked into by the Council and a report placed in Focus magazine.

NEXT AGENDA:

Conservation Area Mill End Close

Ransom Strip Mill End Close

Emergency Services.

PLANNING:

No objections were raised on the following Planning Applications:

TP/06/0454- Kayric, Harling Road - Erection of two cantilevered overhangs to cattle

building

TP/06/0373 New Cloud Farm The Rye- Extension to existing cattle yard

TP/06/0399 Grasmere Tring Road – Erection of replacement double garage-revised application.

Objections were raised on the following planning application due to overdevelopment in Green Belt area.

TP/06/0371 New Cloud Farm The Rye- erection of single storey rear and two storey side extension.

ACCOUNTS: Cllr Beal proposed that the accounts for April be paid seconded by Cllr Windmill unanimous.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm