

MINUTES OF THE EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD on 1st October 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs M Beal (in the Chair)
R Brand
J Conner
M Heyland
D Marriage
D Pearson
P Gallagher
R Windmill

IN ATTENDANCE Clerk: M Round

ALSO PRESENT 1 Resident
County Councillor B Piggott

1. Apologies Cllr M Crace (holiday)

2. Special declaration of interest:

Cllr Beal declared his involvement with the youth club.

Cllr Marriage declared his role of secretary to the Sports & Social club

3. Public Forum

The council were asked again about the Flagpole. Cllr Marriage stated this may be erected in the Church Yard. Cllr Marriage to advise Mr Willis.

Cllr Marriage

4. Chairman's comments and correspondence

The following items have been received:

- a) A letter from Eaton Bray Lower School confirming Sue Hounslow, Headteacher, would like to take up our offer of attending our November meeting to request funding for new nursery building. Also a new School Council has been elected and they would like to meet again with the Parish Council. Clerk to confirm and arrange.
- b) Invite from South Beds for Planning Training on 4 October. Cllr Heyland is attending. Cllr Heyland commented on late notification of sessions and fees.
- c) Letter of Introduction from Laurent Martial new Community Development Officer, Rural Areas. Laurent to be invited to attend December PC meeting.
- d) Email from Viv Dady detailing crime statistics, placed in read file.
- e) Letter from Kay Lichfield also placed in read file.
- f) Email from Ed Bird, detailing hours worked, expenses and holiday pay due at end of contract. Cheque was signed at end of meeting.
- g) D Granger contract due for renewal soon, passed to GP Committee.
- h) Youth Opportunity/Capital Fund passed to GP Committee. i) Replacement play mobiles, passed to GP Committee for recommendations to PC.
- j) Chairman advised he received call Inspector Steve Barrett would attend in place of Viv Davy, see item 7.
- k) Chairman reminded all councillors of:
 - 1. Clerk contact times. Emergency calls only outwith these times.
 - 2. Agenda items to Clerk one week before meeting. It was unanimously agreed new item 17(a) would be added to this meeting.

Clerk

Clerk

GP Committee
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5. Signing of Minutes

After the addition to the end of paragraph 2 of Public Forum, page 1176, of *PC to research access on Ransom Strip* it was agreed to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2007. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6. District and County Representatives

County Councillor B Piggott advised he had nothing to report.

7. Police Representative:

Inspector Steve Barrett introduced himself as being responsible for Leighton Buzzard and surrounding rural areas. He manages our community officers. They are here to provide a service and he is aware of EBPC issues. He is confident he has the right people doing the job and stressed how important community policing is. Cllr Marriage expressed concerns of staff leaving with no real local knowledge handover, Steve Barrett advised new “village profiles” being created so when officer leaves the knowledge remains for passing on to new officer.

Cllr Heyland requested the Wellhead area is not forgotten about. Steve Barrett to task Viv Dady with meeting Cllr Heyland. Steve Barrett also advising Viv Dady we would like the problem of speeding within the village addressed.

8. GP Report:

- Skateboarding – Cllr Gallagher to liaise with Cllr Crace
- Traffic Calming – signs going up in October
- Mill End Close – Cllr Beal to consult with D Granger re ransom strip.
- Registered Keyholder Scheme – Clerk to write to resident concerned.
- Town & Parish Highway Representative Scheme – Cllr Marriage is point of contact
- Byelaws and Villages Noticeboards – Byelaw now agreed and relevant forms to be completed and returned to Government for seal. Noticeboards – Cllr Beal advised GP Committee recommended purchasing 3 small boards and 2 sets of posts at a cost of £1565. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to order.
- EB Lions Goalposts – phone vote agreed by Cllrs Conner, Heyland and Windmill
- Allotments – notice and rent letters sent. GP asked PC for budget of £160 to purchase lawnmower. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Marriage to progress.

Cllr Beal
Clerk/Cllr Crace

Clerk/Cllr
Marriage

Clerk

Cllr Marriage

9. Mill End Close

- Fencing – clerk to arrange meeting with Aaron Fencing
- Cllr Brand expressed concern over certain behaviour and graffiti at Mill End close
- Cllr Brand advised he has communication from 11 years ago. Cllr Brand to provide photocopies for GP Meeting on 16 October
- Rubbish – the P3 Committee along with John Hopwood to clear this away.

Clerk

Cllr Brand

P3 Committee

10. Cemetery

Cllr Heyland expressed concerns over food being left in cemetery. Cllr Conner to display A4 laminated sign on gate stating no food to be left in cemetery.

The tarmac path will be laid late October/Early November

Cllr Conner

11. Byelaws

See item under GP Report

12. Trees Adjacent to Church

Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Marriage, Cllr Pearson and D Granger Landscapes

Cllr Marriage

13. Return of Forms

Clerk to provide copy of Code of Conduct form to Cllr Marriage.

Clerk awaiting return of completed Code of Conduct forms from Cllrs Windmill, Marriage and Gallagher.

Clerk
Cllrs Windmill,
Marriage and
Gallagher
Cllrs Beal, Brand
Crace, Gallagher,
Pearson and
Windmill

Clerk awaiting return of completed EBPC Annual Monitoring Forms from Cllrs Beal, Brand, Crace, Gallagher, Pearson and Windmill.

14. Youth Opportunity/Youth Capital Fund and Laurent Martial

See item under Chairman’s correspondence.

15. Play Equipment – School Lane

See item under Chairman’s correspondence

16. Village Signpost

Cllr Marriage to consider how to move this. Cllr Pearson to think about moving it with his tractor.

Cllr Marriage

17. Allotments

See item under GP Report

17a. New Item Added at Meeting – Any Other EBPC Business

A councillor’s remark on councillors conduct.

Clerk to write to South Beds County Council

Clerk

18. Clerk – PO Box

Clerk to investigate price of PO Box for Clerk’s use, will make handing over of job easier in the future.

Clerk

19. Clerk

The clerk advised the Audit for year ending March 2007 has been signed off. The annual playground equipment inspection will be carried out on Thursday 4 October.

20. Planning

The following planning application was considered:

SB-TP-07-1048 20 Park Lane, Eaton Bray

Erection of single storey extension.

No objections

21. To resolve to pay September 2007 accounts.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the September accounts.

22. Next Agenda

- Youth Club Accounts
- Christmas Decorations

Items for the November agenda to be requested no later than Friday 26 October 2007.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30 at the Coffee Tavern on **Tuesday 6 November 2007.**