

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Eaton Bray Annual Parish Meeting Held on 6th May 2008

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk: H. Head

ALSO PRESENT: 8 Residents/General Public

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No comments made.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Final Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 8th May 2008

With the agreement of all present, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

2. Parish Council/School Council

It was reported that the Parish Council have had two meetings with Eaton Bray Lower School and there are currently no major issues arising. The Parish Council also confirmed that two Councillors had visited the School and met with the School children.

3. Village Sign Post

After obtaining the grant from the Chilterns Grant Scheme for the supply of a cast metal sign, the Parish Council is now in the situation to get this fitted on site. The agreed site to be on the green outside the off-licence, pointing to various village locations. The Clerk will now be getting quotes for this work to be done.

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND ON-GOING

1. Cemetery

The Parish Council confirmed that the new section in Bower Lane Cemetery is now in full use. The Parish Council explained that the new section has been split into two areas, one section for the burial of ashes and the other for full graves. It was reported that the parish Handyman is carrying out small works in the Cemetery that are not covered in the Ground Maintenance contract. The Parish Council at this point wanted to thank the Cemetery Warden for all their hard work on the Cemetery and garden area.

2. Allotments

The Parish Council reported that the updated allotment agreements have now gone out to all allotment holders. The allotments are now in full use and there is now even a waiting list for plots. The Parish Council confirmed that all plots are now marked by corner posts and paths between plots will be mown and are to be edged by the village handyman. The plots are let as a whole plot or a split plot, i.e. ½ plots, with the other ½ plot being let to another tenant.

3. Traffic Calming

The Parish Council reported that they have put in a big effort in trying to slow down the traffic within the parish. The first project was putting the village gateways and the second was installing VAS (vehicle activated signs) which the Parish Council feel are helping to slow down traffic through the village.

4. Coffee Tavern and Cottage

The Trustee Management Company has completed their first year. The cottage at number 20 High Street is now being let. The trustees are looking at updating the interior of the Coffee Tavern during

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the next year.

5. Accounts for year ending 31st March 3008

The Clerk, as RFO, reported that parish council financial records are up to date and that draft year end accounts have been completed, ready for approval at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 7th May 2008.

The final accounts to be signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 9th May 2008 ready for forwarding to the external auditors for the 19th May 2008.

SUGGESTED NEW PROJECTS FOR 2008-2009

1. A suggested area for improvement in the village is the three corners triangle and the kerbing of the grass area in order to prevent cars from parking on or driving over the grass as currently. It was then asked whether this was needed as it may lose the village feel, however it was pointed out that cars are actually driving over one of the maintenance access points for the gas which could eventually cause damage to this. Also it was noted that the kerbing by the bus stop opposite the three corners has dropped and is prone to flooding.
2. It was suggested that the pathway at the side of the dual carriageway (Wellhead) is in poor condition and needs to be widened to make it safe to walk along.
3. It was mentioned that the village paths are in a poor condition and that the Parish Council should look into the improvement of these.
4. It was also recommended that the Parish Council put forward to the next Parish Council Meeting the issue with large Lorries using the village for training purposes and feels that a weight limit should be put through the village.
5. It was asked if the Parish Council could look at tidying up the village gateways. It was also suggested that a sign could be attached to these gates as a welcome into the village, possibly using the 'hemp mark' of Sir Reginald Bray.
6. It was noted that some of the road signs in the village are becoming obscured by bushes/trees and asked if they could be cleared, i.e. sign in Bower Lane and also if they could be cleaned. It was also pointed out that the signage at the School Lane recycling bins is damaged and needs mending.

There were no further suggestions.

Councillor Marriage thanked all for their attendance and support.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Approved

	Date:	
Signed on behalf of the Eaton Bray Parish Council		

Agreed

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