

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 6th May 2009 at The Coffee Tavern

PRESENT	Cllr D. Marriage (Chairman) Cllr J. Conner Cllr A. Garofall Cllr M. Hawkes	Cllr M. Heyland Cllr T. Moxey Cllr D. Pearson
IN ATTENDANCE	Heidi Head (Clerk)	
APOLOGIES	Cllr R. Brand Cllr R. Windmill	

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the General Public in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Final Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 6th May 2008

An amendment was made to page 1214, Item 1, to read '*Final acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 8th May 2007*' and not '*Final acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 8th May 2008*'. It was then agreed to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2008. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND ON-GOING

1. Cemetery

The Cemetery is now much improved, with regular grass cutting and general maintenance of the grounds. The Parish Council are looking into additional turfing of rough areas within the cemetery.

2. Allotments

The Parish Council allotments are in full use and there is a waiting list for plots. An Allotment Group has now been set up to enable tenants to get together and discuss issues. The Parish Council are looking into the option of using the Bower Lane land for additional allotment plots, however it is noted that this land has no water supply.

3. The Coffee Tavern/Reading Room and Cottage

The cottage is now fully let, with improvements to the cottage now started. The next stage is for the redecoration of The Coffee Tavern and the Coffee Tavern Trustees are looking to obtain estimates for this work. The small meeting room with the Coffee Tavern is now let to the PCC as the Parish Church Office and is being let on a yearly basis. There is now a new management agency looking after the cottage rental.

4. The Conservation Area/P3

The first phase of the conservation area improvements has been completed, with the first section being cleared, rubble removed and Whips being planted. Phase two of the improvements should commence in Autumn 2009. The Conservation Working Group, made up of volunteers and Parish Council members, have been working extremely hard to improve this area and are looking to work with the River Ouzel Authorities to make additional improvements to the river area/banks. The Parish Council are reforming the P3 Group, comprising of volunteers/residents/Parish Councillors, to take on conservation work within the parish and a P3 notice board will be erected at Mill End Close to show the ongoing work and planned improvements. The Working Group are also looking to external funding to give support to the additional improvements for this area.

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5. School Lane Recreation Ground Improvements

- (i) Skate & Ride Area: A Working Group was set up comprising of residents, youngsters of the parish and Parish Councillors. The Working Group looked at the needs of the young people of the parish and from this looked into the option of a skate & ride area within the recreation ground. The Parish Council looked at the available land within the parish and taking into account of land restrictions/position/size/use they agreed that the best option was School Lane Recreation Ground, due to the size of the land and it being central to the village. The application for external funding was sent in and the Working Group is awaiting the final decision of the funders. The Parish Council agreed to fund the project by £27K, however the majority of the money for this project is to come from external funders who offer grants for specific projects, in this case a skate & ride, and the money if granted can only be used for that project.
- (ii) Additional Seating: This has been included within the Skate & Ride project.

The Parish Council are looking at improvements at both the School Lane Recreation Ground and The Rye Recreation Ground, i.e. updating play equipment, natural play areas, landscaping.

6. Accounts for year ending 31st March 2009

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 Eaton Bray Parish Council on 6th May 2009. The final accounts were signed off by the Internal Auditor on the 28th April 2009, once approved by the Parish Council the accounts will be forwarded to the external auditors for 19th June 2009.

Additional Comments

The Parish Council were disappointed that no members of the General Public attended the meeting, as the Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the electorate and not of the council. The purpose of calling this meeting is so that the council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and for the electorate to offer their opinion on parish matters, to find out what is currently happening, what they would like to happen and to learn about any future projects being planned for the parish.

There were no other matters arising and the meeting was closed at 7:30pm.

Approved

	Date:	
Signed on behalf of Eaton Bray Parish Council		

Agreed

	Date:	
Signed on behalf of the Annual Parish Meeting		