

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council Held on 5th March 2012 at The Coffee Tavern

PRESENT	Cllr. B. Piggott Cllr. G. Johns Cllr. J. Conner	Cllr. B. Coulter Cllr. M. Simkins
IN ATTENDANCE	Heidi Head (<i>Parish Clerk</i>)	
ALSO PRESENT	General Public x8, Cllr. Marion Mustoe	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Heyland and Cllr. Windmill sent their apologies for absence.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no items to declare.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

(1) *A Village Sign*: Following on from a communication regarding the Parish Council looking at a village sign for the parish and the offer from the council to residents putting together a working group towards this project; the Parish Council were approached by residents regarding the option of putting together a group. The residents asked if they put together a group what support would be given by the council. The council proposed a meeting be set up with the proposed Village Sign Working Group and the Parish Council Working Group set up for Parish Plans to look at this further. All agreed. Cllr Coulter to action. Agreed.

Cllr. Coulter

(2) *Village Traffic*: The council were asked whether it would once again look into the issue of traffic speeding/control on the main road through the village. It was proposed that the council look at setting up a new Working Group for this matter at their Annual General Meeting in May. All agreed.

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4. CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE REPRESENTATIVE/S

Cllr Marion Mustoe was in attendance.

(1) Cllr. Mustoe informed the council that she felt the new Core Strategy from Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) could potential have an effect on Eaton Bray. She will be keeping a close eye on details from CBC and inform the council of any details.

(2) The Parish Council was informed that there has been a reduction in the Eaton Bray Council Tax Base for 2012/13: *see table*.

BAND	2012/13	2011/12
A	£1,073.99	1,075.09
B	£1,252.99	1,254.28
C	£1,431.99	1,433.45
D	£1,610.99	1,612.64
E	£1,968.99	1,971.00
F	£2,326.99	2,329.37
G	£2,684.98	2,687.73
H	£3,221.98	3,225.28

(3) Cllr. Mustoe informed the Parish Council that the following applications are being called into committee: Land to the rear to The White Horse, The Rye Nurseries and Wavertree, Wellhead.

5. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF:

(1) **EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL, 6th February 2012**

It was agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th February 2012; the Chairman signed the minutes.

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(2) GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING, 9th February 2012

It was agreed unanimously, by attendees at the General Purposes Working Group, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2012; the Chairman signed the minutes.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES (for information)

- Eaton Bray Parish Council: There were no matters arising.
- General Purposes Working Group: There were no matters arising.

7. EB LIONS/FOOTBALL

The Parish Council wanted to thank all the residents who took the time to write in with their comments regarding the proposed use of The Rye Recreation Ground.

From the information received the majority of responses were from those who believed this proposal would be a benefit to the community, however there were also issues raised for which the council requested further details from EB Lions. It was proposed that the Parish Council produce a full breakdown of the responses received. All agreed. Clerk to action. It was then put to the council whether they believed this facility would be a benefit to the local community and the recommended position is the most suitable. It was proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle to the development of this section of land, with restrictions/detailed conditions placed on the use of the land by the Parish Council (in addition to those set by planning) if the build went ahead. This was seconded, all agreed. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed that a meeting be set up between EB Lions and the Parish Council to look into the application further. All agreed.

Clerk

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8. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning Applications: February 2012

Application	Address/Development	Decision	Comments
CB/12/00433	Bellows Mill, Harling Road, LU6 1QZ / proposed Utility building	No Objections	n/a
CB/12/00588	Little Isto, Tring Road, LU6 2JU / erection of boundary line fencing	No Objections	n/a
CB/12/00583	London Gliding Club, Tring Road, LU6 2JP / construction of 'T' Hanger (retrospective)	No Objections	n/a
CB/12/00670	21 Northall Road, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DQ / erection of single storey rear extension & partial demolition of garden store	No Objections	n/a
CB/TPO/00044	56 Wallace Drive, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DF / works to tree subject to a TPO.	No Objections	n/a

All planning application recommendations by the Parish Council are to be reported to the relevant authority. All agreed.

Clerk

9. BUSINESS MATTERS

- (1) Cricket Club: Cllr. Johns met with the council's Solicitors and went through the paperwork relating to the new Lease. The Solicitor agreed to draft recommendations for the Lease and also suggested the Cricket Club seek legal advice for full explanation of the clauses within the lease. Awaiting documentation. Agreed.
- (2) Parish Byelaws: The Parish Council are awaiting provisional approval from the Government department.
- (3) Core Strategy: Discussed on Page 1435, item 4 (1). It was also proposed that the Parish Council look into the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan to aid in future planning matters. All agreed.
- (4) Parish Plan: The council were informed that the Parish Plan Working Group (PPWG) were arranging a meeting for March 2012 and would report back to the council with any

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recommendations. Agreed.

- (5) Trees/Hedging
(i) Market Square: Quotation for work to the tree £410 (+vat). All agreed.
(ii) Cemetery: Quotations for discussion – Parish Council Meeting, April. All agreed. PC Meeting: April
- (6) Luton Airport: It was proposed that a representative from the Parish Council attend the meeting on 22nd March next, Cllr. Simkins to attend. Travel costs for meeting to be reimbursed at current council rates. All agreed. Cllr. Simkins
- (7) Diamond Jubilee: The Council was asked what they would be happy to contribute towards costs for decorations to be fixed to the Coffee Tavern for the celebrations. The council recommended Cllr. Simkins look into costs/ideas and present findings to the council in April. All agreed. Cllr. Simkins
- (8) Housing Needs Survey: from BRCC was not able to attend. Re-invite April. All agreed. PC Meeting: April
- (9) MORE Drive Course: The council were made aware of a course being offered by the police for young drivers. The information has also been placed on the village website.
- (10) Broadband: EB Exchange: Due to the changes to the exchange in Eaton Bray regarding Broadband access, it was suggested this information be put into Focus. All agreed. Focus
- (11) Village Carnival: The clerk reminded all Councillors of the village carnival taking place on Saturday 7th July 2012 and will be looking at putting together a rota of helpers for the day. The clerk also wanted ideas/suggestions for the stand. All Councillors

10. GENERAL REPORTS

(1) Chairman's Correspondence

- (i) On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Cllr. Coulter on organising for the new Parish Council notice board which is fixed to the Coffee Tavern.
- (ii) Training from BATPC for New Councillors Inductions Training; placed in read file.
- (iii) Email from CBC on Luton Airport Meeting, 22nd March 2012 at Council Chambers, Chicksands; discussed Page 1437, item 9 (6).
- (iv) Letter from Chilterns Conservation Board; placed in read file.
- (v) The Parish Council have received confirmation that the 20mph speed limit has been passed by CBC. Signs to be fitted shortly.

(2) Parish Clerk

- (i) Quotation for work for removal of rubbish in Mill End Close = £95 (+vat). Agreed.
- (ii) A request to the council has been made for details of road names/postcodes to allow for leaflet distribution. All agreed. Clerk to action. Clerk
- (iii) Parish Council emergency contact for March is Cllr. Conner. Agreed. Focus
- (iv) Quotations waiting for: School Lane Trees, St. Mary's Church gate, fence repair in Mill End Close, Bus Stop contributions for repair.
- (v) The Parish Council were asked to authorise the Clerk obtain a permit from CBC for use at the Dunstable Tip for removal of rubble/tree cuttings. All agreed. Clerk

(3) Recreation Grounds: No items to report.

(4) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: The Coffee Tavern Trustees (CTT) has had the fire alarm tested; a new light was required for 1st floor which has now been replaced. The Cottage is having a vent installed to ensure cottage is aired and some flashing/slate need repair, awaiting quotation for work.

(5) Cemetery: The front hedge of the cemetery is now in a very bad state of repair, quotation for removal £420. The Working Group is looking into the options available for its replacement. Recommendations will be brought to the Parish Councils attention at a later meeting. Agreed. PC Meeting: April

(6) Finance: No items to report.

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11. TO RESOLVE TO PAY FEBRUARY 2012 ACCOUNTS

It was unanimously agreed to pay the February 2012 accounts.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS: FEBRUARY 2012	
Ground Maintenance	£1,701.50
Re-imburement: Cemetery maintenance	£17.96
Water rates: Changing Rooms, The Rye	£81.07
Water rates: The Meads Allotments	£23.19
Salaries (Clerk & Handyman)	£825.13
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC)	£88.84
TOTAL Monthly Outgoings	£2,737.60

12. NEXT AGENDA

- (1) *Meeting Items:* Items for the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Clerk **NO LATER THAN** Tuesday 20th March 2012. Items submitted after this date will not be included in the April 2012 agenda and will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting scheduled in May 2012.
- (2) *Items for inclusion in next Parish Council Meeting:* Neighbourhood Plan, Cemetery Trees, Diamond Jubilee, Traffic calming, Councillor co-option
- (3) *Next Parish Council Meeting:* Monday 2nd April 2012; 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

All Councillors

PC Meeting: April