

# EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at The Coffee Tavern

<b>PRESENT</b> (PC = Parish Council)	Cllr. J. Conner Cllr. B. Coulter Cllr. M. Simkins	Cllr. L. Tribbick Cllr. G. Wigley Cllr. R. Windmill
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Heidi Head (Parish Clerk/RFO)	
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	General Public x5 Cllr. Marion Mustoe	

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Johns. Cllr. Tomkins was also not in attendance.

### 2. SPECIFIC DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Tribbick declared an interest in agenda item 8; planning application CB/14/02031. No other declarations of interests were declared at this stage of the meeting.

### 3. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Two potential new Parish Councillors addressed the council, expressing an interest in being part of the team. Due to their currently only being one space available on the council it was put to the vote. The Clerk counted the votes and it was shown to be in favour of Mr. Philip Spicer. The Parish Council welcomed the new councillor to the table.

### 4. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Points brought to the attention of the Parish Council (PC)

Concerns regarding speed limit in village; the Parish Council are looking at putting together a speed watch group to monitor traffic speeds on the parish roads and are looking for volunteers. If interested please contact Cllr. Mark Tomkins on 07810 753878, between 9am-8pm or email [councillormarktomkins@gmail.com](mailto:councillormarktomkins@gmail.com).

### 5. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 02/06/14

It was agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014; the Chairman signed the minutes.

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

- (1) Meeting with Cllr. Brian Spurr (12/05/14); awaiting to hear back from Cllr. Spurr's office, Cllr. Mustoe will chase.

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) Central Beds Council (CBC): [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the council.

(1.1) Wellhead: letter received from planning; forwarded to councillors.

(1.2) Speed Watch: Totternhoe Parish Council have also set up this group, recommended Cllr. Tomkins contact the clerk for further details. All agreed.

(1.3) Grass/Parking-Greenways: CBC has looked in to the parking problems in this area and has agreed to improvements, i.e. additional car parking spaces. Cllr. Mustoe is awaiting further plans/details, once received will forward to PC. Agreed.

(1.4) Speed Limit Change-Bower Lane/Harling Road: to be implemented in 2015.

(1.5) Road Cushions refusal: The PC is disappointed with this outcome and would like to

Cllr. Mustoe/  
Cllr. Tomkins

Cllr. Mustoe

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obtain full details of application and decision notes. Clerk to obtain. All agreed

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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL LOG		
EBPC reports to Central Bedfordshire Council		
Date raised	Matter Raised/description	Response/Outcome
05/07/2012	Medley Close / trees of CBC land, adjacent to footpath have become overgrown and require cutting back next to public footpath.	Report raised: CRN 174055 - land is not Highway adopted and is Amenity land, forwarded to Amenities officers for inspection / matter ongoing.
12/05/2014	Meeting with Cllr. Brian Spurr / to go through issues regarding parish roads.	Awaiting response / matter ongoing.
02/06/2014	Parish Street Lights / a number of street lights in the parish are faulty, not working. Reported to CBC.	Due to CBC updating lighting to LED lights, parish lights are not being repaired / matter ongoing. <b>*As Eaton Bray are not even listed in the 2014/2015 upgrade program this is not acceptable.</b>

(2) Bedfordshire Police (BP): [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

The crime stats for the month were presented to the council.

## Year to Date Crime and Detections

Crime Type	RECORDED CRIME		
	01/06/13 to 30/06/13	01/06/14 to 30/06/14	% Change
Sexual Offences	0	0	n/a
Domestic Burglary	1	1	0
Burglary Other	0	2	+200.0%
Vehicle Crime	0	2	+200.0%
Other Theft	0	3	+300.0%
Criminal Damage	1	0	-100.0%
Drugs	0	0	n/a
Other Notifiable Offences	0	0	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>+6</b>

Response Grade	ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		
	01/04/13 to 01/07/13	01/04/14 to 01/07/14	% Change
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	14	<b>-17.6%</b>
Total	17	14	<b>-17.6%</b>

## News from the team

(2.1) Vehicle crime, visit the following link where you can find some crime prevention advice-  
[http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/pdf/advice\\_vehicle\\_crime\\_cro2012.pdf](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/pdf/advice_vehicle_crime_cro2012.pdf)

(2.4) If you wish to contact your Local Policing Team then please call 01582 473411 or email  
[LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

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## 8. PLANNING REPORT; Planning Applications, June 2014

Application	Planning Location	Proposed Development	Comment
CB/14/02031	10 Park Lane, LU6 2BB	Remove old shed/build new summer house	No Objection
CB/14/02106	41 Moor End, LU6 2HN	Two storey side/rear extension & alterations	No Objection
CB/14/02107	41 Moor End, LU6 2HN	Erection of detached garage	No Objection
CB/14/02202	37 Church Lane, LU6 2DJ	Single storey front/rear extension, including rooms over garage	No Objection <b>*Comment</b>
CB/14/02467	Wavertree, Tring Rd, LU6 2JX	Alterations to existing planning approval CB/14/00041	No Objection
<b>*Comment:</b> EBPC ask CBC to take into consideration the number of bedrooms to car parking allocation.			

## 9. BUSINESS MATTERS

- (1) Tenders-pavilion/social club: The demolition of the pavilion is now complete. The PC agreed to the removal of meter and capping of pipe; Clerk to action. All agreed. Clerk  
 (1.1) It was proposed to obtain a quotation for the cleared area to be filled with soil/top soil up to ground level. All agreed. Clerk  
 (1.2) It was proposed Clerk obtain two quotations for an extension to the barrier along the open section of the car park; quote 1 = continue from original barrier down towards entrance, quote 2 = to extend current barrier an additional 5M and then down towards hedge. All agreed. Clerk  
 (1.3) It was proposed Clerk obtain quote to repaint/tidying up old section of barrier. All agreed. Clerk
- (2) Landscape Buffer: The adjoining land owner has confirmed that she has organised an Arboriculturalist to assess the trees on her land. From the inspection she will be organising for a tree surgeon to cut down to ground level 12 trees which are either dead/dying. The work is due to be carried out end August/September this year. Clerk  
 The Clerk informed the PC that a resident has located the Transfer Deed, which shows the land (incorporating the Landscape Buffer) was transferred to EBPC on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1996. It was proposed that the Clerk talk to the contractor who had been booked to carry out work to the landscape buffer to provide an update to the originally agreed quotation. All agreed. Clerk  
 Hedges alongside the river/footpath are being overgrown and encroaching on the grass. It was proposed the Clerk obtains a quote for the hedges to be trimmed back. All agreed. Clerk
- (3) Central Bedfordshire Community Defibrillator: to be reviewed at September meeting. PC/September
- (4) Advertising on parish land: The PC has noticed in recent months that there has been a great deal of notices/adverts being placed on Parish Council land. It was proposed that the council ask all potential advertisers to approach the PC to request permission to advertise on parish council land with the following notice in Focus ... "no advertising on Parish Council land without prior consent from Eaton Bray Parish Council." All agreed. Clerk/Focus
- (5) Leisure Strategy: It was proposed the General Purposes Working Group put together a draft response; to be circulated to all Councillors for comment. All agreed. GPWG/  
All Councillors
- (6) Village Drains: Concerns raised by residents regarding the village drains, the PC wished to remind residents that the PC has no power with regard to drainage but will write to the drainage board expressing the concerns raised; please note individuals need to complain direct to the drainage board on 01234 767995 / email [contact@idbs.org.uk](mailto:contact@idbs.org.uk). Clerk

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## (7) Highways Issues:

(7.1) Raised cushions/High Street: see Page 1557, Item 7 (1)(1.5).

(7.2) Speed watch: see Page 1556, Item 4.

- (8) Public Footpath-Northall Road: A proposal was forwarded to the PC by CBC regarding the creation of a public path from Chiltern View, along Northall Road, into the village of Eaton Bray. The PC fully supports this proposal and has no objection. All agreed.

Clerk

## 10. **REPORTS**

### (1) Chairman's Correspondence:

(1.1) Letter-Coffee Tavern; circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed to hold letter on file. It was proposed the Clerk look into other options available. All agreed.

Clerk

(1.2) Email-Village beautification; circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Coulter proposed to contact resident regarding planters. All agreed. In addition, Clerk to put a note into Focus ... "If you live in the parish and are interested in the beautification of the village then please contact Eaton Bray Parish Council and join the EB Bloomers." All agreed.

Cllr. Coulter/  
Clerk/Focus

(2) Clerk's Report: Circulation/read file; handed out to all Councillors

(3) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: The decorating is being completed with the tavern and a new carpet has been fitted. The cottage is ready for letting.

(4) Cemetery: No items to report.

(5) Finance: No items to report.

(6) Working Groups: No items to report.

## 11. **ACCOUNTS: TO RESOLVE TO PAY JUNE 2014; Presented to council - all agreed.**

MONTHLY PAYMENTS: JUNE 2014	
Ground Maintenance	£1,170.10
Loan repayment: PWLB	£3,578.27
Demolition of Pavilion/Social Club	£29,160.00
War memorial maintenance; concrete plinth	£456.00
War memorial maintenance; railings / church wall repointing	£600.00
De-commission of gas meter/boiler	£993.60
Utilities bill	£168.73
Cemetery; flowers/planting	£30.00
Salaries (Clerk & Handyman)	£1,132.36
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC)	£143.74
<b>TOTAL Monthly Outgoings</b>	<b>£37,432.80</b>

## 12. **NEXT AGENDA**

- Items for the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Clerk **NO LATER THAN Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014**. All Councillors please note that items submitted after this date will **not** be included in the September 2014 agenda and will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting scheduled in October 2014.
- Cushions, The Rye hedge.

All Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

### Next meeting/s to be held:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1<sup>st</sup> floor)