

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on 6th October 2014 at The Coffee Tavern

PRESENT (PC = Parish Council)	Cllr. G. Johns (<i>Chairman</i>) Cllr. J. Conner Cllr. M. Costello Cllr. M. Simkins Cllr. P. Spicer	Cllr. M. Tomkins Cllr. L. Tribbick Cllr. G. Wigley Cllr. R. Windmill
IN ATTENDANCE	Heidi Head (<i>Parish Clerk/RFO</i>)	
ALSO PRESENT	General Public x9 Cllr. Marion Mustoe	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interested at this stage of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

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

- Concerns with parking; High Street/Wallace Drive; the concerns raised have been forwarded to Bedfordshire Police/Central Bedfordshire Council for information/action.
- Motocross, Billington: the residents hope the Parish Council will support their concerns with regards to usage at this facility. The Parish Council confirmed that members of the council met with David Haynes, Planning, CBC at the site; the feedback of the meeting was reported to the Parish Council.
- Affordable Housing proposals: the PC is still waiting to hear from Grand Union Housing on proposals/alternative sites.
- The Rye Ground: concerns were raised regarding the Parish Council incurring additional spend if they consider extending current car park a further 5^M.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 07/07/14

An amendment was made to the following: page 1561, Item 4(●4) '6 residents' replaced with '6 residents participating'; page 1562, item 7(1.1) 'him a Priory House' replaced with 'him at Priory House', item 7(1.3) 'bulletins' replaced with 'bulletin'; page 1563, item (9)(1)(1.1) 'rye' replaced with 'Rye', 'ask to' replaced with 'ask them to', item (9)(1)(1.2) 'discuss' replaced with 'discussed'; page 1564, item (9)(2) 'and' replaced with 'that', Item (9)(3)(3.3) 'other in on' replaced with 'other is on'. It was then agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on 1st September 2014; the Chairman signed the minutes.

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

- (1) Meeting with Cllr. Brian Spurr (12/05/14); Cllrs. Simkins and Tomkins met with Cllr. Spurr regarding issues on the parish roads. Cllrs. Simkins and Tomkins are to put together a full report for full council.
- (2) The Rye – original barrier (01/09/14); the original barrier has been repainted.
- (3) Additional Inscription/War Memorial (01/09/14); the request for additional information has been sent, awaiting details.

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6. REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) Central Beds Council (CBC): www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the council.

- (1.1) Cllr. Brian Spurr: Cllr. Tomkins and Cllr. Simkins met with Cllr. Brian Spurr to discuss Highways/road matters in the parish. A report will be put together and forward to council for information.

- (1.2) Springbank: awaiting details, will inform council when received.

- (1.3) Housing Allocations Scheme: A new Housing Allocations Scheme will be rolled out across Central Bedfordshire. The changes introduced will make applying for social housing simpler, fairer and easier to understand. For more information contact the Housing Solutions Team on 0300 300 8302.

Cllrs. Tomkins/
Simkins

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL LOG		
<i>(item removed when matter resolved)</i>		
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.
03/03/2014	Greenways & Knights Close / parking problems and damage to grass areas.	CBC has agreed on improvements to Greenways. Awaiting final details.
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. *As Eaton Bray are not even listed in the 2014/2015 upgrade program this is not acceptable.

- (2) Bedfordshire Police (BP): www.bedfordshire.police.uk

The crime stats for the month have been presented to the council.

REPORTED CRIME – YEAR TO DATE			
RECORDED CRIME			ASB INCIDENTS
Crime Type	01/09/13 to 30/09/13	01/09/13 to 30/09/13	September 2014
Violence against the person	1	0	Nuisance 3
Sexual Offences	0	0	
Domestic Burglary	0	2	
Burglary Other	1	0	
Vehicle Crime	2	0	
Other Theft	4	0	
Criminal Damage	1	0	
Drugs	0	0	
TOTAL	9	2	

Three reported anti-social behaviour incidents for August. Dog walking, Motorcycles riding around village, abandoned vehicle.

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All information is confidential and no names will be disclosed. Please remember if you need to contact the Police: **Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999**

7. PLANNING REPORT; Planning Applications, September 2014

Application	Planning Location	Proposed Development	Comment
CB/14/03070	2 Totternhoe Rd, LU6 2BD	Construction of one 4xbed with garage	Recommended Refusal *Comment
*Comment: (1) The Council does believe it is an overdevelopment of the site – two large properties, increased vehicles, very tight site. With a small/narrow access point into site for the possible number of vehicles in use. (2) Increased traffic (entering/leaving site) in an area of poor visibility/near sharp bend in road. (3) Bus Stop situated at access. (4) Flooding concerns – problem surface water in this area. (5) Poor drainage – main drain/sewerage. <i>The Parish Council recommended this application be called in.</i>			

8. BUSINESS MATTERS

(1) The Rye Ground:

(1.1) Parking area: Awaiting response from Central Beds Council. It was proposed that Cllr. Wigley look into the costs involved with different types of material for a parking area. All Agreed.

Cllr. Wigley

(1.2) Landscaping: To obtain additional quotation for top soil/seeding the 'old pavilion' at the reduced size. All agreed.

Clerk

(2) CBC Defibrillator Scheme: It was proposed the suitable location for a Defibrillator in the village could be The Coffee Tavern. Cllr. Johns to action accordingly. All agreed.

Cllr. Johns

(3) Mill End Close

(3.1) Plan received from Lucille Ballinger showing trees which she has organised for work to be carried out. It was proposed the clerk look into obtaining a quotation/advice from a tree surgeon for work to three large trees situated on council land. The council wants to remind residents that trees situated on private land (not council land) and causing a nuisance to their property are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and that they need to take the matter up with the land owner direct.

Clerk

(3.3) Quotation for work to hedges on council land was received, £80 (+vat). All agreed. It was recommended the clerk write to the resident regarding their overgrown hedges advising they need to cut them back to boundary line. All agreed.

Clerk

Clerk

(4) Village roads:

(4.1) Zebra crossing: it was proposed to look into this option for the parish road, Cllrs. Tomkins/Simpkins/Spicer to action. All agreed. Another option for slowing traffic at the junction into School Lane is a lollypop man/lady. Clerk to look into options. Agreed.

Cllrs. Tomkins/
Simkins/Spicer
Clerk

(4.2) Drain cleaning: the CBC has scheduled drain cleaning for the parish January 2015. Clerk to obtain further clarification of more detailed timelines/frequency of work. All agreed.

Clerk

(4.3) Speedwatch: the council have not yet received the minimum number of people required to carry out these scheme. Clerk to put another reminder in Focus. Agreed.

Clerk

(5) School Lane Recreation Ground: work required to a number of trees in the area, the clerk presented quotation/s for work £435 (+vat). All agreed.

Clerk

(6) Bonfires: The Clerk requested clarification from CBC regarding bonfires in the parish: 'there is no legislation banning bonfires, smoke from bonfires can constitute a statutory nuisance and possible action if the bonfires are lit on a regular basis. Central Bedfordshire is not in a smoke free zone and only garden waste should be burned. Instead of having a bonfire, we would recommend that waste material be taken to a civic amenity site for disposal, or if practicable, composted or recycled. If a bonfire is being lit on a regular basis, for example every Tuesday at 6.00pm then it does constitute a statutory

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nuisance and possible action will be taken. If this is the case then you can contact our Environmental team on 0300 300 8302 and they will take the appropriate action.'

- (7) Bedfordshire Police Crime Panel: A reminder for councillors to respond direct to the consultancy.
- (8) Annual Patch of Parish: A reminder from the Clerk to all councillors to return their patch inspections.
- (9) Cricket Club: Cllr. Johns contacted the solicitor who was away on holiday; he will be speaking to the solicitor on his return.
- (10) Village Hall: Cllr. Tomkins confirmed that he would become a Village Hall Trustee and act as the representative from the Parish Council.

All Councillors

Cllr. Johns

9. REPORTS

- (1) Chairman's Correspondence: No items to report.

(2) Clerk's Report:

- (2.1) Christmas Festivities: the following proposals were put forward to the council:

- The council organise for two Christmas trees to be displayed at Three Corners and Market Square, council funds £100. All agreed.
- The council consider organising for sponsored wreaths to be displayed around the parish streetlights. All agreed. Cllr. Spicer to action.
- Christmas Band/Carol – the council to once again support this yearly event for the parish. All agreed. Cllr. Simkins to action.

Cllr. Spicer

Cllr. Simkins

- (2.2) Standing Orders: the council to look at/review current Standing Orders as per the recommendations received from NALC. All agreed. Cllr. Johns to amend and present to council, November.

Cllr. Johns/PC Nov

- (2.3) New Road Name: the proposal put forward by CBC for the new houses being built on the old Roebuck site is Roebuck Mews. All agreed.

Clerk

- (2.4) ROSPA: the Clerk to organise a ROSPA inspection of parish play areas. All agreed.

- (2.5) Bus Stop: Clerk to obtain an assessment/report of the three corners bus stop and recommendations for repair/build. Agreed.

Clerk

- (3) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: There are new tenants in the cottage. The electric safety certificate has been received for the CT and appliances have been PAT tested. All ok. The six month test of the fire alarms has been carried out.

- (4) Cemetery: There has been a spate of vandalism at the cemetery; the Clerk has informed the police.

- (5) Finance: The council need to start putting together the draft budget for 2015-16. Councillors were asked to put forward any expected large spends/project for the next financial year at the PC Meeting in November. All agreed.

All Councillors

- (6) Working Groups: No items to report.

10. ACCOUNTS: TO RESOLVE TO PAY SEPTEMBER; Presented to council - all agreed.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS: SEPTEMBER 2014	
Ground Maintenance	£1,170.10
Membership fees: SLCC/CPRE	£434.00
Village maintenance: barrier/railings	£38.31
External Audit fees	396.00
Salaries (Clerk & Handyman)	£1,139.27
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC)	£155.34
TOTAL Monthly Outgoings	£3,333.02

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11. NEXT AGENDA

- Items for the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda MUST BE SUBMITTED to the Clerk NO LATER THAN Thursday 23rd October 2014. All Councillors please note that items submitted after this date will not be included in the November 2014 agenda and will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting scheduled in December 2014.
- Gritter, Signage – The Rye

All Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Next meeting/s to be held:

Monday 3rd November 2014 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 1st December 2014 from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)