

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on 3rd November 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 x5 Cllr. Marion Mustoe, Bedfordshire Police x2	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

Cllr. Johns addressed the council announcing his intention to resign from the Parish Council, with effect from 31st December 2014.

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)

- No matters arising.

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

An amendment was made to the following: page 1566, item 2 'interested' replaced with 'interest'; page 1566, item 3(•2) 'Haynes' replaced with 'Hale'. It was then agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on 6th October 2014; the Chairman signed the minutes.

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

- (1) Cllr. Brian Spurr (12/05/14); *Awaiting full report from meeting.*
- (2) Additional inscription/war memorial (01/09/14); *awaiting full details.*
- (3) Drains (06/10//14); *Clerk has contacted CBC for more clarification, awaiting response.*

6. REPRESENTATIVES

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

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the council.

(1.1) Springbank: CBC Planning visited the site. A PCN (*Planning Contravention Notice*) has been put in place to prevent any dog breeding on the premises. CBC is awaiting a written response from resident to confirm notice.

(1.2) Greenways: Ongoing, still awaiting final details.

(1.3) Dog Control Orders: The new Dog Control Order came into effect on Sunday, 19th October 2014. Anyone who fails to comply with these Dog Control Orders faces a fixed penalty notice of £80 or a fine of up to £1000.

The new orders will make it an offence for anyone in charge of a dog to:

- (1.3)1. *fail to remove dog foul on any land in Central Bedfordshire.*
- (1.3)2. *allow a dog off a lead on any land in which 'dogs on leads' order applies. This already applies to A and B roads, adjoining footpaths and verges; but it is extended to cemeteries, marked sports pitches and car parks of country parks.*

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- (1.3)3. Fail to put a dog on a lead when ordered to do so by an authorised council officer, dog warden, site manager or park ranger; to be used in situations where a dog is not under proper control and is causing a nuisance to others.
- (1.3)4. Allow their animal to enter or remain in an area from which dogs are excluded; enclosed children's play areas and enclosed multi-use games areas.
- (1.4) **Superfast Broadband:** For more details on the proposals for Central Bedfordshire and broadband services, visit the CBC website link <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-business/broadband/broadband-plans.aspx>.

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
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	01/10/13 to 30/10/13	01/10/14 to 30/10/14	October 2014	
	Violence against the person	2	0	Total
Sexual Offences	0	0		
Domestic Burglary	0	1		
Burglary Other	0	2		
Vehicle Crime	1	3		
Other Theft	0	3		
Criminal Damage	0	1		
Drugs	1	1		
TOTAL	4	11		

Three reported anti-social behaviour incidents for October: Youths throwing eggs, motorbike on footpaths, abandoned vehicle.

If you wish to contact your Local Policing Team then please call 01582 473411 or email LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk
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**

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7. PLANNING REPORT; Planning Applications, October 2014

Application	Planning Location	Proposed Development	Comment
CB/14/03678/VOC	Motorcycle Track, south of Stanbridge Rd, Gt. Billington	Application to vary conditions 3,4 & 5 of permitted reference SB/TP/95/0176 to allow operations on side during listed periods.	Recommended Refusal *Comment
CB/TPO/14/00402	39 Wallace Drive, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DF	Works to trees with TPO.	No Objections

***Comment:**

Points:

- (1) Noise disturbance; increase in number of bikes
- (2) Loss of amenity for local residents
- (3) Intensification/inappropriate amount of use on proposed days

Comments:

- (1) Request that Boxing Day/Christmas day be excluded from days of use.
- (2) Concerns that the applicant will not adhere to planning conditions, due to previous history; already has a breach of condition notices, operating outside planning conditions/restrictions.
- (3) Planning to note where many of the supporters of this application live, i.e. outside of the area.
- (4) To note that the current usage is in excess of most other motorcycle tracks.

The Parish Council recommended this application be called in.

8. BUSINESS MATTERS

(1) The Rye Ground:

- (1.1) Parking area: Clerk to write to CBC to get written clarification as to Planning Permission being required or not for the parking extension. All agreed.
The council looked into the options available for the car park extension; it was proposed the council look into the option of tarmac to match the current surface. All Agreed. Cllr. Wigley to put together a specification and clerk to send out for quotations. Agreed.

Cllr.Wigley/
Clerk

- (1.2) Barrier: Quotation received for additional barrier/extension to current; it was proposed the Parish Council to waive Standing Orders and accept the quotation received. All agreed. Clerk to action.

Clerk

(1.3) Landscaping:

- (1.3)1. Quotation received for tidying up area adjacent to the old pavilion site. Agreed.
- (1.3)2. Quotation received for the reduction of hedging height on The Rye side, adjacent to path. All agreed.

Clerk
Clerk

- (2) Cricket Club Lease: The draft Lease is being put together and once complete be made available to Councillors for final approval. All agreed.

- (3) CBC Defibrillator Scheme: It was proposed the council proceed with the Defibrillator with it being sited at the Coffee Tavern. All agreed.

(4) Mill End Close

- (4.1) Adjacent Field: The adjacent land owner has organised for trees on her land to be trimmed/cut back, the Clerk has asked for a Tree Surgeon to assess the work and report back to the Clerk his findings. The Clerk will report back accordingly. Agreed.

Clerk

- (4.2) Landscape Buffer: The Clerk has asked a tree surgeon to assess some trees on council land in Mill End Close that have been reported as causing a nuisance to residents. Once the report is received back to the Clerk it will be forwarded to the council. Agreed.

Clerk

(5) Village roads:

- (5.1) Zebra crossing: The Clerk has written to CBC asking for more details, awaiting response. It was proposed the council engage Eaton Bray Academy on this issue. Cllr. Spicer to contact school. All agreed.

Clerk/
Cllr.Spicer

- (5.1)Speedwatch: the council have got the minimum number of people required to carry out

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- the scheme. Cllr. Tomkins to progress this matter further. Agreed. Cllr.Tomkins
- (6) School Lane Recreation Ground:
- (6.1) Barrier: The barriers are again broken in car park. It was proposed that rather than posts the council look into replacing with a rolling barrier (as The Rye Ground). All agreed. Clerk to obtain quotes. Clerk
- (6.2) Car Park Markings: It was recommended to the council to look into the option of marking out the school lane car park to include 1 disabled space and 1 yellow box (keep clear/maintenance access). Agreed. Clerk
- (7) Dog Control Order: With the new Dog Control Order coming into place from 19th October 2014, it was recommended the following areas where signage is required. Agreed. Clerk
- (i) Cemetery (ii) The Rye (iii) School Lane (iv) Holmans Field
- (8) Proposed 7.5 tonnes weight restriction/Totternhoe: The council looked at the proposals and were very concerned with the effect the restrictions would have on the roads in Eaton Bray. It was proposed and agreed that the council write in to the Consultation with the following response: Clerk
- The Parish Council objects to this proposed application on the following grounds ...*
- (i) *The proposed restriction would inevitably divert a significant proportion of HGVs over 7.5 tonnes currently using the route through Totternhoe onto the route through the centre of Eaton Bray.*
- (ii) *The proposed order would therefore impact very negatively on road safety and the environment in Eaton Bray village; the increased HGV traffic on the route through Eaton Bray would be forced to negotiate roads which have a considerable amount of permitted on-road parking, much pedestrian activity, and large numbers of dwellings which give directly onto the roads in question.*
- (iii) *The Parish Council sees the solution to these problems as the extension of the proposed weight restriction to cover both villages, and asks CBC Highways and Amey to consider how this could best be achieved expeditiously in the interests of road safety and the environment in both villages.*
- It was recommended Cllr. Johns contact Totternhoe PC to discuss these proposals. Agreed. Cllr.Johns
- (9) Bus Stop/Timetable:
- (9.1) Three Corners: The Clerk is awaiting a report on the assessment of the Bus Stop. Recommended Clerk to chase. Agreed.
- (9.2) Poplar Farm: Ivy covering bus stop sign; needs to be cleared. Agreed. Clerk to action. Clerk
- (9.3) White Horse Bus Stop: The bus stop sign opposite the pub, by The Pound, is in a poor position and not visible to road users; needs repositioning. Agreed. Clerk to look into. Clerk
- (9.4) Bus Stop near 95/97 High Street has a lot of overgrowth surrounding it. Requires clearing. Agreed. Clerk to action. Clerk
- (9.5) Timetables: The timings have been changed, concerns raised with the reduction of buses running from towns to/from the village after 5:30pm. It was proposed the Clerk writes to CBC/Arriva (copying Andrew Selous MP) expressing the council's dismay at the cut backs affecting people from the village who rely on the bus service, i.e. to/from work, visiting hospital (*visiting hours after last bus*). A service crucial to people living/working in the parish. Clerk
- (10) Christmas Carols/Trees/Wreaths: The agreed date for the Christmas Carols in the parish is Friday 19th December, with the carols and band visiting the Three Corners and Market Square. It was recommended to the council that they re-consider the costs for the Christmas trees/band; it was proposed a spend of £200 towards the trees (to include delivery) and £150 for the band. Agreed. Cllr. Simkins to contact MWAgri regarding the fitting of the trees at the Three Corners and Market Square. Agreed. The council agreed in principle to the wreaths on the streetlights, Cllr. Spicer contacting companies for sponsors. Cllr.Simkins/
Cllr.Spicer
- (11) Gritter: the council are not currently looking into this matter for the parish.

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(12) Signage: missing/damaged signs – Clerk to check and report accordingly.

9. REPORTS

(1) Chairman's Correspondence:

(1.1) Email from Bedfordshire Police; the council are happy to display notices on parish notice boards and the website, but are unable to recommend somewhere to display a banner.

(1.2) Town & Parish Council Conference, Tuesday 20th January 2014; new date circulated.

(2) Clerk's Report:

(2.1) The Clerk handed out the read file for circulation.

(2.1) The Poppy Wreaths have been delivered for placing at Edlesborough and Eaton Bray War Memorials. A proposed donation to The Royal British Legion of £100 was agreed. Clerk to action. Clerk

(2.2) ROSPA Report: the Clerk has received the ROSPA report for the inspection of the play areas in the parish; proposed the report goes to the GPWG to review and present findings to PC. All agreed. GPWG

(3) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: No items to report.

(4) Cemetery: No items to report

(5) Finance:

(5.1) The Parish Council audit papers for council audit year ending 31st March 2014 have been signed off and approved by BDO. Clerk to file. Clerk

(5.2) It was recommended a Finance Working Group meeting be set up in November to go through council accounts. Clerk to organise. Agreed. Clerk

(6) Working Groups: No items to report.

10. **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**: The Standing Orders were presented to the Parish Council and recommended for adoption by Eaton Bray Parish Council. It was agreed unanimously to accept the amended Standing Orders for 2014.

11. **ACCOUNTS: TO RESOLVE TO PAY OCTOBER**; Presented to council - all agreed.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS: OCTOBER 2014	
Ground Maintenance	£1,692.10
Village improvements; bedding/planters	£80.74
Donation: The Royal British Legion	£100.00
Annual playground inspection	£417.60
Data Protection renewal fee	£35.00
Salaries (Clerk & Handyman)	£977.47
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC)	£77.51
TOTAL Monthly Outgoings	£3,380.42

12. NEXT AGENDA

- Items for the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Clerk **NO LATER THAN Thursday 20th November 2014**. All Councillors please note that items submitted after this date will **not** be included in the December 2014 agenda and will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting scheduled in January 2014. All Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Next meeting/s to be held:

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

Monday 5th January 2014; from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)