

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on 2nd February 2015 at The Coffee Tavern

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| PRESENT (PC = Parish Council) | Cllr. R. Windmill (<i>Chairman</i>) Cllr. J. Conner Cllr. M. Costello Cllr. M. Simkins | Cllr. P. Spicer Cllr. M. Tomkins Cllr. G. Wigley |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Heidi Head (<i>Parish Clerk/RFO</i>) | |
| ALSO PRESENT | General Public x15 Cllr. Marion Mustoe | |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Tribbick.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Spicer declared an interest in Agenda item 8(2).

There were no other declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

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

- Concerns raised regarding the placing of advertising boards on the grass to the entrance of Wallace Drive; *it was proposed the PC write to the businesses involved informing them that the PC has received a number of complaints, that this is CBC land and request the boards are removed. All agreed.*
- Are the council putting up sites for development; *PC to discuss matter later in meeting.*
- Are the PC considering a local plan; *PC to discuss matter later in meeting.*

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 01/12/2014

An amendment was made to the following: page 1582, item 9(7) 'All agreed' to be replaced with 'Majority agreement'. It was then agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on 5th January 2015; 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); *awaiting response.*

6. REPRESENTATIVES

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

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the council.

(1.1) Motocross: The Planning Application was passed with conditions.

(1.2) Land Off Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray: The application has been called in to committee. Date for meeting to be confirmed.

(1.3) CBC Speed Limit Works: as part of CBC's speed limit works, the installation of a 50mph speed limit buffer is due to be installed on Tring Road south of Dunstable. The 50mph speed limit will replace the existing national speed limit and terminate by the Harling Road roundabout junction.

Cllr. Mustoe

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| EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL LOG <small>(item removed when matter resolved)</small> | | |
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| 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. |
| 12/05/2014 | Meeting with Cllr. Brian Spurr, Cllr. Simkins and Cllr. Tomkins regarding highway matters in the parish. | Awaiting report from Cllr. Spurr. |
| 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. |

Cllr. Mustoe

(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 | 01/01/14 to 31/01/14 | 01/01/15 to 31/01/15 | Anti-Social Behaviour | 01/01/14 to 31/01/14 | 01/01/15 to 31/01/15 |
| Violence against the Person | 0 | 1 | Total | 1 | 4 |
| Sexual Offences | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Domestic Burglary | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Burglary Other | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Vehicle Crime | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Other Theft | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Criminal Damage | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Drugs | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total | 0 | 2 | | | |

Four reported anti-social behaviour incident for December:
 → 2 x Animals running around without any leads or owners.
 → 2 x Abandoned Vehicle (not abandoned as belongs to an owner in Eaton Bray).

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**

7. PLANNING REPORT; Planning Applications, January 2015

- (8.1) Planning Application CB/14/04055; land off Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray – outline planning for 150 dwellings: the PC confirmed that the application has received a large number of objections, due to the number of responses CBC confirmed that they will still accept letters up to 28th February 2015.
- (8.2) Neighbourhood Plan: it was proposed the council look into the numbers of dwellings that have been built in the parish over the last decade; to include large developments, i.e. Wallace Drive, Mill End Close etc., Clerk to look into. All agreed. It was recommended the PC organise a Planning Working Group to discuss/look into the

Clerk/March PC
Planning WG

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option of the council developing a local plan. Cllr. Tomkins agreed to contact Cllr. Tasker, Totternhoe PC, who have recently completed a local plan. Clerk to organise a working group date. All agreed.

Cllr Tomkins
Clerk

| Application | Planning Location | Proposed Development | Comment |
|-------------|--|---|---|
| CB/15/00011 | Land adjacent to 4 Park Farm Cottages, LU6 2DQ | Erection of 2xbed dwelling | No Objection |
| CB/15/00156 | 2 Totternhoe Rd, LU6 2BD | Re-development involving erection of 1x2 storey 4xbed dwelling, detached garage, refurb to existing dwelling & improvements to existing access. | (1) PC's concerns raised on previous application still stand. (2) Concerns the development does not touch tree on parish land. (3) Suitable protection is put in place for parish tree. |
| CB/15/00087 | Roundabout, B489/B4506 | 4xsign boards, free standing, post mounted | (1) Concerns with impact on visibility. (2) Distraction on roundabout to road users. (3) Size – too large. |
| CB/15/00324 | 125 High St, LU6 2DP | Erection of front porch. | No Objection. |

8. BUSINESS MATTERS

(1) The Rye Ground:

Car Park: The Clerk has written to seven contractors; two quotations have been received, the Clerk to chase for other replies.

Clerk

(2) Cricket Club Lease: The Cricket Club have looked through the draft Lease and it was proposed that Cllr. Windmill and Cllr. Tribbick meet with the Club to go through the issues raised. All agreed.

Cllr Windmill/
Cllr Tribbick

(3) Football Pitches - The Rye/School Lane/Holmans Field:

(3.1) The first draft Agreements for football pitches were reviewed by all Councillors with recommendations considered. It was proposed that an agreement should be put in place for each location. Majority agreed. It was then proposed that General Purpose Working Group look at the amended agreements to go through and put forward recommendations to March Parish Council Meeting. All agreed.

GPWG
March PC

(4) Highways Matters:

(4.1) HGV Limit: Cllr. Tomkins confirmed that CBC has approved the plans put forward for restrictions to HGV's through Eaton Bray and Totternhoe. Awaiting confirmation from Bucks County Council for road signage at road entrance points.

(4.2.) Speedwatch: Additional speedwatch training sessions are being carried out and the unit is now available for use.

(5) CBC Call for Sites: Councillors discussed land options within the parish and it was proposed that the PC do not reply to the communication at this time. Majority agreed.

(6) Village Hall Representative: No items to report.

(7) Car Parking Issues: It has been brought to the council's attention that a number of cars are being parked in such a way to obstruct public footpath pedestrian access. It was proposed the Clerk remind residents/car users that it is an offence to block/obstruct the public footpath. All agreed.

Clerk

(8) Future events for Eaton Bray: Cllr. Spicer proposed the council look into putting together events for the parish, i.e. May Day etc., council recommended Cllr. Spicer/Simkins to put forward details/costs to present to the council for further discussion. All agreed.

Cllr Spicer/
Cllr Simkins

(8) Bedfordshire Police: Reminder to councillors to respond to survey.

All Councillors

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9. REPORTS

(1) Chairman's Correspondence:

- (1.1) Letter from Edlesborough Surgery regarding potential developments in Edlesborough/Eaton Bray and the impact on the infrastructure; read to Councillors.
- (1.2) Letter from Building Contractors regarding the condition of the bus stop at Three Corners read to councillors; it was proposed Clerk write to the two adjacent properties for permission to enter land to allow contractors to be able to obtain a more details report on condition and cost for repair. All agreed. Clerk
- (1.3) Letter received from tree surgeon regarding trees situated in the landscape buffer, Mill End Close. It was proposed that the council accept the quotation with the provision that the tree surgeon ensures that the tree stump is killed to alleviate any potential regrowth. All agreed. Clerk
- (1.4) Letter received from tree surgeon regarding trees recently cut by the adjacent land owner. The report stated that from their point of view not enough foliage was cut back and recommended further work. Clerk report findings to land owner. Agreed. Clerk

(2) Clerk's Report:

- (2.1) Read/circulation file handed out to all Councillors.
- (2.2) The Clerk reminded councillors that the PC is fully entitled to inform residents of matters affecting the parish and PC's decision, but need to ensure the PC does not encourage residents to follow the decision of the council. Matter noted.
- (2.3) Defibrillator update: the Clerk has collected the equipment, which is current stored in the Council's office. The Clerk will go through all the paperwork and contact relevant affected parties before actioning further.

(3) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: All curtain rails on the ground floor have been replaced; the CTT are now looking into replacing the top floor rails, some of which are broken.

(4) Cemetery: A small wall inside the cemetery has fallen down, it has no use, it was recommended the Clerk organise for the rubble to be removed. Agreed. It was brought to the PC's attention additional land requirements, if the council are having no acceptable outcome from other potential land it was recommended the Clerk contact CBC to find out the options for using a separate new site for a cemetery. Matter to be brought forward at June PC Meeting. All agreed. Clerk Clerk June PC

(5) Finance: No items to report.

(6) Working Groups: No items to report.

10. ACCOUNTS: TO RESOLVE TO PAY JANUARY 2015; Presented to council - all agreed.

| MONTHLY PAYMENTS: JANUARY 2015 | |
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| Ground Maintenance | £1,170.10 |
| Village Improvements: Christmas lights/bulbs | £12.50 |
| Salaries (Clerk & Handyman) | £1,033.56 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC) | £76.61 |
| TOTAL Monthly Outgoings | £2,292.77 |

11. NEXT AGENDA

- Items for the next PC Meeting Agenda MUST BE SUBMITTED to the Clerk NO LATER THAN Thursday 26th February 2015. Please note, items submitted after this date will not be included in March agenda and will be deferred to the PC Meeting scheduled in April. All Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Next meeting/s to be held:

Monday 2nd March 2015; from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 13th April 2015; from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)