

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021, 7:30PM, THE COFFEE TAVERN

ATTENDANCE

Parish Councillors	Cllr Marie Brewer (Chairperson), Cllr Joan Conner, Cllr Mike Simkins, Cllr Mark Tomkins
Public:	x1
Others:	Cllr Philip Spicer-CBC

Due to the absence of the Parish Clerk it was proposed Cllr Tomkins act as meeting clerk. Approved.

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- (1.1) Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Chubb, Cllr Gavyn Lugsden, Cllr Adam Richardson and Parish Clerk.
- (1.2) Apologies were received from PCSO Richard Beare.

(2) SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this point in the meeting.

(3) PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

- (3.1) The Parish Council was asked if they had discovered who owned the land on the corner of Eaton Park and High Street with the willow tree. The parishioner was concerned about the build-up of organic matter in the ditch from grass and trees and worried about flooding. The Clerk has asked CBC as to who is responsible for the land, they have yet to respond. Cllr Spicer has agreed to chase this up. Neighbours have offered to clear the land and if CBC will not clear the area, the Parish Council will arrange to collect the organic waste once cleared.

(4) SIGNING OF MINUTES: Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting

- (4.1) Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting, Monday 6 September 2021: It was proposed to unanimously accept the minutes. All Agreed. The Chairperson to sign the minutes.

(5) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- (1) Cllr Brewer and Cllr Connor met with Eaton Bray Tennis Club to enquire about the use of the tennis courts for summer youth activities. The meeting was positive between both parties. The Tennis Club representatives agreed to ask their committee to consider releasing the third tennis court back to the Parish Council for possible use for a MUGA. The Tennis Club pointed out that Easter and Summer camps are open to all, not just to club members. The Tennis Club representatives agreed that the Parish Council could use the tennis court free of charge if sessions could be arranged for young people with the club coach. The Tennis Club also agreed that the court could be used by the school by arrangement.
- (2) See PC Minutes: Page 1910, Item (3)(3.1).
- (3) EBPC are still trying to set up a meeting with PC Beare to discuss local policing support for the village. Clerk to chase PC Beare for an update.
- (4) School Lane benches/picnic benches; due to the vandalism and the nature of the graffiti, EBPC are looking into how the paint surface can be removed. Current maintenance

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contractors cannot provide support. Clerk to investigate how the top paint surface can be removed.

- (5) Speedwatch; Clerk to advertise the need for more volunteers to support the group or the Speedwatch programme cannot continue as there are not enough members. Cllr Tomkins to post on EBPC Facebook page to gain support.
- (6) Council website: Cllr Tomkins to update all councillor details.
- (7) Beacon – Cllrs liked the idea of the beacon and design suggested. However it was difficult to decide where it could be located. To be reviewed at PC Meeting November.
- (8) Official Parish Council noticeboard; EBPC are awaiting a quote from contractor.
- (9) Village Hall electric vehicle charging points; Clerk to chase Village Hall for a response as the diocese have noted that it is not their decision but the Village Hall.
- (10) Boundary Commission changes: PC to draft a response and to join forces with other villages to present a united response of rejection. Clerk to arrange a post on Facebook to explain what the boundary commission changes mean and to gain support and rejection from residents.
- (11) Cemetery tap; Council still awaiting quotes for its repair. Clerk to chase for quotes.

(6) REPRESENTATIVES

(6.1) CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (CBC)

(6.1.1) Cllr Philip Spicer addressed the Parish Council.

- (1) The head of CBC Highways & Waste has changed and a new head of service, Loren Carver is in post.
- (2) The green waste collection dates are still to be confirmed an actual date will depend on the volume to be collected. The collection for Eaton Bray will be at some point after 18th October, the exact date TBC.
- (3) Greenways parking feasibility planning meeting has been set by CBC and its relevant departments and an assessment booked for end of October.
- (4) EBPC requested Cllr Spicer to call in the planning application of 92-94 High Street Eaton Bray as the PC objected to this proposal as the resubmission still fails to satisfy requirements of our Neighbourhood Plan. EBPC stressed that the development was not required and would prove a dangerous addition to a busy high street due to its proximity to the shop and resident parking.
- (5) Regarding the Eaton Park development, the Chair reiterated that the PC had objected to this application and have written to CBC restating our objections.
- (6) Councillor Simkins requested the contact details of the new person responsible for tree planting at CBC to undertake the replacement of the saplings around the village and the CBC contact responsible for undertaking ground surveys to scan for services underground before the trees can be planted.

(6.1.2) **BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE:** No police were in attendance.

(7) PLANNING REPORT:

(7.1)

(1) Cricket Club Proposal: The Parish Council to wait for the full planning application to be submitted prior to decision.

(7.2) Planning Applications:

(1) Application No: CB/18/04348/OUT

Location: Land off Eaton Park, Eaton Bray, LU6 2SP

Proposal: Outline Application: Residential development comprising up to 58 dwellings, drainage attenuation, open space and associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

- Comment: Objection already sent to CBC.

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- (2) Application No: CB/21/03634/FULL
Location: The Stags, Doolittle Lane, Totternhoe, LU6 1QX
Proposal: Erection of a timber outbuilding (retrospective)
 - Comment: No objection, subject to normal planning conditions.
- (3) Application No: CB/21/04225/FULL
Location: 31 The Orchards, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DD
Proposal: Single storey rear flat roof extension
 - Comment: No objections, subject to normal planning conditions.
- (4) Application No: CB/20/01729/FULL
Appeal reference: APP/P0240/W/21/3267535
Location: Land to the Southeast of The Annex, Hollybrook, The Rye, LU6 2BQ
Proposal: Demolition of existing independent annex and mobile home and erection of single storey dwelling and associated works
 - Comment: Appeal Dismissed.
- (5) Application No: CB/21/04234/FULL
Location: 92 and 94 High Street, Eaton Bray, LU6 2DP
Proposal: Demolition of 2x dwellings no's 92 and 94, erection of 4x semi-detached and 2x detached dwellings with associated parking and ancillary works
 - Comment: Objection – the Parish Council will object.
- (6) Application No: CB/20/03249/FULL
Appeal reference: APP/P0240/W/21/3266958
Location: The Yard, The Ford, Harling Road, Eaton Bray, LU6 2JB
Proposal: Divide the site into a plot for a 2-bed bungalow with the builder's yard to be retained on the part of the site to south-west.
 - Comment: Appeal Dismissed.

(8) BUSINESS MATTERS:

(8.1) MILL END CLOSE:

- (1) Access gate: Clerk has arranged for the work to be done.
- (2) Landscape Buffer/Ransome Strip: Quote received to remove tree, Clerk to obtain further quotes for comparison.
- (3) Bench: Cllr Simkins to prepare proposal information and quotes for PC Meeting/Nov.

(8.2) VILLAGE YOUTH PROVISION:

(1) Youth Project:

- (a) The Parish Councils are continuing to look at ways to engage and provide for youth.
- (b) The Parish Council agreed to set up a new page on the ebpc.co.uk website for 'Groups and Activities' for young people. Clerk to advertise on Facebook requesting anyone who runs a group locally to provide details for the website. Cllr Tomkins will add to the website once we have received responses. Cllr Tomkins reported that a new page on the website for volunteer groups has been added (<https://www.ebpc.co.uk/volunteer-groups/>)

(8.3) VILLAGE RECREATION GROUNDS:

(8.3.1) School Lane:

- (1) Youth Shelters: Quote received from contractor for a wooden solution. Councillors viewed it as not being suitable and could be subject to vandalism. Matter to be discussed at next Precept/budgeting meeting.
- (2) All councillors agreed with the quotation received from grounds contractor for the building of an earth bund in the park to replace the deteriorating barrier. Clerk to commission. All agreed.
- (3) Trees behind property in The Nurseries: Clerk to write to resident who has expressed concern over two Beech trees that may cause damage in the future to his property. The Parish Council has consulted two tree specialists. In their opinion the trees will not damage

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property. However, the council has no objections to the resident seeking a contractor to have the trees removed at their own cost. All agreed.

- (4) School Lane playground equipment installation will begin early/mid-November. The play area will be closed for 2-3 weeks depending on contractor progress and weather.
- (5) Basketball Pitch – Council discussed the idea of using the third tennis court for the location of a new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). See PC Minutes page 1910, Item (5)(1). The council agreed to discuss including an update to the basketball pitch in the next precept/budget meeting.

(8.3.2) Holmans Field: No matters arising.

(8.3.3) The Rye Ground: Council to look at budgeting for an update to the play equipment at The Rye play area. Agreed.

(8.4) HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

(1) Zebra/Pedestrian Crossing: Cllr Tomkins has a meeting on the 6 October with Totternhoe Parish Council to plan for a joint proposal to CBC for the provision of a zebra crossing. Councillor Tomkins to report at the November meeting on progress.

(2) S.I.D.: SIDs (Speed Indicating Devices) are due for replacement, Cllr Tomkins has received a quote for one provider (Elancity). c£1500 + VAT per device + cost of local electrician to fit. Devices are suitable. A second quote is to be sought for the November meeting so a decision can be made and devices ordered. Agreed.

(8.5) VILLAGE MATTERS:

(1) Village Open Day: Ongoing matter.

(8.6) PARISH TREES:

(1) Tree Planting: Ongoing matter. Cllr Simkins to progress with CBC.

(2) St. Mary's Church:

(a) Recent tree works. Catherine Hayden thanked the council for their support for recent works around the churchyard.

(b) Recent correspondence from resident regarding trees overhanging his property. Clerk has written to the resident inviting them to exercise their right to trim any overhanging branches at their own cost.

(c) An Ash tree is suffering from Ash Dieback – Clerk received a quote from Neil Shadbolt to remove tree. Clerk to get additional quotes for the work.

(d) Village Hall car park: Clerk to find out who owns the hedge that runs the perimeter of the car park as the hedge is overgrown and is blocking view out of car park across the vale. All agreed.

(3) Tree Donation: Clerk to write to Tony Graff to enquire if he would like to take up the offer received from resident for tree saplings. All agreed.

(8.7) VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS/EVENTS:

(1) Village Signs: Matter ongoing.

(8.8) TENDERS/QUOTATIONS: No additional quotations presented to the Parish Council.

(9) REPORTS:

(9.1) PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

(9.1.1) Correspondence:

(1) Email: Walks with Hazel/tree donation – see PC Minutes page 1913, item (8)(8.6)(3)

(2) Email: Allotment plot 21a/access gate – Clerk to investigate that the Parish Council can invoke its right to lock the gate onto the allotments from adjacent property.

(3) Email: St. Mary's Church, Ash/tree works – see PC Minutes page 1913, item (8)(8.6)(2)(c)

(4) Email: Cllr Philip Spicer – Greenways: update on matter read to Councillors.

(5) Email: St. Mary's Church – the Church has written in response to the council's request to site a dog bin on the corner of the village hall & church. The decision is the Village Hall management and are awaiting response from them.

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(6) Email: CBC, bench/Cantilupe Close – read to Councillors.

(9.2) PARISH CLERK:

No matters brought forward.

(9.3) PARISH AMENITIES/VENUES:

(1) Cottage: No matters arising.

(2) The Coffee Tavern:

(a) No issues reported. Some fire detectors have been replaced. Outside painting quotes received but works deferred until 2022 when the weather improves.

(b) New caretaker/booking clerk has been appointed.

(3) The Village Hall: See earlier notes on matters relating to the Village Hall.

(9.4) PARISH BURIAL GROUNDS:

(9.4.1) Bower Lane Cemetery:

(1) Burials: Number of burials/internments for August/September: Two.

(2) Cemetery Tap: Clerk obtaining quotes.

(9.4.2) St. Mary's Churchyard: See earlier notes on matters relating to St. Mary's Churchyard.

(9.5) PARISH ALLOTMENTS:

(1) Holman's Field: No matters to report.

(2) The Meads Allotments: See earlier notes on matters relating to The Meads Allotments.

(10) MONTHLY ACCOUNTS:

(10.1) TO RESOLVE TO PAY SEPTEMBER 2021 ACCOUNTS: Proposed, seconded, all agreed.

(11) ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

(11.1) Next Meeting:

- Parish Council Meeting, Monday 1 November 2021 from 7:30pm, The Coffee Tavern

(11.2) Agenda items:

- Jubilee celebrations & beacon location
- Willow tree
- Cemetery gates
- Project Gigabit

(11.3) Parish Councillors to forward any items for the next Parish Council Meeting to the Parish Clerk by Saturday 23rd October 2021.

Meeting closed at 21:35hrs.