

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING meeting held 22 April 2004 at 7.30 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, C Cocking, D Gee, E Jones, A Mercer, M Mercer, E Montgomery, E Sutton, D Wallbank, S Wellerd.  
Residents and attending group representatives. Bgh Cllr Russell.

1. Apologies Cllr M Gray, T Gray.

2. Chair's Report

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Matson welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly Meeting. The representatives for the Committees of the Council will give a report on the progress they have made this year and plans for the future. This will be followed by reports made from representatives of local.

4. Reports from the Council Committees

Cllr Sutton reported for the Leisure Committee. This Committee looks after the play and recreation areas and Millennium Green. She thanked Mr Bentham for his hard work looking after the play areas. This year the Community Gardeners from Lisieux Hall had been attending the Millennium Green to maintain the shrub planted areas for the Council. The Lengthsmen and the Handyman had been keeping the village clean and tidy and the play areas were attended to regularly. It is the plan of the Council that there be an annual rolling improvement plan for each play area in turn beginning with Balshaw Lane play area.

Cllr Ashton reported for the Safety, Highways and Footpaths Committee. The Brookside to Wigan Road footpath was a major project for the Committee and the improvements had been accepted by Chorley Borough Council so they would be adopting the footpaths and maintaining it in the future. There are problems with speeding vehicles in the village and residents should respect the area in which they live and keep their speeds down.

Bgh Cllr Russell informed the meeting he would requesting speed restrictions on Dawbers Lane to Shaw Green from 60 mph to 40 mph following recent accidents occurring in this area.

Cllr Wallbank reported for the General Purposes Committee. This Committee covers items such as grant requests from local groups, noticeboards, and the pavement sweeping machine. She gave praise and thanks to all the voluntary helpers of groups and organisations within the village who offer variety and friendship to all different age groups of residents. She thanked Councillors for their efforts with the trial baskets and flower towers around the village last year which unfortunately suffered vandalism along with the Laurel hedge at Balshaw Lane which the Council is looking for an alternative for. The Council is chasing a number of items of concern in the village which include the railway station at Balshaw Lane and replacement landscaping for Euxton Lane.



Bgh Cllr Gee is also chasing for a landscaping scheme for Euxton Lane, the completion of projects and improving of areas from the different property companies and land owners on the former ROF site.

3. Minutes of Annual Assembly Meeting 10 April 2003

The minutes had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Cocking and accepted.

5. Voluntary Organisation Reports

Malcolm Millward, the Chairman of Euxton Cricket Club updated the Assembly with the progress of the club. Through obtaining grants the Club set up a summer school which ran throughout the summer and had 130 attending. The club also bought equipment and ran funded evening sessions and trained some of the club players to be coaches. The coming year will have one extra junior and senior teams. The club thanked the Parish Council for their continued support and the grant. Cllr Sutton congratulated the club on the Cricket for the Blind events and Malcolm informed that they also had cricket for disabled persons also.

Dennis Swards attended as Chairman of Euxton 50+ club. The club is run by a committee of 10 very committed persons and have 94 members in total whose average ages are 60/65, the club meets every other Thursday. The club thanks the Parish Council for their grant which subsidised a trip out for members. Dennis gave the meeting the forthcoming events and speaker details.

Tim Steele, the Chairman of the Euxton PC Community Centre committee attended to update residents about the centre. A successful lottery money bid provided the major contribution to a total project of £300K which gave the centre an IT suite which hosts courses and free access, an extra hall, meeting room and enhancements to the building such as a main hall temporary dividing wall. The committee thanked the Parish Council for their support, grant and using the centre and also all the residents who use the centre.

6. Village Issues

Dennis Swards thanked the Parish Council for co-operating with Astley Village Parish Council in distributing information regarding the very successful summer activities days held for youngsters.

7. Any other urgent business

There being no further general business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

