

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 18 November 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, E Jones, T Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, J Miles, E Montgomery, E Sutton, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs C Cocking, D Gee, M Mercer, K Wallbank.

2. **Police Matters**

Cllr Jones noted that he had reported a possible break in at Balshaw Lane Primary School. Cllr Sutton informed Councillors that CBM Lydia Hackett had attended quite a number of meetings the last few weeks including all the Council's Committee meetings.

3. **Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising**

Resolved: Full Council meeting 21 October 2004, proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Planning Matters**

04/01191/FUL Erection of single storey side and rear extensions at 197 Runshaw Lane - check if parking is being lost

04/01210/TPO Work on 6 trees at 9 Euxton Hall Gardens - object to unnecessary felling of trees

04/0215/ECC Notification of application for Ecclesiastical Exemption in respect of alterations and additions to the existing internal lighting scheme at St Mary's RC Church - Cllr Sutton declared an interest in this application - no comment

04/01226/OUTMAJ Outline Application for construction of 80 bed care home, 80 bed extra care apartments, 110 retirement complex, office, bowling green and pavilion, landscaping - Cllr Jones declared an interest in this item - no comment

04/01245/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear and second storey extension to side at 127 Bredon Avenue - no comment

04/01251/FUL side extension 107 Countessway - check if parking is being lost

5. **Financial Matters**

Resolved: Proposed Cllr T Gray, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, the papers having been inspected by Cllr Ashton and two queries answered.

£ 220.00	SprintPrint	Newsletter printing
£ 54.38	Powergen	Electricity to pavilion
£ 147.80	Newsquest	Delivery of newsletter
£ -73.90	Newsquest	Credit note for non-delivery of newsletter
£ 260.91	Applied Sweepers	Repairs to sweeping machine
£ 250.00	Primrose Hill School	Grant
£ 250.00	Yarrow Nursery	Grant
£ 250.00	Euxton Cricket Club	Grant
£ 1000.00	J Vipond & M Mercer	Grant to ERASE
£ 675.96	Employee 2	Salary - November
£ 547.52	Employee 3	Salary - November
£ 583.83	Employee 4	Salary - November
£ 341.25	Employee 5	Salary - November
£ 510.87	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI



£	234.23	Cash	Reimbursements
£	18.60	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	22.05	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	675.74	Employee 2	Salary - December
£	547.51	Employee 3	Salary - December
£	583.82	Employee 4	Salary - December
£	325.00	Employee 5	Salary - December
£	511.11	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI

6. James Moorcroft Play Area, Balshaw Lane

Cllr Witts introduced the project for new wheeled sports equipment for this play area. He showed Councillors the plan and briefly discussed highlights from the minutes of the Leisure Committee, the other companies who submitted schemes and quotations. Following letters being sent to the residents overlooking the area one residence replied, viewed the plans and submitted some suggestions for the new signage of an age limit, closing time and request to respect the equipment.

Cllr Matson commented that the plan of the area looked cramped. Cllr Witts informed Council that all the suppliers of the equipment were invited to visit and measure the area, which they did, so the equipment could be placed in accordance with their safety guidelines with enough space around them, from other equipment and fencing etc. The Committee did not suggest positions, equipment or number of items.

Resolved: The recommendations of the Leisure Committee were ratified by Full Council.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee - meeting to be arranged.

Cllr Wellerd asked about the footpath adjacent to Countessway leading to Balshaw Lane Play Area. The Clerk updated that this was not Parish Council land and was being pursued with Chorley Borough Council legal department to establish ownership prior to the centre path being renewed.

Cllr D Bateman enquired over the play area at the end of Highways, adjacent to the railway line, in particular that the ginnel leading to it from the bottom of the estate is overgrown. Clerk to report to Chorley Borough Council.

ii Leisure Committee - receive minutes of meeting 4 November 2004

The path leading from Balshaw Lane Play Area through to Countessway to be put on the next agenda along with the tree bench for the Millennium Green.

iii General Purposes Committee - receive minutes of meeting 3 November 2004

Clerk updated Council that since this meeting an offer has been made by Lancashire County Council of 20 hours/£120 of the Parish Council's lengthsman time to tidy up Bank Lane and maintain for a year. Council accepted the offer and requested the Clerk apply again in a year. Councillors discussed the pavement sweeper at length.

iv Personnel Committee - meeting to be arranged to see precept.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - receive minutes of meeting 3 November 2004

Cllr Jones updated the Council of the latest position regarding the request to include field 3 in the Council's plan and the possible surrender costs for the land. A further meeting is arranged for 2 December.



7. Euxton PC Community Centre

Councillors discussed the request for assistance from the committee of the Community Centre at length. Councillors felt that the centre had become home to the Council and that they had already formed an agreement when the grant was made last time which they wished to be mentioned in the letter telling them of the Council's decision.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Mercer and agreed 12 votes to 1 against that the Council grant the Community Centre £1000 and write to the committee reinforcing the Council and the Community Centre working in partnership.

8. Youth Council/Forum

Cllr Sutton reported on the meeting on 17 November when the Council invited youngsters to set up a group to assist the Council with their ideas about what they would want around the village. A second meeting has been arranged for the 15 December and they did want Cllr Sutton to be at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was distributed. Councillors were given clarification on items.

The Clerk informed the Council of a United Utilities proposal to install a pipeline stretching from Chapel Brook along the A49 to the Millennium Green, across the Millennium Green through to Dawbers Lane and onwards to the river. Councillors discussed the impact this would cause on the Green and were concerned over the period of time a section of the perimeter path would have to be closed. Negotiations were continuing over the possibility of a donation to the Parish Council which would go towards refurbishing the pathway. Cllr Wellerd drew attention to the fact that there may be a possible closure of Packsaddle Bridge for works due and it would be a good idea to co-ordinate the road works. Cllr T Gray will attempt to find out the date for the Packsaddle Bridge works and let the Clerk know.

The Clerk asked the Council to decide upon a date for the Christmas Carol Concert from dates Parklands School players were available. Proposed by Cllr Mercer, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed that Cllr Gee be invited in his capacity as Mayor of Chorley to attend the event.

9. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Mercer asked Councillors to display, and persuade others to display, the ERASE notices in their windows.

Cllr M Gray informed Council that Primrose Hill School had asked the Council via herself to looking into the fencing around the play area. Referred to Leisure Committee and Cllr Gray to request the school write in with their specific request.

Cllr M Gray informed the Council of a conversation with a representative of the Euxton War Memorial Institute Club over the Remembrance Day poppy wreath. The representative said, it had been decided by the committee that the club was now a private club and not a memorial club for members only, no non-members could enter and so the wreath would not be welcome.

Councillors were very concerned over this response as the land the Memorial Club stood on had been donated to the village by the Anderton's many years ago for the purpose of building



a Club on it as a Memorial. Cllr Wellerd pointed out that the club can be hired out for private parties and the doors are open at weekends for non-members.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed that the Council write to the Committee and ask for clarification of the situation, when the decision was taken and by whom, also to ask who owns the land and the club.

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

