

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of meeting held 15 January 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road.

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, T Gray, D Gee, A Mercer, E Montgomery, K Strang, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, D Bateman, M Bateman, E Jones, M Mercer, J Matson.

2. Police Matters

PC Rob Dainty attended the meeting and updated Councillors with recent crime statistics of which the most worrying was the theft of several high-class motor vehicles from the village. Councillors discussed general safety and the possibilities of CCTV for the village. PC Dainty would liaise further with the Clerk regarding CCTV cameras and report back to a future meeting.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Full Council meeting 20 November 2003. Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning

09/03/1386/FUL, 47 Washington Lane.

Information and plans were not available for this application as it had only been received that morning, the Clerk will post out information to Cllrs Wellerd, Gray, Ashton & Witts who will pass comments back.

5. Euxton PC Community Centre

Councillors K Wallbank, Witts and A Mercer had attended two meetings with the community centre committee to discuss the future use of the centre and grant request. Cllr Wallbank reported that the centre had agreed for the Parish Council to use the meeting room, free for up to 20 meetings per year indefinitely with a couple of stipulations such as notice in advance of the dates. The sub-committee offered the centre a grant of £5000 and agreed to 20 meetings per year but for an initial 10 year period. The centre also agreed the Council could hang pictures or notices on the meeting room wall in the alcove.

The £5000 grant to the community centre was proposed by Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Wellerd and agreed. The Council thanked Cllrs Wallbank, Witts and Mercer for their work to secure the decision.

6. Finance

The Clerk presented a budget update and informed the Council of the conclusion of the audit received from the auditors. This conclusion of audit would be displayed in the noticeboards as per the statutory requirements. The auditor had no comments to make regarding the Council's figures.

Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Cocking and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment:

£ 1.17	Chorley Borough Council	Annual rent of playing field
£1015.77	Chorley Borough Council	Litter bins and fixing
£ 20.10	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£ 350.00	Sprintprint	Printing of Dec newsletter
£ 150.00	D Entwistle	Add. Planter and bulb planting
£ 650.00	D Entwistle	Flowers, hedge, planting, labour
£ 14.00	Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription membership
£ 138.19	Applied Sweepers	Parts
£ 500.00	Employee 1	Salary
£ 603.02	Cash	Reimbursements
£ 674.83	Employee 2	Salary - Jan

£ 513.78	Employee 3	Salary - Jan
£ 685.30	Employee 4	Salary - Jan
£ 222.30	Employee 5	Salary - Jan
£ 302.97	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI
£ 31.50	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£ 42.30	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£5000.00	Euxton Community Centre	Grant
£ 300.00	Euxton Girls FC	Grant
£ 500.00	St Mary's Church	Grant
£ 300.00	Euxton 50+	Grant

## 7. Reports by Committees

### i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Cllr Ashton reported that there had been a meeting the week before but minutes were not yet available. He had received no replies or comments to the article placed in the Euxton Web regarding vehicle speeds on the estate roads.

### ii Leisure Committee

Cllr Witts updated the Council of a meeting held with representatives from Chorley Borough Council, MAPS team and the Police regarding the Youth Shelter for Greenside. The MAPS team had presented its concerns regarding the Parish Council's chosen shelter position and would not support it but instead indicated a position close-by behind the 5-a-side football pitch, by the small car park, which they did support. The MAPS team indicated that this chosen position was less likely to have a personal safety issue. The Committee members were not in favour of the new position suggested, the Council agreed. David Jones from CBC supported the suggested position from MAPS team. If Mr Jones can secure a reasonable length of time by the section within CBC who had the land earmarked for building, then the shelter could be funded from the s106 monies it was holding for Euxton. The Committee informed CBC and MAPS the Council could not fund lighting and hard-standing for this new location because of the cost.

### iii General Purposes Committee

Cllr D Wallbank reported that there had been a meeting the week before but minutes were not yet available. She updated the Council on the flowers and bulb planting for the village, remembrance day wreath and that the committee is looking into the purchase of a vice-chair chain.

### iv Personnel Committee

No report.

## 8. Euxton Lane Junction

Cllr K Wallbank had taken home from the Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee information submitted to the Parish Council by a resident of Euxton Lane. He had studied the information and recommended that the Parish Council support the residents' claims that the layout of the new junction on Euxton Lane could be dangerous, in a particular place, to cyclists. The Council agreed to write a letter of support for the resident.

## 9. Meeting Schedule

A schedule of meetings had been presented to the Council members which was approved.

## 10. Correspondence

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

## 11. Matters for further discussion

Cllr T Gray informed the Council that the Borough Council had a new machine for sucking up leaves and a visit from it could be requested.

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

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the PRECEPT meeting held Thursday 22 January 2004 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), C Cocking, E Jones, T Gray, A Mercer, M Mercer, E Montgomery, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, G Witts

1. Apologies Cllrs W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, K Strang, S Wellerd

2. Precept

The budget for 2004/2005 was proposed by Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed unanimously.

Employees	30640.00
Employee Mileage	750.00
General Office Expenses	800.00
Publicity	1,500 .00
Insurance	2,450.00
Subscriptions	750.00
Audit	300.00
Sundries/Emergency	2,532.80
Training/Conference Fees	400.00
Grants	2,000.00
Christmas Celebrations	1,600.00
Lease of Land	125.00
Utilities	200.00
Gardens/Planting	3,000.00
Street Sweeping	4,500.00
Greenside Maint. Programme	1,750.00
Border Signs	3,300.00
Road Signs	500.00
Finger Posts	600.00
Renovate Path	2000.00
Vice Chair Chain	500.00
Playground Renewal Programme	15,000.00
Tree Bench	700.00
Millennium Green	2,500.00
Amenity/Facility Fund/Land	5,500.00
	<u>83,897.80</u>
Less balances	26,200.00
	<u>6,000.00</u>
Precept Budget 2004/2005	<u>51697.80</u>

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