

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 15 April 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs J Matson, S Wellerd.

2. **Police Matters**

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton to suspend standing orders to allow members of the public to speak to the Council.

A resident of Greenside attended the meeting and addressed the Council about his serious concerns regarding policing of the area and said that parts of Greenside "were a policing no go area".

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank to restore standing orders, agreed.

Proposed Cllr Gee, seconded Cllrs K Wallbank and D Wallbank the Council write a letter to the Police and Lindsay Hoyle MP communicating residents concerns over policing in the Greenside area.

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

Resolved: Full Council meeting 18 March 2004, proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Gee raised concerns to the Parish Council from residents who had contacted him regarding the youth shelter at Greenside and he had been informed by the MAPS team that they had chosen a position closer to the existing benches for its erection. Cllr Gee informed the Council that he would like to see the shelter be moved in the direction of the benches.

Councillors discussed this issue for some time but the item was not on the agenda.

Proposed Cllr Gee, seconded Cllr K Wallbank to suspend standing orders to allow members of the public to speak to the Council.

Two Greenside residents attended the meeting and addressed the Council regarding their concerns over the arrival of a youth shelter on Greenside recreational land.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank to restore standing orders, agreed.

Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed that a meeting of the Leisure Committee be organised to discuss this matter further. The date was arranged for Friday 23 April at 6.00 pm.

4. **Planning**

Councillors were informed that the Parish Council had been given permission to reply to the application for 9/04/00279/COU Park View following its meeting tonight. Councillors discussed this application at length. Cllr A Mercer had declared his interest in this application at the last meeting, Cllrs Gee and T Gray also declared an interest.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr Sutton and voted 6 for, 2 against that the Parish Council should object to the planning application for the reasons listed in Chorley Borough Council's enforcement notice which was issued recently.

5. **Finance**



Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment:

£ 322.85	Cash	Reimbursements
£ 1997.50	Ron McCombe	Map Boards supply and fitting
£ 682.12	LAPTC	Subscriptions
£ 195.00	Myerscough College	Play ground inspection training
£ 200.00	Euxton Community Group	Grant
£ 200.00	Euxton Guides/Rainbows	Grant
£ 200.00	1 st Euxton Scout Group	Grant
£ 268.92	Applied Sweepers	Service on sweeping machine
£ 16.29	United Utilities	Water supply
£ 693.67	Employee 2	Salary April
£ 549.36	Employee 3	Salary April
£ 589.57	Employee 4	Salary April
£ 311.13	Employee 5	Salary April
£ 541.18	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for April
£ 21.30	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£ 24.90	Employee 4	Reimbursements

The Clerk informed the Council that an Internal Auditor had been found and gave a brief resume of their experience.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr M Gray to accept the internal auditor but to refer the issue of the fee to be paid to them to the Personnel Committee.

6. Reports by Committees

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Cllr Ashton reported that the matter raised regarding the grass verges along Balshaw Lane would be on the next agenda. The next committee meeting is arranged for 3 June 2004.

Cllr Gee reported that a resident is wishing to donate a giant red wood tree to the Parish Council. Clerk to write to the resident and make arrangements regarding the tree.

Cllr M Gray reported that a resident had contacted her regarding picking litter on the footpath from Brookside to Wigan Road. The Clerk informed that, as Chorley Borough Council had now assumed responsibility for this path, the Parish Council could not comment to the resident about permission to continue.

8.07 pm Cllrs Gee, T Gray leave

ii Leisure Committee - Council received the minutes of 1 April 2004 meeting. No reports.

iii General Purposes Committee - Council received the minutes of 1 April 2004 meeting.

Councillors noted the erection of the map boards, the position of one board to go on the next agenda.

iv Personnel Committee - No meeting or reports.

v Community Sports Facility Working Group - No report.

7. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was distributed, Councillors were given clarification on items. Councillors requested a report regarding juvenile nuisance by the Community Beat Manager be copied to them.

8. Matters for further discussion

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

8.17pm

