

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 17 June 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

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

Also Present 7 members of the public

1. Apologies Cllrs D Bateman, M Bateman, T Gray.
3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 20 May 2004, proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Clerk reported the only alternative room available for a Thursday evening is the hut. The Chairman and Chairmen of Committees will view the hut to ascertain its suitability.

Cllr Gee queried the recording of the leaving of the meeting by Cllr T Gray and himself and was advised this was always done.

Cllr D Wallbank reported that, following discussions with the resident of Fieldside Avenue, the overgrown hedge will be cut.

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

A member of Charnock Richard Parish Council advised that a pond on Mill Lane is gradually being filled in with rubble. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks for bringing the matter to its attention and Cllr D Wallbank suggested writing to the landowner advising residents had expressed concern at the loss of the pond.

Residents advised the Council of receipt of information via Primrose Hill Primary School regarding a mobile telecommunications mast on Limes Avenue. The Chairman advised the Parish Council has not yet been notified under the planning procedure but would study the weekly planning lists carefully and respond accordingly.

Residents of School Lane and Orchard Close expressed concern regarding the proposals for the development of the Pear Tree Green recreational facilities. Councillors agreed to bring forward item 7 to allow discussion on the matter.

7. Land off Euxton/Pear Tree Lane, Pear Tree Greens Working Group Outline Plan

The residents' concerns included access and potential problems caused by increased traffic. The Chairman advised that, at this stage, it is an outline plan only for submission to Chorley Borough Council in order to try to secure the land. Cllr D Wallbank mentioned that, given the increase in population arising as a result of housing developments, there is a need for additional recreational facilities within the area. Cllr K Wallbank advised residents that the Parish Council has sought land for this purpose for many years and this is the first viable land which has potentially become available. Cllr Wellerd pointed out the area used to be a football field.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to restore standing orders.

Cllr Jones briefly outlined the proposal.



Resolved: proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Wellerd and agreed that Councillors should take the proposal documents away and study them carefully in time for the next meeting.

4. Planning

Council considered the applications submitted. No comments.

Clerk advised of receipt of a Notice of a Planning Appeal against the refusal of application for the Rear of Park View. Cllr Gee advised that, now the matter had passed through the Borough Council planning procedure, he was now in a position to speak regarding the application and he supported the appellant. Councillors discussed whether the previous objections should be re-iterated, or no comment be made. Councillors A Mercer and M Mercer declared an interest in the matter. Councillors voted on a proposal by Cllr Cocking, seconded Cllr K Wallbank that the Council make no further comment to the Inspectorate. The vote was 6 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

5. Financial Matters

Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Gee and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr Witts:

£	264.14	ING Lease	DD Sweeper lease purchase
£	100.87	United Utilities	Water
£	350.00	SprintPrint	Newsletter
£	52.88	Brian Dean	Bark for youth shelter
£	504.16	Applied Sweepers	Service, repairs
£	629.59	Employee 1	Salary June
£	383.21	Employee 2	Salary June
£	547.51	Employee 3	Salary June
£	601.02	Employee 4	Salary June
£	308.75	Employee 5	Salary June
£	641.36	Cash	Reimbursements
£	22.80	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	25.50	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	547.53	Employee 3	Salary July
£	583.84	Employee 4	Salary July
£	308.75	Employee 5	Salary July

Resolved: Proposed Cllr D Wallbank, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed the Chairman sign the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance proposal.

In accordance with the Fidelity Guarantee requirements Cllr D Wallbank checked the receipts against the book entries and bank statements.

6. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Council received the minutes of 8 June 2004 meeting. No reports

ii Leisure Committee - Council received the minutes of 3 June 2004 meeting. No reports.

iii General Purposes Committee

Council received the minutes of 8 June 2004 meeting. No reports.

iv Personnel Committee - No meeting.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - Council received minutes of meeting of 3 June 2004.

8. Correspondence



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

- Clerk read out a letter of resignation from K Strang. The Clerk advised of the procedure for filling the vacancy and that the Council may co-opt provided there is no call for an election. **Resolved:** proposed the Chairman, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed any co-option interviews should be carried out by the members of the Personnel Committee.
- Euxton Parochial Church Council requested a letter of support for an application for funding for the rebuilding of the hut. **Resolved:** proposed K Wallbank, seconded Cllr D Wallbank and agreed a letter of support be provided.
- The Chairman accepted an invitation to attend the Annual Mayoral Procession.

2. Police Matters

Cllr Witts advised of problems encountered by the initial residents of Regents Park. Local youths have been causing nuisance and Cllr Witts suggested the area be added to the patrol rota. Councillors mentioned the area could be covered by the proposed CCTV camera and requested an update for the next meeting.

Cllr D Wallbank expressed concern regarding the wording of the Police Matters article in the last issue of the Euxton Web whereby residents were instructed to contact Councillors in the event of being unable to contact the Police. The Clerk is to discuss the matter with PC Dainty and place a correction in the next issue.

Cllr K Wallbank mentioned the excessive speed of traffic along Wigan Road. The matter was referred to the Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee.

The Clerk read a report provided by Cllr D Bateman on he and Cllr M Bateman's accompaniment of PC Dainty on Operation CALM.

9. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Gee invited Councillors to visit the Mayoral Chambers for the Presentation of the Chain of Office. Formal invitations will be sent.

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

