

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of meeting held 19 August 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, C Cocking, D Gee, T Gray, E Jones, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer, J Miles, E Montgomery, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank.

Also Present 8 members of the public

The Chairman and Councillors welcomed Cllr Miles to the first meeting following his co-option to the Council.

The Chairman advised members of the public present that the Tarmac issue should not be discussed at this meeting.

Cllr Gee pointed out that it was an agenda item under Planning Matters.

The Chairman replied that, until the meeting with Tarmac next week, Councillors have insufficient information upon which to conduct an informed discussion.

Proposed Cllr T Gray, seconded Cllr Gee and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Resident expressed a wish to attend the meeting with Tarmac.

The Clerk advised that the meeting had been called by Tarmac and the Parish Council had been invited as the elected representative body for the area.

Cllr D Wallbank suggested the Clerk ask Tarmac whether members of the public may be invited.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to restore Standing Orders

1. Apologies Cllrs D Bateman, M Bateman, G Witts.

2. Police Matters

Cllr K Wallbank advised of speeding traffic on Wigan Road in the vicinity of the Railway Tavern coming from the Pack Saddle Bridge direction. The situation appears to be at its worst around dusk. Cllr D Bateman had also mentioned this issue prior to the meeting, suggesting the maximum speed advisory signs be improved. Councillors also mentioned articulated vehicles becoming trapped under Pack Saddle Bridge. Cllr T Gray advised the Police were targeting Wigan Road, but Cllr K Wallbank mentioned that speed traps tended to be sited to catch vehicles travelling only in the opposite direction.

Cllr Miles reported a number of abandoned cars on Greenside and Cllr Sutton, on behalf on residents present, advised of motorcycle on the Greenside football pitches. The Clerk will report both matters to the Community Beat Manager.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

**Resolved:** Full Council meeting 17 June 2004, proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**Resolved:** Extraordinary Full Council meeting 7 July 2004, proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Pond (3) Clerk advised of a response from Armritriding Farm advising that many years ago, following the dumping of a car, the pond became stagnant as a result of leaking oil and fuel killing the wildlife. Subsequently a cow became trapped in the mud so the farm started to fill in the pond. Lancashire County Council were given permission to put hardcore from roadworks in. As far as the farm is concerned the pond should be completely filled in.



Recording of Councillors leaving meetings (3) The Clerk had available previous minutes providing evidence of the recording. Cllr Gee advised he had already accepted the explanation at the previous meeting.

#### 4. Planning Matters

The Chairman advised application no 9/04/00854 would be deferred to the end of this section.

9/04/00849 Erection of single storey extension and conservatory at 82 Princess Way - no comment

9/04/00852 First floor extension at The Lodge, Euxton Hall, Wigan Road - no comment

9/04/00864 Two storey rear extension at 97 Wigan Road - no comment

9/04/00866 Felling of tree covered by TPO 7 at 9 Talbot Drive - object

9/04/00867 Notice of proposed development by Government Agency to provide new substation building and switch room at Government Offices on Westway - no comment

9/04/00882 Outline application for employment development including full details of link road at the ROF site, land between Dawson Lane and Euxton Lane - Cllr Gee welcomed the development and the jobs it would bring to the area

9/04/00902 Two storey side extension at 17 Mallom Avenue - The Planning Officer had advised the application had been declined due to the elevation and impact of the street scene and was being revised and resubmitted.

Cllr M Mercer joined the meeting.

9/04/00854 Consideration of a Scoping document at Land west of M6 motorway between Dawbers Lane and Runshaw Lane

Proposed Cllr Gee, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak

Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to apply a time limit of 10 minutes.

Members of the public expressed concerns regarding the Parish Council's ability to deal with a corporate giant such as Tarmac and felt at least two representatives should attend the meeting. Councillors pointed out the meeting had been called by Tarmac, and the Parish Council invited to attend and as such the Parish Council is not in a position to stipulate attendees. Members of the public suggested the Parish Council should insist on their presence at the meeting. Cllr Matson pointed out that members of the Parish Council were also residents and would be equally affected by the proposed development. Cllr Gee mentioned over 1000 people had already signed Lindsay Hoyle MP's petition.

Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to restore Standing Orders.

Proposed Cllr Gee, seconded Cllr D Wallbank and agreed that the Clerk requests two named members of the public attend the meeting.

The Planning Inspector had invited comments regarding an appeal against the Borough Council's refusal of planning permission for the change of use of land from residential to private leisure and a caravan park at Park View, Runshaw Lane. Councillors agreed to make no comment.

#### 5. Financial Matters

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2004.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Matson, and agreed the Statement of Accounts be approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Ashton, and agreed the Statement of Assurance be approved by Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Councillors considered the financial update to 31 July 2004. Cllr D Wallbank queried a difference of £1700 (+VAT) on the summary. The Clerk will investigate and report at the next meeting.



The Clerk reported a call out charge on invoice no 58 from Applied Sweepers had been queried and was awaiting clarification.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed the cheque for invoice no 58 be signed and held by the Clerk pending a satisfactory explanation.

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

£	1567.10	Danvic Turf Care	Greenside vertidrain and sand
£	120.00	Lisieux Hall	Millennium Green maintenance to June
£	213.85	I M Brown	Welding to pavement sweeper
£	57.45	Powergen	Electricity to Pavilion
£	2830.58	Chorley B C	Fence - Southport Road, flower beds etc
£	141.00	Brian Dean	Trim hedge at Greenside Garden
£	660.88	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Vice Chair pendant
£	164.51	Applied Sweepers	Brushes
£	487.30	Applied Sweepers	Service and parts
£	60.00	Absolute Art	Framing of Chairman plaques
£	24.00	SLCC	Clerks Manual 2004
£	660.00	West View Nursery	Summer planting and maintenance
£	5.87	Chorley B C	Half year rent for playing field
£	209.88	Allianz Cornhill	Premium for Fidelity Guarantee increase
£	55.05	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	60.90	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	665.42	Employee 1	Salary July
£	387.83	Employee 2	Salary July
£	641.46	Employee 1	Salary August
£	387.83	Employee 2	Salary August
£	551.31	Employee 3	Salary July
£	595.89	Employee 4	Salary June
£	308.75	Employee 5	Salary June
£	433.97	Cash	Reimbursements
£	69.10	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI July
£	107.25	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI August

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 - Cllr Ashton presented Chorley Borough Council's proposal for separate signs for the Millennium Green, Euxton Hall Hospital and Euxton Park Nursing Home at the entrance to Euxton Hall be amalgamated onto a single sign to reduce the amount of signage.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed the signage as presented be approved.

ii Leisure Committee - The Chairman advised of the forthcoming meeting with the MAPS team regarding the siting of the youth shelter on 14 September 2004.

iii General Purposes Committee - No reports.

iv Personnel Committee - Cllr Sutton advised of the co-option of Cllr Miles and that the Clerk will return to work on November 1 2004. A fee was agreed for the internal audit and Cllr Sutton suggested the Council considers appointing an accountancy firm for future internal audits.



v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - Cllr Jones advised the proposal has been submitted to Chorley Borough Council for onward submission to English Partnerships.

## 7. CCTV Camera

The Clerk advised receipt of a verbal estimate from ADT of £14550 +VAT for a radio camera. A power supply would be required at an additional cost. Cllr Gee felt this to be too expensive for the Parish Council alone and suggested grant funding may be available. The matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

## 8. Correspondence

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

- Lancashire Police Authority requested the Council's assistance in publicising community meeting.
- Lindsay Hoyle MP passed on a letter from a young resident requesting play facilities for youngsters around the age of 10. Councillors suggested the resident be contacted to ascertain what facilities were required. Cllr Ashton mentioned the setting up of a new play area in Clayton-le-Woods with assistance from a number of contributors including ASDA.
- Kevills Solicitors had provided a contact address for the owner of the land off Wigan Road by the Brookside footpath. The owner has been advised of the unsightly appearance of the area.
- The Countryside Agency provided a definitive plan of open and common land.
- Bluemantle Ltd had replied regarding the naming of Xton Business Park advising the matter would be considered at the next board meeting. A subsequent letter provided a copy of the menu from the Bay Horse.
- Tarmac provided details of anticipated traffic routing to and from the proposed sand quarry.
- Lancashire County Council advised of a temporary speed restriction order for Euxton Lane. **Resolved:** Proposed Cllr T Gray, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed the Clerk write to the Environment Directorate requesting a 40 mph limit be placed on the road.
- A young resident had enquired as to whether the Council had a Youth Council.
- Tarmac had forwarded an email from a resident purporting to represent the Parish Council. Due to the seriousness of the incident the Police had been informed and the resident had been advised not to repeat the action. The resident had apologised and advised that the name of the Parish Council had inadvertently remained from an edited version of an email.

## 9. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Matson expressed his concerns regarding the apparent conflict with residents earlier in the meeting, and the apparent criticism directed at the Council.

Councillors agreed to follow the meeting with Tarmac with a short meeting to discuss the proposal. Cllr K Wallbank drew attention to the disregard for Standing Orders during the meeting. Councillors suggested an article in the next Euxton Web concerning public attendance at meetings and an explanatory leaflet for handout at meetings.

A young resident had requested the Parish Council's assistance in the setting up of a Youth Council and volunteering to take part. Councillors suggested the resident be referred to the local Youth Worker as Councillors are unscreened and as such are unable to deal with minors.

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

