

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 19 February 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, D Gee, E Sutton.

Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr Wallbank to suspend standing orders.

Mark Perks (Chorley Borough Councillor for Euxton NE, Astley Village Parish Councillor and youth service worker) attended the meeting to introduce to Euxton Parish Council a fully grant funded Football Coaching youth activity scheme for the 2nd week of the Easter holidays. The courses will be held on 4 days and have up to 30 places for school aged children to attend and receive football coaching from professional Bolton Wanderers football coaches. Cllr Perks will be contacting Buckshaw Primary and Parklands High Schools but asked the Parish Council's support and assistance to include the four Euxton primary schools in the invitation.

Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Matson to reinstate standing orders.

Resolved: Cllr Witts proposed the Council support this scheme to include Euxton primary schools and offered his assistance to pass on the information to both Balshaw Lane and Euxton CE schools, seconded Cllr Wallbank and voted on unanimously.

2. Police Matters - This item will be taken later on the agenda.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 15 January 2004, proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: Precept meeting 22 January 2004, proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Wallbank and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk updated the Council on a number of items arising from the minutes.

- Trees on Euxton Lane - There will be a plan drawn up for the landscaping of Euxton Lane and the Parish Council has requested to be informed and copied when this has been drawn up
- Youth Shelter for Greenside - Mr Jones from Chorley Borough Council has confirmed the site suggested by them and the MAPS team is acceptable to use and the shelter is being ordered
- Land adjacent to Yarrow Valley - the shelter for this will be ordered along with the one for Greenside. Further prices are awaited for a hedge and hard-standing
- Footpath from Packsaddle Bridge to Matrix Centre on the A49 - South Ribble Borough Council is taking delivery of a machine which can mechanically clear the type of problems which this footpath has, and the path will be cleared within the next four weeks
- Map Boards - artwork is now approved and delivery will be 2 to 4 weeks
- Finger Post - Chorley Borough Council Restoration Department have surveyed the finger post at the junction of Flag and Runshaw Lanes and will submit a quotations for its refurbishment
- Play area lighting orders - these have been chased numerous times with no success and the Clerk has asked Cllrs Gee and Gray to assist by putting pressure on Chorley Borough Council
- The lights in front of Euxton Hall hospital/Four Seasons Nursing Home - following a number of telephone calls the Nursing Home said that the lights belong to them and have submitted a purchase order for their repair which should be done very soon.



4. Planning - No comments on current applications.

5. Finance

The Clerk presented to the Council a budget update on current spending to end February 2004.

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

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| £ 59.02 | Powergen | Electricity |
| £ 170.37 | BAGO | Litter collection equipment |
| £ 147.51 | Newsquest | March delivery for Newsletter |
| £ 126.98 | Viking Direct | Newsletter envelopes, stationery etc |
| £ 175.00 | 1st Euxton ROF Scouts | Delivery of maps |
| £ 11.00 | Lancashire Play Fields | Subscription |
| £ 199.70 | Applied Sweepers | Parts |
| £ 7.07 | Indespension | Light lens |
| £ 1692.00 | Chorley B.C. | Primrose: replace equip piece |
| £ 3630.75 | Chorley B.C. | Grass cuts, play area inspections |
| £ 5140.63 | Chorley B.C. | Christmas Tree, paint equip, weed, bark, planter |
| £ 25.00 | CPRE | Subscription |
| £ 411.25 | HLB AV Audit | External audit fee 2002/3003 |
| £ 350.00 | Brothers of Chariry | Millennium Green initial clean up |
| £ 200.00 | Parklands Secondary | Grant for musicians for carol concert |
| £ 90.00 | SLCC | Subscription membership |
| £ 389.36 | Cash | Reimbursements |
| £ 674.61 | Employee 2 | Salary February |
| £ 490.76 | Employee 3 | Salary February |
| £ 515.74 | Employee 4 | Salary February |
| £ 371.45 | Employee 5 | Salary February |
| £ 375.89 | Inland Revenue | Tax&NI February |
| £ 25.50 | Employee 3 | Reimbursements |
| £ 36.90 | Employee 4 | Reimbursements |
| £ 5.87 | Chorley B.C. | Half year rent for playing field |

7. Reports by Committees

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

The problems on Bank Lane were reported and the Clerk will chase Chorley Borough Council again about them coming to clear the pathway of mud and leaves.

Cllr M Bateman reported that the footway in front of 59 Highways was very uneven due to tree roots, Clerk will forward to Chorley borough Council.

2. Police Matters

PC Rob Dainty and PCSO L Bytheway attended the meeting to report on crime in Euxton. There had been a number of juvenile nuisance reports around the village and one young man appeared in Court today on a number of offences. The hook and cane burglaries to collect vehicle keys and steal cars from homes were continuing.

Cllr Strang asked about the state of railway station it following repeated vandalism attacks. PC Dainty informed the Parish Council that this was a British Transport Police area and although the Police can, and do, attend the station they have no jurisdiction over the area. Proposed Cllr Strang and agreed by the Council, the Clerk will write to Network Rail about the problems of the vandalised station and ask if they can improve the situation or increase policing for that area.



8. CCTV

PC Dainty informed the Parish Council that the cost of CCTV would be between £16,000 and £20,000 depending on whether the location has a line of sight to the Police Station in Chorley or needed to be connected via the cable network. One suggested position is on the crest of the railway bridge at Euxton Balshaw Lane Railway Station and the view of the camera would be 360⁰ up and down Balshaw Lane, with a possible view of the shops and also the station. This positioning could attract funding from Network Rail and he would speak with them to gauge their reaction. CCTV will go on a future agenda when further information is available.

7. Reports by Committees

ii Leisure Committee

Cllr Witts updated the Council of the decisions by the Leisure Committee and Councillors discussed the perimeter fence replacement at Balshaw Lane play area.

iii General Purposes Committee

Cllr M Bateman asked about a wayside seat near to the Talbot Row shops and the Clerk informed the Council that a decision from Chorley Borough Council was still awaited to the proposals submitted to them for accessing funding from the Street Scene/Furniture monies. Cllr Ashton reported the wayside seats outside the War Memorial Institute needed urgent repairs. Clerk will report.

iv Personnel Committee

Cllr Witts reported to the Council that the Clerk will be taking maternity leave for approximately 6 to 8 weeks and temporary cover has been arranged. Mr Platt will be employed by the Council for the duration of the cover and the Committee has drawn up an emergency contingency work plan.

v Community Sports Facility Working Group

Item 8 on the agenda.

9. Land Off Euxton/Pear Tree Lane

Cllr Jones updated the Council following a meeting of a working group to be called the Community Sports Facility. Councillors had received copies of the minutes and Cllr Jones expanded on them with some details as to how the Council needs to progress with this large project. An additional Councillor was requested to join the group, Cllr Matson volunteered. The working group asked for the Council's full support with the project which would initially follow the path of creating an Outline Business Plan for presentation to full Council when produced.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed by Council that Euxton Parish Council support this project to produce an Outline Business Plan for approval by the Council then for submission to Chorley Borough Council and English Partnerships to secure the land off Euxton Lane to create a Community Sports Facility.

10. Correspondence

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

11. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Wellerd reported that the War Memorial Institute had discussed the Remembrance Day poppy wreath and, once its committee had met and made a decision, the Parish Council would be advised.

Cllr M Mercer asked if the Mobile CCTV Van Committee was still in existence as there had been no meetings recently. Clerk will write and find out.

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

