

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 21 October 2004 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

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

Also Present

1. **Apologies** Cllrs C Cocking, D Gee, E Sutton, PC Dainty.

2. **Police Matters**

The Clerk reported information provided by PC Dainty. A new Community Beat Manager, WPC Hackett, has been appointed to Euxton, PC Dainty will introduce at the next meeting. It is hoped to have a replacement PCSO in place by April 2005.

Recent crimes have consisted mainly of house burglaries where jewellery and other small items have been stolen.

Cllr Witts mentioned the installation of the closed circuit television camera in Astley Village appears to have lead to more trouble in Euxton.

Cllr Montgomery reported the discharging of fireworks close to houses, Police were notified.

Cllr Miles reported the riding of motor cycles on Greenside playing fields. The Chairman advised all incidents such as this should be reported to the Police so they can be logged.

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

Resolved: Full Council meeting 16 September 2004, proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Youth Council (7) A meeting has been arranged for 17 November which has been advertised in the Euxton Web and noticeboards. Lancashire County Council Youth and Community Services will host this meeting and future meetings if a group is set up.

4. **Planning Matters**

04/01058/FUL Installation of a 17.5m high telecommunications column and associated ground based equipment cabinet at Land Adjacent Lavinia, Euxton Lane - object

04/01107/FUL Rear conservatory at 26 Park Avenue - no comment

04/01113/TPO Crown lifting and thinning of oak tree covered by TPO 3 (Euxton) 1982 - object

04/01127/FUL Two storey side and rear extension at 77 Milestone Meadow - no comment

04/01138/FUL Erection of replacement garage at Holly House, 31 Washington Lane - no comment

04/01149/FUL Single storey front extension and erection of conservatory to rear at 43 Firbank - no comment

04/01150/TPO Felling of tree covered by TPO 1 (1967) 8 Fieldside Avenue - object

9/04/00979/FULMAJ Office and warehouse building and associated access, gatehouse, car parking, hardstanding and landscaping at Site 1 Strategic Regional Site, Royal Ordnance Site for Lex Auto Logistics - no comment

Councillors discussed a pre-application consultation on behalf of Hutchison 3G for the erection of a telecommunications mast on the site of Shackerley Holding, Wigan Road. It was agreed not to comment until the actual application is received.

5. **Financial Matters**



Resolved: Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr M Mercer and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, the invoices having been inspected by Cllr M Mercer:

£	175.00	J Lawson	Internal audit
£	259.16	United Utilities	Water bill
£	6100.00	NCJ Surfacing	Tarmac at Balshaw Lane skate park
£	2741.28	I M Brown	Fencing at Balshaw Lane skate park
£	144.06	I M Brown	Additional fencing to skate park
£	379.96	Cash	Reimbursements
£	641.68	Employee 1	Salary October
£	319.00	Employee 2	Salary October
£	547.53	Employee 3	Salary October
£	586.75	Employee 4	Salary October
£	308.75	Employee 5	Salary October
£	9.00	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	38.70	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	155.98	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI October

Cllr Witts mentioned the award of a grant made to Euxton Community Group for a kite flying event which had been cancelled and queried whether the event would be rearranged.

6. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee - A meeting has been arranged for 3 November. Cllr T Gray mentioned the closure of Euxton Lane to allow work to be carried out on the railway bridge and advised that the new road on the former ROF site has not yet been completed. Councillors discussed the new road and Cllr T Gray will take the matter up with the Borough Council.

Cllr K Wallbank entered the meeting

ii Leisure Committee - A meeting has been arranged for 4 November. Cllr Witts queried the situation regarding the lighting for the youth shelter on Southport Road.

iii General Purposes Committee - No reports. Cllr Witts queried the replacement of the damaged wayside seat on Pear Tree Lane.

iv Personnel Committee - No reports.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - A meeting had taken place on 13 October between Chorley Borough Council and English Partnerships. A report from the meeting is awaited.

7. LAPTC Chorley Area Committee

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting of the committee during which a presentation on the subject of Quality Parish and Town Councils was made. Lancashire County Council has also offered to attend Parish Council meetings to advise on the Code of Conduct.

8. Grant Application

Councillors Ashton, A Mercer, M Mercer and Miles declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision.

Councillors considered a grant request from ERASE to cover general administration expenses.



Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed that a grant of £1000.00 be made from the contingency budget, with any monies remaining to be repaid once the campaign is over.

9. Correspondence

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

Chorley Borough Council requested comment on its Issues and Options Report. Cllr Jones will consider the information and provide a response.

Lancashire County Council requested comment on its existing Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Cllr A Mercer will consider the information.

Lancashire County Council is hosting a Parish and Town Council conference on 23 November. The Chairman will attend.

A resident advised of problems encountered when turning right out of Fieldside Avenue onto Dawbers Lane. Cllr D Wallbank has arranged to have a hedge cut back to improve visibility, but the problem remains.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr D Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed that Lancashire County Council be asked to investigate.

A resident advised that the planted areas by the Medical Centre were in need of maintenance work. Cllr T Gray will bring the matter to the attention of Chorley Borough Council.

9. Matters for further discussion

Councillors discussed their recent attendance at the Mayor's Parlour.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr D Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Mayor and his staff for the evening.

Cllr K Wallbank mentioned the bonfire at the Railway Tavern and suggested the Police be requested to keep an eye on the parking situation. Cllr Jones queried whether a licence was required and whether risk assessment should be undertaken with regard to safety, parking and damage to property.

Cllr D Wallbank mentioned difficulties in digesting the financial information and mail list presented during the meeting and requested details be provided prior to the meeting. The information may be sent via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr D Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed that a specific item be included on the agenda to allow Councillors time to study the information.

Cllr Witts thanked the stand-in Clerk for the work he had carried out.

Cllr Montgomery reported a light out at 269-275 Greenside.

Cllr D Bateman mentioned cars for sale parked on estate roads. The Chairman advised a similar matter was brought up at the previous meeting but PC Dainty had advised that if the cars are taxed, insured and parked legally no action can be taken. If the sale of cars is being conducted as a business then this should be reported.

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

