

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 17 March 2005 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs M Bateman, C Cocking, D Gee, T Gray, E Jones, J Matson, J Miles, E Sutton.

2. Police Matters

There were no matters to report.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

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

4. Planning Matters

Clerk reported four additional applications since the agenda had been distributed:

A Councillor asked if the application for the formation of playing fields between the two railway lines on the former ROF site could be chased up as no progress appears to have been made.

05/00233/FUL Chelford Homes site on land adjacent Euxton Railway Station. Councillors requested a second letter go to the planning authority regarding developers rearranging plots to include more properties than originally applied for and granted. This is the second time this development has been shifted around.

Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow residents to speak. Cllr A Mercer and M Mercer declared an interest in the following application.

05/00198/COU Two residents attended the meeting, neighbours to the property which is applying for planning permission for storage of 40 caravans. They submitted copies of neighbours letters which have been sent to Chorley Borough Council. They were concerned that conditions of a previous enforcement notice, which was upheld at appeal had not been satisfied yet, which was to reduce the stored caravans to 10 public and 1 personal caravan. Also, concerns over noise, traffic, fire risks, the growth and look of the park in a green belt area and lack of planning permission.



A Councillor said that he had never encountered any problems with access to and from the site, the caravans were parked neatly and the enforcement notice has a 12 month compliance period on it.

Proposed Cllr Wallbank, and agreed, to restore standing orders.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Wallbank the Council objects to the application as it is in the Green Belt area votes 5 for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.

A Councillor asked if there had been a response to the letter sent by the Council to United Utilities, or from Cllr Gray regarding the major works and possible road closure at Packsaddle Bridge. Clerk updated there had been no response.

Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Gray and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow residents to speak.

Two residents of Milestone Meadow attended to ask the Council about the re-planting of trees on Central Avenue and Euxton Lane. Councillors recommended they speak to Cllr T Gray.

Proposed Cllr Wallbank, and agreed, to restore standing orders.

Resolved: Councillors raised concern over the XTON business park sign and it was agreed the Council will write again to express its objection to the name and the style of signage used.

5. Financial Matters

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, Cllr Wellerd having checked the bank statements, papers and receipts.

£	4.88	Chorley Borough Council	Stores items, brushes etc
£	186.42	United Utilities	Water for the pavilion
£	166.62	Lancashire County Council	Safety sign for skatepark
£	5000.00	Euxton Villa FC	Grant for new facilities
£	377.18	Eccleston Electrical	Light on the side of pavilion, Greenside
£	147.51	Newsquest	Delivery of March newsletter
£	17.86	e-On Energy	Electric for Christmas Tree lights
£	390.00	Sprintprint	Printing of March newsletter
£	675.74	Employee 2	Salary
£	549.93	Employee 3	Salary
£	586.24	Employee 4	Salary
£	325.00	Employee 5	Salary
£	15.60	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	27.30	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	367.42	Cash	Reimbursements
£	511.09	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for February



6. Borough or County Plans, Consultations, Meetings

The Clerk updated the Council regarding the following papers.

- ☞ CBC Urban Study final copy had been issued and the land at Greenside had been removed.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Councillors chased the replacement of benches at Pear Tree Lane and Pincock Brow. The Clerk updated that they were programmed for installation a week ago.

Cllr Bateman enquired over the placement of a bench at the end of Highways at the Balshaw Lane junction. This item is on the next agenda for the committee.

ii Leisure Committee

A letter had been received from MP Lindsay Hoyle enquiring over a Bowling Green for the village. Clerk to reply and inform of the history of the request for assistance by the Cricket Club to create a Bowling Green.

Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2005.

iii General Purposes Committee

A meeting needed to be arranged for this committee and Cllr Gray encouraged members to attend.

iv Personnel Committee

Cllr Witts informed that the Clerks contract and details were available for viewing by Councillors if they wished and it would be signed and implemented before 1 April.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group

Clerk updated that English Partnership were being chased by Chorley Borough Council but had offered to give notice to the tenants of the land on the anniversary of their contract so the occupation of the land would not be delayed by another year.

A Councillor requested a copy of the Committee Membership list to be distributed.

8. Correspondence

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

9. Matters for further discussion

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

8.20 pm

