

**MINUTES** of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING meeting held 6 April 2005 at 7.30 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre.

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer, S Wellerd.  
Residents and attending group representatives.

1. Apologies Cllr M Bateman, C Cocking, D Gee, T Gray, E Sutton, G Witts.

2. Chair's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting and moved business to the public section.

6. Village Issues

Bruce Carlin, a representative from ERASE spoke to residents regarding the submission of a planning application from Tarmac for a sand extraction quarry in Euxton. ERASE is very concerned, as are residents that the quarry would cause problems for the village. The Public Inquiry did raise a number of issues which ERASE believe still apply and have not been satisfied by Lancashire County Council.

Other areas which have current sites have not been investigated at all and they may have the capacity to avoid having a quarry in Euxton. LCC have been inactive in following up the Public Inquiry points and left Euxton in a vulnerable position.

Members of the village who are against the application for a quarry are urged to object to the application to LCC.

Father Riley, from Euxton CE Church introduced himself and raised his concerns over the quarry application.

Some members of the public had attended to speak about the youth shelter installed at Greenside Recreation Grounds. The Chair informed that the shelter did not receive a proper trial as it was only up for three weeks. A new position for the shelter now will be consulted through the MAPS team, they have been supplied with a number of new positions in Euxton North West and the Parish Council await the MAPS team response.

The shelter was funded through monies held by Chorley Borough Council collected in an s106 clause for a planning approval for housing. The monies were specified to be used for play or leisure equipment.

Young people of the village requested a shelter and the village survey indicated that there was a lack of equipment for teenage years group.

4. Reports from the Council Committees

Leisure Committee reported that a new mini skate park had been created at the James Moorcroft Memorial Play Area on Balshaw Lane and this has proved successful. The next play area to benefit from the rolling programme of improvements is Primrose Hill Play Area.

The meeting was informed that United Utilities were laying new pipes which would be along Wigan Road from Chapel Brook, across the Millennium Green, under Dawbers Lane, across the fields to the river.

It was raised that Packsaddle Bridge would be closed to carry out works on the bridge and could we inform United Utilities so the road closures do not cause too many problems. Central Avenue should be opened for when Packsaddle Bridge is closed.

Euxton PC Community Centre has been very successful in raising funds to replace the Black Hut building with a new building.

The flowers around the village improve the area and the Council is eager to hear suggestions for new positions.

Wigan Road surface is very badly worn and breaking up.

Wigan Road and Runshaw Lane often have small floods when it rains and some of the drains are blocked.

3. Minutes of Annual Assembly Meeting 22 April 2004

The minutes had been circulated, were proposed, seconded and accepted.

5. Voluntary Organisation Reports

No organisations reported.

7. Further Comments

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