

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 19 May 2005 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, C Cocking, D Gee, M Gray, T Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer, J Miles, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs E Jones

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Cocking nominated Cllr M Mercer for Chairman, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed. Cllr M Mercer took the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Cllr Sutton proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr Witts. Votes 7 for.

Cllr M Gray proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr A Mercer. Votes 8 for.

Cllr K Wallbank proposed Cllr Matson, seconded Cllr M Gray. Votes 3 for.

It was called that Cllr K Wallbank be the Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr A Mercer and agreed that item 6 be brought forward.

6. ERASE Funding

Cllr A Mercer introduced Mrs Vipond, a co-treasurer of ERASE to the Council and informed of recent events and actions from the group.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr A Mercer and agreed for standing orders to be suspended to allow visitors to speak.

Mrs Vipond spoke to the Council of the work ERASE had been doing and how the money it was granted had been spend. To continue the work ERASE would like to request further funding of £500 and the Council fund the two deliveries made by Newsquest at a cost of approximately £145.70.

A website was kindly set up for free for the group by a resident, Mr Bowling, and the group and Council were very grateful for his assistance and time.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed to restore standing orders and note the Council's thanks to ERASE, Mr Bowling and residents for giving their time to the group.

Councillors discussed the request for the grant.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Matson, seconded Cllr Cocking and voted for unanimously the Council grant ERASE £500 and fund the two deliveries. Also that the Council's support of ERASE and objection to the Tarmac proposal is made clear in the upcoming Euxton Web.



Cllr M Gray requested Council does consider any further requests made by ERASE. A vote of thanks was proposed by Cllr K Wallbank to Cllrs M Gray and Sutton for the work as Chairman and Vice Chairman over the past year.

3. Police Matters

Lydia Hackett had sent her apologies.

4. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 21 April 2004, proposed Cllr M Gray, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning Matters

05/00385/FUL Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr A Mercer that this application be left in the hands of Borough Cllr T Gray, voted 12 for, 2 abstentions.

7. Financial Matters

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

£	70.50	I M Brown	Repair to fence at Balshaw Lane
£	76.38	I M Brown	Repair to gate at Greenside
£	59.15	Powergen	Electricity for pavilion
£	137.90	CBC	Emptying doggy bins x 2
£	136.39	Cash	Reimbursements
£	731.97	Employee 2	Salary May 05
£	564.98	Employee 3	Salary May 05
£	601.06	Employee 4	Salary May 05
£	334.75	Employee 5	Salary May 05
£	10.80	Employee 3	Mileage
£	18.90	Employee 4	Mileage
£	550.01	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI
£	500.00	J Vipond & M Mercer	Grant to ERASE

8. Borough or County Plans, Consultations, Meetings - none for comment.

9. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee - no reports
Meeting arranged for 31 May 2005.

ii Leisure Committee - no reports
Meeting arranged for 31 May 2005.

iii General Purposes Committee - no reports



Meeting arranged for 2 June 2005.

- iv Personnel Committee - no reports
- v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - no reports

10. Correspondence

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

Councillors asked the Clerk to investigate further the Bus Shelter grant from LCC. Cllr Matson took the information on Trafalgar Weekend.

11. Matters for further discussion

Cllr M Gray reported that she and Cllr Wellerd had visited the War Memorial Club to arrange a position for the wreath for the next Remembrance Sunday in November.

A Councillor informed of a person visiting housing in the Greenside area saying they were from the Council and telling them to clean up their gardens or they will be evicted. This is followed by a mortgage salesman encouraging people to buy their properties. Lydia Hackett has been informed. This should be put in the newsletter.

Cllr M Gray updated the Council on information from the last PACT meeting; the erection of smiley signs on Euxton Lane would be done soon and the Police had received reports of car-jacking by standing in front of cars, with only one person inside, and waving them down to help with their vehicle broken at the side of the road. This should be put in the newsletter.

Proposed Cllr M Gray that the Clerk write a letter to the brewery owning the Bay Horse Public House to inform them that the pub is untidy due to dead hanging baskets and ask for it to be cleaned up as the village is entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed, 1 abstention.

Cllr K Wallbank asked about a number of items for the Clerk to chase; the surface of the A49, why men were drilling and the state of the surface, the land on the ROF which should be recreational land, Rose Hill hedge which Cllr T Gray would chase.

Cllr Sutton reported she had been contracted by a resident of St May's Gate regarding a public right of way which runs alongside properties who are experiencing problems with youngsters, litter and noise. Cllr T Gray and Gee informed that residents had applied for this footpath to be closed in the past but it was not granted.

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

8.20 pm

