

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of meeting held 16 June 2005 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs M Mercer (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, D Gee, E Jones, M Gray, T Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, J Miles, E Sutton, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.

Attending Cty Cllr Perks, Kevin Gannon LCC Y&C District Team Mgr, 2 residents.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, G Witts.

2. Police and LCC Youth & Community Matters

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

Cllr Perks introduced Mr Gannon, District Team Manager of Lancashire County Council Youth & Community Service.

Mr Gannon introduced himself as the new manager for the team and explained that the vacancies for Y&C Workers were being filled and Euxton would soon have a worker to do outreach work on one evening per week and increasing to two evenings per week. He asked for opinions about a Youth Club and Council asked his opinions about Youth Shelters. Councillors thought that the Friday night disco at the community centre was an ideal time to meet a large number of youngsters at one time as the older ones, which don't go inside, hang around outside. Until workers are back in the village no one will know what they want from the service. Additional resources were requested to be put in the village as two outreach sessions per week would not cover the whole village or make up for the length of time Euxton has had no support or services from Y&C. It is hoped Steven Woods would return to Euxton as one of the workers, as he knows the village and a lot of the youngsters. Councillors thanked Mr Gannon for attending and if he would report progress back to the Council by attending again or through the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Matson, seconded Cllr A Mercer to restore standing orders.

4. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

**Resolved:** Full Council meeting 19 May 2004, proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning Matters

05/00562/TPO Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed the Clerk contact Mr Winstanley to ascertain if the tree can be saved, if it can the Council will object to its felling.

05/00549/FUL Go Kart track adjacent Euxton Golf Driving Range.

Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton to suspend standing orders.

A resident of Astley Village had attended the meeting to inform the Council he would be objecting to the go kart track because of noise which travels and he thought would be heard where he lives. He urged Councillors to consider the problem of noise from the track.

Proposed Cllr Matson, seconded Cllr Sutton to restore standing orders.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Matson, votes 10 for 2 abstentions that the Council write to the planning authority to request the following conditions if the application were to be approved:



- ✍ the developer must install the sound baffles and any additional sound barriers, such as vegetation possible
- ✍ ensure the karts have efficient exhaust systems
- ✍ request the noise levels are reviewed after 12 months to see if additional sound proofing is required
- ✍ limited to 6 karts on the track at one time

Cllr T Gray reported that application 05/00385/FUL for the proposed extension of a phone mast from 17.5m to 22.5 m had been granted but he was still waiting to hear if the appeal for the mast at Lavinia will be dropped by the mobile phone company.

Cllrs M & T Gray left

## 7. Financial Matters

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

£	85.41	Eccleston Electrical	Repairs to lights at Balshaw Lane and Greenside
£	223.09	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	163.55	Newsquest	Delivery of newsletter
£	200.00	Euxton 50+ Group	Grant
£	300.00	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Grant
£	200.00	Euxton Girls FC	Grant
£	337.02	Cash	Reimbursements
£	163.55	Newsquest	Distribution of ERASE leaflets
£	731.75	Employee 2	Salary June
£	564.49	Employee 3	Salary June
£	601.35	Employee 4	Salary June
£	401.70	Employee 5	Salary June
£	31.80	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	26.40	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	550.43	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI June
£	731.75	Employee 2	Salary July
£	564.49	Employee 3	Salary July
£	601.35	Employee 4	Salary July
£	334.75	Employee 5	Salary July
£	550.43	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI July

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed the Council accept the contents of the Annual Return and it be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Clerk informed the Council that the Euxton Community Group had returned funds of £500 granted to them to set up the group, because it has resolved to dissolve the group due to a lack of interest.

Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed that the Council write a letter to the ECG to thank them for their efforts and express their sadness that there was a lack of interest from residents. The money will be held for any future community projects.

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

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Councillors received the minutes of the meeting on 31 May 2005. Proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Matson standing orders be suspended.

A resident wished to draw to the Council's attention that all the recycling receptacles take up storage space, which he does not have, and when they are full they are heavy to move to the



roadside. He does not like the threat of a fine if his bin were to be overflowing and thought that the service should collect everything and sort the recycling out of it themselves. Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed to restore standing orders.

ii Leisure Committee

No reports. Councillors received the minutes of the meeting on 31 May 2005.

iii General Purposes Committee

Councillors received the minutes of the meeting on 2 June 2005. Cllr Miles reported in brief on the contents of the meeting.

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.

The Clerk reported the new route for the United Utilities pipeline through the Millennium Green and the upcoming Borough/Parish Council Liaison meeting. Cllrs K Wallbank, Wellerd requested a copy of the ramblers walks.

11. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Matson had read a brochure regarding Trafalgar Weekend on 21 October and requested the Council discuss what it could do for the event. Item referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Wellerd reported he was concerned the air quality may worsen if the Tarmac quarry were granted as there would be added particles of sand, dust and increased pollution from the vehicles visiting the site. He asked if a sample of the air could be tested now so if it is tested in future there would a result to compare it to.

Cllr A Mercer asked Councillors to encourage residents to send in their objection forms against the quarry.

Cllr M Gray raised an item through the Clerk of the fencing at Balshaw Lane play area and the increased traffic levels. The fencing has holes big enough for children to climb through if they were not supervised. Item referred to the Leisure Committee.

Clerk asked Councillors to consider amounts to put up for sale items of redundant office equipment, the computer, transcriber and WP.

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

9.00 pm

Cty Cllr M Perks discussed with the Council the issue of particulate pollution in Euxton presently and possible levels if the Tarmac quarry were to be granted permission to develop in Euxton. It is important for this issue to be raised and considered by Chorley Borough Council and the residents of Euxton and all the relevant Borough Councillors on the Development Control Committee of Chorley will be contacted and supplied the information regarding particulate levels and the harm increases in these levels can cause residents. The Environmental Protection section at Chorley Borough Council can be contacted to request the air quality be measured.

