

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of meeting held 15 September 2005 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs M Mercer (Chair), W Ashton, A Dilworth, M Gray, T Gray, E Jones, J Matson, A Mercer, J Miles, E Sutton, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking.

2. Police Matters

A Councillor enquired when the Community Beat Manager(s) work or are on duty and if they worked shifts or just days as their presence is now not as obvious or frequent as it once was.

It was noted that the LCC Youth & Community Leader Mr Woods was returning to Euxton and when released from his previous duties will be in Euxton 2 evenings a week doing outreach work.

A Councillor enquired if the PACT meetings appeared to be working or not and a member who attended them regularly said that often the same problems were reported and reoccurring. It would be helpful for the meetings to be publicised in the Euxton Web but the dates are not booked in advance. The Clerk to ask the CBM for some advance dates.

7.35 pm Cllr M Gray arrived

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

**Resolved:** Full Council meeting 18 August 2005, proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning Matters

05/00845/FUL - Proposed extension to existing agricultural storage building at Bournes Farm, Runshaw Lane

05/00849/RMMAJ - Reserved matters application for the erection of 201 extra care apartments with ancillary communal facilities, parking and landscaping at Group 10 Central Avenue, Buckshaw Village

05/00864/TPO – Removal of lower branches, pruning of upper and overhanging branches to Oak tree on TPO at 42 Firbank

05/00872/TPO – Pruning of various trees covered by TPO 12 and TPO 1 at Avonlea, Euxton Ln

05/00874/FUL – Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, single storey side extension inc. garage and single storey rear extension at 25 Church Walk

05/00873/FUL – Conversion of existing garage and formation of first floor over with associated rear extensions at Khamillah, Dawbers Lane

Councillors considered the list of applications which had been determined and the above applications and made no comments.

5. Financial Matters

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Matson, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, having been inspected by Cllr Jones.



£	242.84	Weldbank Plastics	Black Bags
£	78.14	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery
£	5.87	CBC	Lease for playing field
£	280.11	Cash	Reimbursements
£	25.00	Lancashire Constabulary	Grant
£	250.00	Euxton CC	Grant
£	731.31	Employee 2	Salary Sept
£	564.27	Employee 3	Salary Sept
£	601.35	Employee 4	Salary Sept
£	334.75	Employee 5	Salary Sept
£	9.30	Employee 3	Mileage
£	18.75	Employee 4	Mileage
£	551.09	Inland revenue	Tax & NI Sept

7.40 pm Cllr A Mercer arrived

## 6. Buckshaw Village

Councillors had met with Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council representatives and discussed the new housing, boundaries and services for Buckshaw Village.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Wellerd and agreed that a meeting be requested to include all parties to discuss some issues which arose from this meeting. Cllrs M Mercer, Wallbank, Witts and Matson will again attend with WLW representatives, Chorley Borough Council and South Ribble Borough Council will be invited.

## 7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee - Minutes of 31 August 2005 had been circulated.

The Clerk had been contacted by LCC to request some suggested sites for a new bus stop. The Council suggested, Runshaw Lane between Cedar and Primrose Avenues and Euxton Lane near the College.

A residents letter regarding a footpath from Old School Lane was considered and the Clerk will report to LCC the reported blockage for them to investigate.

ii Leisure Committee - Minutes of 1 September 2005 had been circulated.

Cllr Dilworth asked regarding the position of the Youth Shelter for Greenside. The Council discussed this issue at length going over the events of the last months.

iii General Purposes Committee - Minutes of 31 August 2005 had been circulated.

Trafalgar Day - Councillors considered the costs of the Beacon for Trafalgar Day celebrations reported to them by the Clerk of £1815 plus £855 for the gas conversion kit. Council discussed this issue at length.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Wellerd and agreed the Clerk writes to all three churches and the Churches Together in Euxton group to ask if they are/or will be having any special service for Trafalgar Day and copy to them the suggested order of service in the Trafalgar Day brochure. If a service is to take place all Councillors are encouraged to attend.

Cllr T Gray put it to the Council that he thought an article which appeared in the Euxton Web was making the Parish Council's newsletter political. The Clerk replied that the article



was relevant, interesting and informative for the residents of the village about the progress made regarding the Runshaw Quarry application from Tarmac and as no other articles were submitted, by anyone, then this one was included and the reference at the foot of the article merely identified to readers who 'supplied' the information, so to offer some protection to the Parish Council if any of the technical details were inaccurate. Proposed Cllr A Mercer for the Chairman to move progress, seconded Cllr Wellerd. Chair moved progress.

Pavement Sweeping Machine - Councillors discussed this subject at great length. The Clerk informed that CBC had ordered and would be taking delivery of two additional sweeping machines, making three and it proposed to provide a regular pavement/channel sweeping service all over the Borough of Chorley on a rota basis. Councillors considered many issues around the Parish Council purchasing a machine of either a similar size and capacity to that previously operated or a larger machine, the same as CBC had purchased.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr A Mercer, seconded Cllr Sutton and carried with votes of 5 for, 2 against and 4 abstentions the Council purchases a pavement sweeping machines at the approximate cost of £14,000 similar to the one it has had in operation. This item will be on the agenda at the precept meeting to consider the methods for purchase and to budget the costs.

iv Personnel Committee - no reports

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - Cllr Jones reported on a recent meeting to Council.

## 9. Correspondence

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

LCC letter regarding the quarry application was read out which responded to questions asked by the Parish Council and supplied information regarding a road and traffic survey conduction in Euxton.

## 10. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Jones briefly reported he had read the LCC Transport Plan which highlighted 8 core values in this consultation document. The final document will be published next year.

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

