

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, C Cocking, E Jones, T Gray, J Miles, E Sutton, K Wallbank, D Wallbank, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs D Gee, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer, E Montgomery.

Cllr Montgomery had submitted her apologies for not being able to attend this and the March meetings, also her letter of resignation as Councillor to take effect after the April meeting of the Council which she will attend as her last meeting.

Councillors expressed their sadness at the news Cllr Montgomery would be resigning from the Council.

2. Police Matters

WPC Hackett attended the meeting. Cllr Sutton reported of three boys having a ball bearing gun and using it around the Balshaw Lane area as they had been seen in the play area also a youngster riding a miniature motorbike on the streets, PC Hackett had also received information and an address.

WPC Hackett informed that the miniature motorbikes and motorised gopeds are not legal unless they are insured and the rider had a license and should only be ridden on private land not pavements or roads.

Councillors and WPC Hackett had noticed the new wheeled sports area on Balshaw Lane is popular and well used.

WPC Hackett attended a meeting at Greenside with residents and the Housing Officer of Chorley Borough Council regarding the square area between the houses. In the Summer CBC will begin some work to reduce football being played in there by cobbling random spaces within the area and blocking off the tunnel which runs under and between two properties.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 20 January 2004, proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Jones and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: Full Council Precept meeting 27 January 2004, proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning Matters



05/000071/TEL - Objection to the location and size of this application and that this was previously refused on this site.

Clerk reported receipt of two applications from LCC for United Utilities pipeline work from the rear of Park Avenue, down the A49, across the Millennium Green, under Dawbers Lane, behind Fieldside Avenue properties to a new outfall being built and into the river Yarrow.

5. Financial Matters

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

£	5.87	Chorley Borough Council	Half year lease for playing field
£	67.62	Powergen	Electricity at pavilion
£	11.00	Lancs Play Field Assoc.	Subscription
£	35.29	Allianz Cornhill	Premium for skate equip
£	214.26	Applied Sweepers	Parts. Starter Motor
£	40.00	Lord Motors	Fitting starter motor
£	105.75	Brian Dean Landscapes	Wood chipping at Greenside
£	170.77	Cash	Reimbursements
£	675.74	Employee 2	Salary
£	573.92	Employee 3	Salary
£	614.93	Employee 4	Salary
£	325.00	Employee 5	Salary
£	15.30	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	33.30	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	457.32	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for February

6. Borough or County Plans, Consultations, Meetings

The Clerk updated the Council regarding the following papers.

- LCC applications from United Utilities for pipeline work from Park Avenue to the river Yarrow.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Cllr Ashton mentioned that the Council had discussed the request to put Euxton Lane back to a 40 mph zone but on seeing the amount of traffic lights and junctions created possibly the 30 mph restriction placed on the road might be more suitable.

Cllr Ashton also reported a telephone call from Cllr Cornwell of Charnock Richard Parish Council regarding a footpath beginning at Pincock being closed, Cllr Ashton had told him that the path is not closed it just has a gate to prevent vehicles driving down it and the Clerk had posted him a footpath walking map.

ii Leisure Committee



Cllr Witts asked about the wall along Wigan Road which was knocked down by a tree last year being repaired. The repairing had begun but has stopped. Clerk will chase.

Clerk updated the Council regarding the land at Primrose Hill School and the schools fencing project that the Parish Council will be consulted when the fencing is being planned and LCC had responded to the request that they are considering the Council's request.

iii General Purposes Committee

Cllr Sutton requested a meeting to discuss the sweeping machines current situation and to form a plan for the future when it stops working. Meeting will be arranged.

Councillors asked for an update on the Finger Post renovation, Clerk updated that CBC were waiting for a specific type of varnish to be delivered and was chasing regularly. Cllr T Gray will chase and the item is to be put on the agenda to consider using another contractor.

iv Personnel Committee

The Committee requested the contract to be ready to sign for the 1 April 2005 and prior to this to be available for Councillors to peruse at future meetings.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group

Cllr Jones updated that there had been no further progress.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr K Wallbank and agreed that the Council delegate powers to Cllr Jones to act upon any papers received to ensure deadlines are not missed.

8. Correspondence

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

The Clerk updated the Council with the response from the CBC Urban Study that the land by Balshaw Villa was reported to be suitable for housing in their opinion and that the land on Greenside is now registered as recreation land.

9. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Sutton queried reports in the newspapers that the Parish Council was considering CCTV for the village. This item had been referred to committee which considered an estimated cost back in November 2004 but agreed that the subject needed further and more close scrutiny before a decision is considered. This item is to be put on to the Safety, Highways and Footpaths Committee agenda.

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

