

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 20 January 2005 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, C Cocking, E Jones, D Gee, T Gray, A Mercer, M Mercer, J Miles, E Montgomery, E Sutton, K Wallbank, G Witts, S Wellerd.

1. Apologies Cllrs D Bateman, M Bateman.

2. Police Matters

PC Hackett attended the meeting. Cllrs Montgomery and Miles reported that youngsters were still playing ball in the square between the houses, carrying out vandalism and damaging cars and, after the light goes out on the recreation area and the children leave, older youngsters came in.

PC Hackett said the PACT meetings were going well and encouraged people and Councillors to attend. The regular issues raised are parking, speeding and juvenile nuisance. Cllr Miles and M Gray also said it would be useful for Councillors to attend. The resident who wrote a letter of concern to the Police and copied it to the Council has been visited and their concerns are being looked in to.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 18 November 2004, proposed Cllr T Gray, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by the Chairman to move item 8 up the agenda as there were residents attending regarding the subject. Council agreed.

8. Boundary Consultation from Astley Village Parish Council

The Clerk updated the Council that a letter received from Astley Village Parish Council asked its opinion on a possible request for a boundary review in the area of the houses at the corner of Euxton Lane and Chancery Road. Representations had been received by Euxton Parish Council from residents of that area objecting to this suggestion, and a letter signed by 61 of the 63 properties against the proposal of moving out of Euxton in to Astley Village.

Proposed and agreed by Councillors to suspend standing orders.

Two residents from the area attended the meeting and expressed their wish to remain in Euxton and they were worried if they moved to Astley Village that they may lose their place at the Euxton Medical Centre, also they were concerned that contact with Euxton Parish Council had not been carried prior to contacting Euxton residents.

Standing orders restored.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr M Gray and agreed unanimously that Euxton Parish Council reply to Astley Village Parish Council. In response to the wishes of residents of Badger's Walk and Brook House Grove estates a boundary review should not take place, also to pass on comments received from residents.

4. Planning Matters

04/01422/REMMAJ Erection of 69 dwellings with associated roads, sewers, parking and landscaping at Buckshaw Village Parcel A - Council requested that the Borough Council put on this application a condition for long term arrangements to be made and funded to maintain the ornamental communal garden areas.

LCC 09/05/0017 Variation of condition 1, 3 and 4 of permission to allow the importation of hazardous waste and to amend the phasing of landfilling and restoration at the existing containment facility at land east of Worden and Buckshaw Woods, ROF site - Council objected to this application. Cllrs T Gray, Gee and Jones expressed an interest in this application and abstained from the vote.

Cllr Jones asked if the decisions of planning applications could be known to the Council. The Clerk will list the decisions for Councillors in the future.

5. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported that the Auditors had completed the External Audit and there were no concerns raised.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment.

£	2373.77	Chorley Borough Council	Lights on Pavilion and Balshaw Play
£	20.00	Chorley Civic Society	Subscription
£	1000.00	Eux PC Comm Centre	Grant for re-building hut
£	11.09	Chorley Borough Council	Stores: brushes & shovels
£	140.67	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	120.00	Lisieux Hall	Maintenance of beds on MG
£	245.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	159.85	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery
£	66.98	Eccleston Electrical	Install Christmas tree lights
£	445.00	West View Nursery	Winter planting and flowers in tubs
£	200.00	Parklands School	Donation for the band
£	1.17	Chorley Borough Council	Annual rent for field
£	411.25	HLB AV Audit	External Audit Fee
£	44.65	Eccleston Electrical	Repairs and collection of tree lights
£	25.00	CPRE	Subscription
£	7670.40	Wicksteed Leisure	Balshaw Ln skate park equipment
£	675.74	Employee 2	Salary January 2005
£	547.53	Employee 3	Salary January 2005
£	593.89	Employee 4	Salary January 2005
£	325.00	Employee 5	Salary January 2005
£	58.80	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	53.55	Employee 4	Reimbursements
£	432.30	Cash	Reimbursements
£	517.94	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI

6. Borough or County Plans, Consultations, Meetings

The Clerk updated the Council regarding the following papers.

- ☞ Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting 20 January 2004 (copied out previously)
- ☞ CBC Introduction of Special Expenses and abolition of the Parish Amenity Grant - Councillors requested further clarification and maps to check the areas and figures and also to consider the impact on the Precept setting for 2005/6
- ☞ CBC Urban potential study 2004 draft report - Councillors wanted an objection lodging against two of the areas; Greenside as it is a recreation area, and the land by Balshaw Villa as the access would be on to a road which is on a hill and a sharp bend right next to a roundabout and there is lots of development already in Euxton taking place
- ☞ CBC Extension of CCTV System to outlying areas - await the response
- ☞ CBC Council's Spending Plans for 2005/6 (4.9% rise)
- ☞ CBC Tree warden scheme - Councillors interested are to contact the Clerk
- ☞ LCC Rural Strategy Local Pilot in NW Lancashire Pathfinder - Thematic Groups - Councillors interested are to contact the Clerk

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Councillors chased the seat at Pear Tree Lane. Clerk updated that CBC said they were replacing and will chase. Clerk updated the Council about the arrangement regarding Bank Lane with LCC and that the cheque for £120 had been received.

ii Leisure Committee

The play equipment had now been installed at Balshaw Lane play area.

iii General Purposes Committee

A request for the grass to be strimmed around the planter opposite the Bay Horse. Clerk will pass on to the lengthsman.

iv Personnel Committee - receive recommendations from a meeting of 17 January 2005

The Committee has considered and approved a job description and contract for the Clerk along with a new arrangement regarding IT provision. In future the Clerk will provide an IT service to the Council for which it will pay a rent. The equipment owned by the Council will be sold after 31 March 2005.

8.30 pm Cllrs A Mercer, M Mercer left

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - receive minutes of meeting 2 December 2004

Cllr Jones presented the minutes and progress sheet.

9. Primrose Hill Primary School Perimeter Fencing

Cllrs M Gray, Gee and Montgomery declared an interest in this item.

The Clerk read the letter received from Primrose Hill Primary School requesting the assistance of the Parish Council of £5000 towards its new perimeter fencing, the money being a contribution towards the section surrounding the play area. Councillors discussed this item in detail.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr T Gray and agreed with 9 votes that before a decision can be made the cost of a replacement fence be calculated and a request made to LCC regarding obtaining an additional portion of land at the back of the play area to use for recreation as an alternative to the school grounds.

8.45 pm Cllr Gee left

10. Youth Council/Forum

The Chairman updated the Council that there were no attendances at the meeting set up for the youths which was very disappointing. The LCC Youth & Community worker offered to arrange a meeting at the drop in centre at Chorley in the future.

8.30 pm Cllr Wallbank left

11. Correspondence

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

12. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Miles raised concerns expressed to him by residents regarding the new position of the Youth Shelter and that there was already considerable vandalism happening in the area. The Clerk updated that some of the conditions set by the MAPS team involved the informing of residents when the shelter is to be placed, setting up a channel for them to use to report problems, complaints, damage etc. so they can be monitored and responded to.

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

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PRECEPT meeting held Thursday 27 January 2005 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

Present Cllrs M Gray (Chair), W Ashton, E Jones, T Gray, E Sutton,
K Wallbank, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, D Bateman, M Bateman, A Mercer, M Mercer,
E Montgomery, S Wellerd

Councillors discussed the issue of Chorley Borough Council withdrawing the Amenity Grant from Parish Council's and that this year's figure is approximately £11,000 which equates to £3.50 per house (using the band D average).

2. Primrose Hill Primary School

There was no update on the matter raised at the last meeting regarding the land to the rear of the play area. Councillors would look at the precept figures to see if possible monies could be factored into the budgets.

3. Euxton Villa Football Club

Councillors discussed the request from the Club for a further £5000, besides the £5000 it had been granted by the Council for their changing room project and it was felt that a further £5000 could not be made available in this years budget.

4. Precept

Cllr Witts raised concern over the cost of the Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils (LAPTC) subscription fee, this year £682 and probably being over £700 for the year 2005/6. The Clerk was asked if she used the LAPTC for advice and she said she preferred the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) who appeared more knowledgeable and had specialist advisors. Cllr Sutton felt the membership was important for Euxton and the Chorley Area Committee meetings were interesting and had raised vital points. Membership to National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is not available without the membership to the LAPTC.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed by votes of 6 for and 1 against that the Parish Council does not precept for the LAPTC subscription fee for this next year. The Clerk is to write to the LAPTC and request information on their services and what the Council cannot access without membership.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr T Gray that the proposed £3000 for the ornamental fence at Balshaw Lane/Highways Avenue be taken out of the budget. This proposal was amended by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr M Gray which added the Committee should look at less expensive options for the area this proposal was carried.

The budget for 2005/2006 was proposed by Cllr K Wallbank and agreed by 6 votes, Cllr Witts abstained from voting.

Employees	34500
Employee Mileage	850
Office - stationery, copies, post, IT, telephone etc	1400
Publicity	110
Insurance	3200
Subscriptions	100
Audit	525
Sundries/Emergency	2000
Training/Conference Fees	150
Grants	1500
Christmas Celebrations	1000
Lease of Land	111
Utilities	1000
Gardens/Planting	2000
Street Sweeping	2500
Greenside Maintenance Programme	1500
Playground Renewal Prog.	10000
Millennium Green	500
Pear Tree Greens	10000
General Purposes small projects	1500
Safety, Highways & Footpaths small projects	1500
Millennium Green perimeter path	6000
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Balances	14500
Revenue	4600
Precept Budget 2005/2006	<u>62846</u>
Band D property average	£19.99

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