

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 19 January 2006 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs M Bateman, J Matson.

2. Police Matters

Cllr Miles raised that speeding was still an item on the agenda at the PACT meeting, Cllr M Mercer had seen speed cameras in the area.

Cllr M Gray informed that she had reported some people to the Police, who were looking into the report, the people called at the door wearing badges and over slips and informed they were collecting for a charity. Cllr Miles informed he had heard someone had been arrested. Cllr T Gray had also informed Phil Howard at the Police.

Cllr T Gray had also reported to Network Rail that a gate along the railway near the Railway Tavern had been open and people were using as a shortcut from Milestone Meadow.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 17 November 2005, proposed Cllr M Gray seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning Matters

Councillors were very concerned over the tree applications for felling of trees and felt that CBC were passing all the applications and never seemed to refuse any. Councillors agreed to write a letter to CBC regarding the amount of applications for felling and major works and request it considers looking into the applications more deeply or considers rejecting ones which are unnecessary. Many house have been built in Euxton around and between trees, it is obvious on building and purchasing the properties the trees are there and Council feels it is unfair to then ask for them to be chopped down.

Application 06/00001/FUL - 73 Runshaw Lane.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Witts the Council objects to this application because of the loss of public and amenity land to a private property and the proposed perimeter fencing will hinder the view of motorists leaving Greenside. Cllrs T Gray and Gee did not vote on this application.

Councillors considered the list of remaining applications and made no comments.

5. Financial Matters

Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, the monitoring statement be noted, receipts were inspected by Cllr Sutton.



£	200.00	Parklands High School	Grant for Christmas Tree music
£	75.00	Euxton Playgroup	Grant
£	100.00	Careline	Grant
£	200.00	Primrose Hill School	Grant
£	50.00	Air Ambulance	Grant
£	26.00	CPRE	Subscription
£	11.00	Lancashire Playing Fields	Subscription
£	78.00	SLCC	Clerk membership
£	3.65	1st Euxton Scouts	Delivery charges for newsletter
£	90.00	Community Gardeners	MG garden maintenance
£	70.50	Brian Dean Landscapes	Purchase of bark
£	42.44	Eccleston Electrical	Bulb in pavilion light
£	117.21	Eccleston Electrical	Christmas lights and bulbs
£	163.55	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery
£	495.00	West View Nursery	Flowers for baskets and tubs
£	230.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing Dec 05
£	728.60	Cash	Reimbursements
£	411.25	BDO Stoy Hayward	External Auditors
£	613.86	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI Jan 06
£	731.97	Employee 2	January Salary
£	568.25	Employee 3	January Salary
£	601.37	Employee 4	January Salary
£	362.67	Employee 5	January Salary
£	206.00	Cash	Wage advance Emp 5 - overtime

Monitoring Statement

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Cocking, seconded Cllr Jones that the statement be received.

Internal Auditors Report

Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Cocking and agreed to accept the report and implement the recommendations.

External Auditors Report

Resolved: Proposed Cllr M Mercer, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to receive the report of the auditor that the audit was successful and no items of concern were raised.

7.50 pm arrive Cllr A Mercer

6. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee – notes of 5 December 2005 ‘not-quorate’
Cllr Ashton felt that the Committee didn’t have as much to talk about in recent times, or enough members attending to warrant a separate committee or meeting. Cllr Miles suggested an amalgamation of two committees and Councillors discussed the committee system, how some items were discussed again in detail at full Council, members should be encouraged to attend, many items can now be efficiently debated and concluded at full council.

Cllr Dilworth updated the meeting that LCC had purchased 6 SPID machines for the area and they will be used on a rota basis and Euxton needs to request areas for the rota as no areas of the village are not included in the top 10 hot spots. Council agreed to request area of Euxton go on the list.

Councillors discussed the committee situation further.



Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed that the proposal to amalgamate the Safety, Highways and Footpaths Committee and General Purposes Committee for a trial period, go to the Annual General Meeting. Cllr M Gray suggested that all Councillors be members of the committee so it would not suffer being not-quorate.

ii Leisure Committee – meeting on 28 November 2005

Cllr Witts informed the Council of a letter from the Girls Football Club advising that they had hired a mower to cut the pitch at Greenside as they thought it was too long to play on and requested the Council pay the invoice for the hire. Cllr Witts informed that he had read again all the correspondence from the team to the Council and the Clerks replies. The letters were clear that the Council did all it could to ensure the pitches were acceptable but the weather was out of its control. One Council letter also raised the issue of insurance for people carrying out unauthorised works on its premises, and highlighted the costs of over £4000 to keep the pitches and changing facilities up to standard with revenue of only £755, which did not account for the £200 grant also given to the club. The Council has already agreed for next season to request the contractors cuts the grass as short as they are able to in an attempt to further improve the pitches.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr K Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed the Clerk advises the club that the Council is unable to pay the invoice for the unauthorised work and reiterates the Council's position on insurance.

iii General Purposes Committee - meeting on 5 December 2005

Cllr Miles reported that the committee had considered the grant requests, but had asked one to send in an alternative request for another project as the committee did not feel it should be paying for maintenance works which were part of its obligations.

iv Personnel Committee - meeting on 28 November 2005

Cllr Witts informed that the outcomes of the meeting are included in the precept proposals.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group – meeting arranged for 25 November.

Cllr Jones informed that the committee had met with an Architect firm and it was to submit a document with an idea of costings and process to the committee.

7. Precept

The full breakdown of the budget is on page 4.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed all for, 1 against for the precept figure to be £28.98 for 2006/7.

8. Correspondence

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

9. Matters for further discussion

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

9.00 pm



**EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
2006/2007 PRECEPT BUDGET**

Budget Codes	Description	Carry Fwds / Reserve Funds	Precept Budget
01	Employees		
01-1/6	Employees		35,275
02	Housekeeping		
02-1	Employee Mileage		600
02-2	Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel		1,400
02-3	Publicity		200
02-4	Insurance		3,550
02-5	Subscriptions		140
02-6	Audit		525
03	Emergency		
	Sundries/Emergency		1,000
04	Council		
04-1	Training/Conference Fees		400
05	Grants/S137		
05-1	Grants		1,500
05-2	Christmas Celebrations		1,000
06	Amenity/Utility		
06-1	Lease of Land		110
06-2	Utilities		500
06-3	Gardens/Planting		2,000
06-4	Street Sweeping		5,000
06-5	Pitches		1,400
06-6	Playground Renewal Prog.	10,000	5,000
06-7	Millennium Green (gardens, cut, path)	5,000	8,000
06-8	Pear Tree Greens	10,000	10,000
06-9	General Purposes Committee		1,500
06-10	Safety, Highways & F Committee		1,500
06-11	Amenity/Open Space RRM		12,000
07	Earmarked Reserve/Carry Forward Money		
07-1	CF GP Committee - border signs	1,100	
07-3	EMR Land/Amenity	30,000	
07-4	EMR School Lane Play Area	2,857	
07-5	EMR Youth Amenity	2,605	15,000
		<u>61,562</u>	<u>107,600</u>
	Less balances		9,800
	Less revenue due in the year		<u>4,600</u>
	Precept Amount		<u>93,200</u>
	Tax Base		3215.8
	Band D		28.98

