

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 16 February 2006 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs M Mercer (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, A Dilworth, M Gray,
T Gray, E Jones, A Mercer, E Sutton, D Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts.

Attending: PS Walton and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies Cllrs M Bateman, C Cocking.

Councillor D Bateman offered Mrs Bateman's resignation to the Council, due to other commitments. Councillors asked Cllr Bateman to thank Mrs Bateman for her service to the Council.

2. Police Matters

Police Sergeant Walton attended the meeting and introduced his new role to the Council, discussed some changes to the team set up and future ideas and developments.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings - Matters Arising

Resolved: Full Council meeting 19 January 2006, proposed Cllr Witts seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning Matters

The Clerk informed of a new application just arrived.
Councillors considered the list of remaining applications and made no comments.

5. Pavement Sweeper Demonstration and Purchase

Cllr Witts reported to Council on the demonstration of a sweeping machine he attended on 6 February, the differences of the machine to the last machine and his opinion of it. Councillors had considered the report sent to them prior to the meeting and clarified some of the differences which effected the insurance and usage, the cost and how to purchase the machine, at the meeting.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts seconded Cllr Dilworth and agreed unanimously the ex-demonstrator machine at £10,300 (+ vat) from Johnston Sweepers be purchased outright and delivery to be as soon as possible.

6. Financial Matters

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr A Mercer and agreed the following cheques be approved for payment, the monitoring statement be noted, receipts were inspected by Cllr Ashton.

£	109.20	Mark Parr Promotions	Jackets and pants for lengthsman
£	2467.50	Chorley Borough C	Bark for 3 play areas



£	1762.50	Chorley Borough C	Fence at Greenside
£	205.63	Chorley Borough C	Christmas tree, put up/take down
£	1145.63	Chorley Borough C	Log planter on Dawbers Lane
£	35.57	Chorley Borough C	Stores - spades
£	79.54	Powergen	Electricity for pavilion, Greenside
£	731.97	Employee 2	Salary for February
£	564.50	Employee 3	Salary for February
£	601.36	Employee 4	Salary for February
£	393.97	Employee 5	Salary for February
£	24.90	Employee 3	Mileage
£	19.80	Employee 4	Mileage
£	24.60	Employee 5	Mileage
£	496.15	Cash	Reimbursements
£	550.19	Inland revenue	Tax & NI for February
£	12102.50	Johnston Sweepers	Pavement sweeping machine

Monitoring Statement

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

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee

Councillors suspended Standing Orders to all members of the public to speak.

Residents wished the Council to note that there needs to be more 30 mph signs on Euxton Lane near to the Mile Stone Meadow junction as motorists don't seem to know the limits.

Standing orders restored.

Cllr Bateman raised issue about the mess left behind by the recycling collectors. Cllr T Gray explained that any mess should be picked up by Cleanaway and reported to Chorley Borough Council if not. Cllr Gray will do an article for the newsletter to let residents know what to do if there is a problem.

Cllr M Gray reported a footpath between Church Walk and Euxton Garden, Clerk will report. Cllr Dilworth informed the Council that a resident had reported that Pear Tree lane was covered in mud from farm vehicles, the Clerk reported this.

ii Leisure Committee - meeting on 14 February 2006

Cllr Witts reported on the Committee meeting minutes held on the 14 December.

iii General Purposes Committee - no reports.

iv Personnel Committee - no meeting held, no report items.

v Pear Tree Greens Working Group – meeting on 14 February 2006

Cllr Jones reported on the groups meeting minutes held on the 14 December and submitted a breakdown of survey reports. He requested the Council release £10,000 so preliminary studies and plans can be drawn up for the area to be submitted to planning.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Mercer and voted on unanimously that the Council order the proposed surveys and work.





8. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was distributed. Councillors were given clarification on items. Councillors asked about the Best Kept Village Competition judges comments report and were disappointed by the quality and content of the report. The Clerk was requested to convey the Council's disappointment over the report to the organising committee.

Cllr M Gray informed that the garden area in front of the Medical Centre, which is often full of litter, is kept by Chorley Borough Council as a contractor for the centre. Clerk to look into this matter.

9. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Jones introduced a paper regarding Volunteer workers. The Council has been approached by some young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award who need to complete three months of volunteer work and suggested they could litter pick. The document proposed that the Council agree to take on the volunteer workers in line with the guidelines researched and suggested by the Clerk.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Witts and agreed that the Council agrees to the proposal for volunteer workers.

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

8.50 pm

