

**MINUTES** of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 13 April 2006 at 7.30 pm, Euxton PC Community Centre.

**Present** Cllrs M Mercer (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, A Dilworth, M Gray, E Jones, J Matson, A Mercer, E Sutton, K Wallbank, G Witts.  
Residents and attending group representatives.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, D Gee, T Gray.

2. Chair of the Parish Council

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed residents of a few Parish Council items:

Two Councillors had received recognition for their long standing on the Council, Cllr Witts for 30 years service and Cllr T Gray for 25 years.

She had attended a number of events as Chairman in the year.

The Council has assisted ERASE, thanks went to Bruce Carlin and the other ERASE members for their hard work and dedication.

The Council had lost Cllr John Miles who died recently and sympathies went to his family.

There were currently four vacancies on the Council.

4. Reports from Euxton Parish Councillors about ongoing projects, and new projects

Cllr Witts, Chairman of the Leisure Committee informed of a future project at Primrose Hill play area which was under negotiation with the land owner and so delayed until the Summer. The preparation work for the youth shelter to at Greenside had been done. The Leisure Committee regularly maintain the play areas and repair vandalism. The Millennium Green had been dug up by United Utilities for works to be done but they will be restoring it and the path will be upgraded following this reinstatement.

Cllr Ashton, Chair of the Safety, Highways and Footpaths Committee. Road and pavement repairs were done through Lancashire County Council and it was very slow and difficulty to get quick action on any reports sent through to them. The Council regularly reminds LCC of problems, and residents should continue to report problems to the Council.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting from 6 April 2005 were received.

5. Reports from representatives of Voluntary Organisations attending

Bruce Carlin from ERASE spoke to update residents of the proposed sand quarry application from Tarmac. Lancashire County Council did not action recommendations made by the Public Inquiry to provide alternative sites, which left Euxton vulnerable. Euxton residents are not happy to have their health in either Tarmac or LCCs hands. There are other grounds which have been presented against the quarry application such as the traffic impacts of additional loads on the road, air quality new guidelines measure fine particulates and these are what will effect the immediate residents, asthmas is high in this area and it is irresponsible to consider this quarry next to a built up area.

Dennis Swards of the Euxton 50+ club updated residents about the club and activities it arranges and about their annual Tinsel & Turnkey trip. The club has approximately 70 members with a committee of 10 organising the events. He thanked the Parish Council for their contribution.

6. Any Other Business

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

7.50 pm