

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING held 18 May 2006 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr M Mercer and Cllr E Jones were both nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman. A paper ballot was requested.

Resolved: Votes were 7 for Cllr Mercer, 4 for Cllr Jones, Cllr Mercer accepted the position of Chair and signed a declaration of acceptance of office agreeing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Jones was nominated for Vice Chair.

Resolved: It was carried unanimously that Cllr Jones be Vice Chair.

3. Apologies Cllr A Dilworth's apologies were received.

4. Declarations of Interest - none given at this point.

5. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting on 20 April 2006, were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

6. Planning

Resolved: Council considered planning applications and made no comments.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairperson thanked Councillors for electing her for a second year. The Chair reminded Councillors and visitors that the Council had 4 Councillor vacancies.

8. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

Resolved: Council agreed to suspend standing orders allowing members of the public to speak.

A number of residents attended the meeting to put across their objections to the youth shelter installed at Greenside. They reported the disturbances they had been encountering before and after the shelter was installed.

Resolved: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

9. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated the details of two events which the Council had been invited to: The Mayoral Procession and a CPRE event.

10. Financial Items

Requests for Payment

Resolved: Council agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

£	84.46	Powergen	Electricity
£	352.50	Chorley BC	Log planter on Euxton Lane
£	761.43	Employee 2	Salary May 2006
£	593.20	Employee 3	Salary May 2006
£	621.59	Employee 4	Salary May 2006
£	434.28	Employee 5	Salary May 2006
£	12.30	Employee 3	Mileage
£	30.00	Employee 4	Mileage
£	16.20	Employee 5	Mileage
£	569.30	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI May 2006
£	216.55	Cash	Reimbursements

Monitoring Statement

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

11. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

- i Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee - No meeting held, no reports.
- ii Leisure Committee - No meeting held, no reports.
- iii General Purposes Committee - No meeting held, no reports.
- iv Personnel Committee - No meeting held, no reports.
- v Pear Tree Greens Working Group - No meeting held, no reports.

12. Continuity Plan

Council considered the Continuity Plan which had been circulated.

Resolved: Council approved the document for immediate implementation, to be reviewed in 12 months.

13. Committee System

Council considered the proposed changes to the committee system which had been circulated.

Resolved: Council agreed that there would be three committees, Leisure, All Purposes and Pear Tree Greens and Councillors could choose which one(s) they wished to be on. The Clerk received the nominations from Councillors for their committee (please see attached list).

14. Standing Orders

Council considered the proposed changes to the document which had been circulated.

Resolved: Council agreed the amended document for immediate implementation.

15. Personnel Committee Guidelines

Council considered the proposed changes to this document, which had been circulated, in light of the changes to the committee system.

Resolved: Council agreed the amended guideline document in line with the new committee system for immediate implementation.

16. Appointments to roles or outside bodies

Resolved: Council agreed the Councillors below represent it in the following capacity: Cllr Jones - Councillor Auditor. Cllr M Gray - Civic Society. Cllrs M Gray, Sutton - Borough/Parish Liaison meetings.

17. Insurance provision for the Council

Council considered the report circulated which set out the costs of an alternative insurance provider and a proposal to delete some items of cover from the policy.

Resolved: Council agreed, 5 votes to 4, 1 abstention that the insurance cover should be reduced in line with the report and not in future include the play equipment, wayside seats, boundary signs and noticeboards.

18. Matters for information

Councillors expressed their approval of the flower display baskets around the village this spring and their disapproval of the state of the Bay Horse Public House baskets which are full of dead plants.

A Councillor requested that an item of Quality Status and training be put on the next Personnel Committee agenda.

Cllr Wellerd requested the subject of grass cutting to be put on the agenda for the next Leisure Committee meeting.

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