

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a full Council Meeting held 16 November 2006 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), W Ashton, C Cocking J Carr, A Dilworth, M Gray, T Gray, S Newell, A Platt, J Matson, E Sutton, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs D Bateman, A Mercer, M Mercer, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, were received

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 7ii because he knows the Clerk personally and will leave the room for the decision. Cllrs Newell, Sutton both declared a personal interest on individual planning applications in item 4 as they know the applicants.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 19 October 2006 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning

The Clerk informed that Chorley Council had been requested for application 1163/TPO to require the applicant to specify the exact work to be carried out instead of an either / or. This application would appear again on the list at a later date.

Application 932 Sylvesters Farm - Council wished to submit an observation to Chorley Council to investigate that this property is situated on a bend and near a junction and believe sight lines would be impaired for customers leaving the parking area.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

Resolved: The Council suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

A resident asked if the Council could encourage members of the public to report problems to do with the pavements and highways to the authorities so they understand the problems of the village.

Resolved: The Council restored standing orders.

6. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Leisure Committee - no meeting report.

ii) All Purposes Committee

Cllr Gray requested the Council ask why the traffic calming measures for the Cedar Avenue estate are now not continuing.

iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee - no meeting report.

iv) Personnel Committee - see item 7i).

7. Financial Matters

- i) To receive a Personnel Committee recommendation regarding employee bonus payments.

Council decided to consider item 7i) and related 7ii) items in private session and move them to the end of the meeting.

- ii) To approve requests for payment made to the Council.

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

£	784.30	Playdale Playgrounds	Parts
£	1175.00	Playdale Playgrounds	Swing
£	817.35	Johnston Sweepers	Repairs
£	409.77	Johnston Sweepers	Service
£	52.88	Johnston Sweepers	Parts
£	376.00	I M Brown	Goal posts, supply and fit
£	1010.50	I M Brown	Replacing of rotten wood decks PH
£	235.00	Chorley Council	Cobbling round fingerpost
£	290.26	MK Illumination	New Christmas Tree lights
£	2500.00	Primrose Hill School	Contribution towards fencing PH
£	200.00	Parklands High School	Contribution for band at carol concert
£	190.00	County Training Ptnshp	Trainer
£	458.17	Cash	Reimbursements
£	757.44	Employee 2	Salary Nov
£	587.69	Employee 3	Salary Nov
£	620.99	Employee 4	Salary Nov
£	497.08	Employee 5	Salary Nov
£	512.22	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI Nov
£	757.66	Employee 2	Salary Dec

- iii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

8. Apologies

Councillors had been circulated with a report on the legal requirements as regards to apologies from Councillors for Council meetings. The report also contained three scenarios of how the Council presently deal with Councillor apologies, and two further ones of how they might want to change the system for the future.

Resolved: Council agreed to adopt the second option for receiving apologies which was; 'every Councillor who will not be attending a meeting is to provide an apology, in advance, which will be noted in the minutes. All longer term absences should be submitted in writing for the Council's approval, thus ensuring no one is excluded. All Councillors who do not attend or submit an apology will be recorded as 'no apology received'.

9. North West In Bloom Competition

The information regarding the presentation organised by Chorley Council for Parish Councils to attend and hear from the NW In Bloom judges had been circulated along with some competition information.

Cllr Sutton would attend the event on the 29 November.

The hard work and efforts of the village caretakers were noted by Council and acknowledged by receiving awards for the village.

10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Gray reported on the Euxton PC Community Centre, which she is on the committee of. The computer classes run by Lancashire College had ceased and they are attempting to set some of their own up in January which will be advertised in the Euxton Web. The committee is going to be putting on some fund raising events for the centre to raise additional funds. The committee was grateful to the Council for its grant towards the new lighting for the car park.

11. Matters for information

Resolved: The Council suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

Bgh Cllr Goldsworthy asked if the Council would consider the consultation document from Chorley Council on its future budget as the views from the parishes would be important.

Resolved: The Council restored standing orders.

A response letter from Chorley Council regarding the future of the youth shelter, presently being stored there was ready out in brief which said Chorley Council would not give a consideration to the parish for the shelter as they considered they had spent enough on the project.

7. Financial Matters

i) To ratify a Personnel Committee recommendation regarding employee bonus payments.

Resolved: The Council resolved to go into private session in accordance with Paragraph 1, Part 1 item 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: Council agreed to the recommendation proposed by the Personnel Committee to pay a bonus to each of the three village caretakers of £200 each for their recognised work and achievements in recent village competitions.

ii) To approve requests for payment made to the Council.

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

£	729.59	Employee 3	Salary Dec
£	754.98	Employee 4	Salary Dec
£	541.44	Employee 5	Salary Dec
£	806.40	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI Dec

Resolved: The Council resolved to come out of private session.

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

8.15 pm