

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a full Council Meeting held 18 January 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs M Mercer (Chairman), W Ashton, D Bateman C Cocking, A Dilworth, E Jones, M Gray, T Gray, A Platt, J Matson, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank.

1. Apologies Cllrs J Carr, A Mercer, S Newell, S Wellerd, G Witts were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 6i because he knows the Clerk personally and will leave the room for this item. Cllr Dilworth declared a personal interest in a planning application in item 4 as he is related to the applicant.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 November 2006 and 14 December 2006 were agreed to be accurate records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning

The Council made no comments on the applications presented.

The Council noted the correspondence from Tarmac informing they will be submitting an appeal to the planning decision regarding the proposed Sand Quarry at Runshaw.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

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

Borough Councillor Goldsworthy attended to inform the Council of the outcome of a consultation with residents of Cedar Avenue and surrounding roads over possible traffic calming measures. The cost of the project was over £50,000 and a low 68% positive responses were returned, this project will not be submitted to the budget list.

Resolved: The Council restored standing orders.

6. Financial Matters

i) 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.

£	635.00	D Entwistle	Flowers in baskets and tubs
£	180.00	Myerscough College	Training courses for lengthsman
£	129.25	I M Brown	Repair and refit roof to shelter
£	256.00	Sprintprint	Printing newsletter Dec 06
£	173.15	Newsquest	Delivery of newsletter Dec 06
£	434.75	I M Brown	Install traverse unit - Greenside
£	502.90	I M Brown	Install swing unit - Primrose
£	57.77	United Utilities	Water for pavilion

£	200.68	Eccleston Electrical	Christmas tree lights on
£	51.97	Eccleston Electrical	Christmas tree lights repair call
£	16.00	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of newsletter Dec 06
£	27.00	CPRE	Subscription fee
£	96.00	SLCC (Soc. Local Council Clerks)	Membership renewal
£	433.18	Cash	Reimbursements
£	11.40	Employee 3	Mileage
£	33.60	Employee 4	Mileage
£	22.50	Employee 5	Mileage
£	757.44	Employee 2	Salary Jan 07
£	595.61	Employee 3	Salary Jan 07
£	621.00	Employee 4	Salary Jan 07
£	631.05	Employee 5	Salary Jan 07
£	661.66	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI Jan 07

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

iii) Receive the Annual Audit return and notes from the External Auditor.

Resolved: Council received the notes from the External Auditor and the completed Annual Return.

iv) Set the precept for 2007/2008

Resolved: Council agreed a precept figure of £97,050, which equates to a 2% increase on last years figure to be allocated to the budgets as shown on the separate precept budget report.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Leisure Committee - no meeting report.

ii) All Purposes Committee - no meeting report.

Cllr T Gray informed of a two residents who had approached him to place memorial seats in the village. He will request they put their requests in writing to the Council so it can consider them. This matter was referred to the next Committee meeting.

Cllr M Gray informed that Euxton PC Community Centre Committee had discussed the Christmas Tree location and the possibility of it moving to in front of the centre. This matter was referred to the next Committee meeting.

The hedge on Euxton Lane on the left after the railway bridge was overgrown and the pavement was now blocked. The hedge by the Bay Horse pub/bridge was overgrown.

iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee - no meeting report.

iv) Personnel Committee - no meeting report.

8. Community Forums

Councillors considered the setting up and workings of the new Community Forums and that the parish of Euxton had been split by the boundary of two of the Forums and laid in

both the East and West. This would mean that the Council has to be represented at two meetings rather than one.

Resolved: Council agreed that Cllrs Ashton and D Wallbank will attend the East meetings and Cllr M Gray and Sutton the West meetings. Council to contact the Borough Council and register its frustration over the village being split into two different Community Forums and for this to be seriously re-considered after the initial 12 month trial.

9. Wayside Seat

This subject was referred to the All Purposes Committee agenda.

10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr M Gray reported on the Borough/Parish Liaison meeting which discussed parking wardens, PCSO and neighbourhood warden restructuring and the Council tax freeze, the Borough's proposal to take over the rentals on the village CCTV systems and the new Community Forums and how the boundary lines lay. It was also noted by another Councillor that the villages appeared to have disproportionate service provision to Chorley town centre in areas such as parking wardens as there is only one warden who is mobile against from a team of 7 or 8.

Cllr Dilworth reported from the PACT meeting that PC Bleasdale will be remaining as Euxton's Community Beat Manager.

Cllr Jones reported from the last Lancashire Local meeting in February that the meeting was taken over by a number of subjects and residents.

11. Matters for information

Items requested for the next meeting agenda on advertising boards on Parish Council land at the shops on Highways Avenue and dog fouling on the pavements.

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

9.00 pm

Euxton Parish Council Precept 2007/2008

Budget Codes	Description	Precept 2007/8
01	Employees	
01-1/6	Employees	38756
02	Housekeeping	
02-1	Employee Mileage	1000
02-2	Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel	1600
02-3	Publicity - newsletter and Annual Report	700
02-4	Insurance	1550
02-5	Subscriptions	150
02-6	Audit	650
03	Emergency	
	Sundries/Emergency	3807
04	Council	
04-1	Training/Conference Fees	200
05	Grants/S137	
05-1	Grants	1500
05-2	Christmas Celebrations	1800
06	Amenity/Utility	
06-1	Lease of Land	110
06-2	Utilities	600
06-3	Gardens/Planting	2300
06-4	Street Sweeping	5000
06-5	Pitches	1500
06-6	Playground Renewal Prog.	10000
06-7	Millennium Green - gardens, grass cuts, maint	5000
06-8	Pear Tree Greens	3000
06-9	All Purposes Committee	700
06-10	Safety, Highways & F Committee	500
06-11	Amenity/Open Space RRM	13500
06-12	NW In Bloom	2500
	Totals	96423
	Adjusted by balances, revenue and earmarked reserves to	97050
	Tax base figure	3283.20
	Band D property	£29.56