

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a full Council Meeting held 15 February 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs D Bateman, E Sutton 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.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 18 January 2007 were agreed to be accurate records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning

07/74 Balshaw Lane 'pre and after school club' temporary building.

Resolved: Council objected to the position, not the purpose, of the temporary building as it was immediately adjacent to residents and Balshaw Lane which would spoil the view of the open space and streetscene.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

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

A residents of Chestnut Avenue reported problems with pigeons as they were roosting at Packsaddle Bridge.

Resolved: The Council restored standing orders.

The Clerk will write to Railtrack and Chorley Council to pass on these concerns and ask what they will be doing about the roosting pigeons.

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.

£	10.00	Best Kept Village Competition	Entry fee
£	55.00	NW In Bloom Competition	Entry fee
£	411.25	BDO Stoy Hayward	External Audit Fee
£	291.51	Allianz Cornhill	Sweeper insurance
£	88.13	Johnston	Brushes
£	107.51	Johnston	Hydraulic hose repair
£	171.55	I M Brown	Repair play bridge and fence loops

£	390.00	J W Twentyman	Repair shower at pavilion
£	167.45	Chorley Council	Stores:bags,pants. Brushes
£	1.74	Chorley Council	Stores: mops
£	5.87	Chorley Council	Land lease
£	20.00	Civic Society	Subscription
£	757.44	Employee 2	Salary Feb 07
£	595.60	Employee 3	Salary Feb 07
£	621.00	Employee 4	Salary Feb 07
£	428.81	Employee 5	Salary Feb 07
£	567.30	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI Feb 07
£	20.40	Employee 3	Mileage
£	33.30	Employee 4	Mileage
£	30.30	Employee 5	Mileage
£	100.22	Cash	Reimbursements

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

iii) To adopt new Financial Regulations as circulated.

Resolved: Council received to adopt the modified Financial Regulations circulated.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Leisure Committee - no meeting report.

ii) All Purposes Committee - no meeting report.

iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee - no meeting report.

iv) Personnel Committee - no meeting report.

8. Advertising Boards on Council owned land

Councillors considered its response to A-boards appearing on Council's land by the Talbot Row shops and were updated that A-boards require Advertising Consent from the planning authority, of which these do not have, also the land owners permission to place it there, which the Parish Council has never granted. The A-board on Chorley Council's land opposite has the land owners permission and Advertising Consent. If there were to be any problems or accidents which were deemed to be contributable to the A-boards the Parish Council is liable along with the shops because it has 'allowed' the boards to remain.

Resolved: Council agreed to write to inform the two shops that the A-boards would require Advertising Consent and land owner permission, neither of which they have - and to order removal of the boards from the Parish Council's land.

9. Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005

Councillors had been circulated with this report to peruse.

Resolved: Council agreed to respond to the consultation that the Council generally supported the proposals made by Chorley Council and would be interested in any joint initiatives.

10. Pear Tree Greens Land

Council was updated that a transfer date was approaching but, English Partnerships require to see a resolution of the Parish Council to take the land on lease from Chorley Council.

Resolved: Council agreed to enter into a lease, from Chorley Council, for all the land off Euxton Lane, whether it be taken in segments or all at once, subject to the lease terms being negotiated.

11. Planning - Delegated Powers

Council considered delegating powers to the Clerk to respond to routine planning consultations.

Resolved: Council agreed the Clerk is to respond to routine planning consultations on behalf of the Council. Councillors will continue to be informed of all applications and of any responses made by the Clerk.

12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Dilworth reported on the PACT meeting. PC Bleasdale has been confirmed as Euxton's permanent Community Beat Manager. He reported on the problems raised at the PACT meeting and a new initiative for 'well behaved' youngsters she was setting up for Euxton.

Cllr M Gray reported she had attempted to go to the CATS meeting in Chorley but the attendance was so high that they couldn't get in the meeting.

Cllr Witts reported that Balshaw Lane School was to get its lollipop person back but queried the position it was to go in, which he believed to be Balshaw Lane.

11. Matters for information

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

8.22 pm