

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held 8 March 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs S Wellerd (Chairman), D Bateman W Ashton, C Cocking
J Carr, A Dilworth, M Gray, T Gray, J Matson, M Mercer, G Witts.

3 members of ERASE and Bgh Cllr Goldsworthy

1. Apologies Cllrs E Jones, A Mercer, M Mercer, A Platt, E Sutton were received
2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Mercer declared a prejudicial interest as Treasurer of ERASE. Council invited Cllr Mercer to remain in the meeting to answer any questions Council had, however she would not take part in the meeting otherwise and leave for the decisions.

Resolved: Council elected Cllr Wellerd to be the Chair of the meeting.

3. Planning Inquiry into Refusal for Sand Quarrying at Runshaw

Resolved: Council agreed to suspend standing orders to allow open discussion with members of ERASE.

The Council was updated on the meetings held between ERASE, Chorley Council and members of the Parish Council on 26 February and 5 March.

Chorley Council will be presenting evidence at the Inquiry but not as a Rule 6 Party.

ERASE offered to be a Rule 6 Party if the Parish Council decided not to, provided monetary support was available.

Lancashire County Council would be defending its case on the items contained in its planning refusal notice only, which would not cover any wider issues such as health.

Tarmac's grounds for appeal ran to 8 items, of which it had put the comment that 'appropriate conditions can be imposed' against 4 of them.

ERASE indicated that approximately £20,000 would be needed to fight the appeal and they were going to appeal to residents to donate monies and a request for assistance had been sent to a local businessman.

Resolved: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

Resolved: Council agreed unanimously, to allocate a maximum of £30,000 towards costs of the Planning Inquiry, but the costs must be monitored rigorously and no unnecessary items ordered, only what is thought to be the most important and defensible areas. All donations to the appeal would reduce the total Council input.

Resolved: Council agreed unanimously, that at the meeting on the 15 March a decision on which budgets the monies would be reallocated from, to be replaced from next years precept.

Resolved: Council agreed unanimously that the Parish Council is to register as a Rule 6 Party.

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

8.10 pm