

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Cllrs M Mercer (Chairman), W Ashton, D Bateman, A Dilworth, E Jones, M Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts.

1. Apologies Cllrs J Carr, C Cocking, T Gray 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 15 February 2007 were agreed to be accurate records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of the report from the Lancashire Local.

4. Planning

07/215/TPO Princessway, tree pruning – Council will seek clarification if these works are necessary.

07/00165/TEL Antenna Euxton Lane. Council wished to request that the antenna be sighted back from the road so it is as inconspicuous as possible, does not block sight lights for drivers or becomes a hazard if there was an accident.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

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

A resident raised again the traffic issues on School Lane on a Friday evening when the disco is on.

Resolved: The Council restored standing orders.

The Clerk will write to the Community Beat Manager to ask if she would contact the Disco to ask if they would tell parents not to park on School Lane, if she could try using police bollards to stop them parking and to attend to move the cars on. Also, Cllr Dilworth will ask the same.

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.

£	173.15	Newsquest	Delivery of March newsletter
£	4249.76	Chorley Council	Grass cutting/play inspects
£	11750.00	Groundwork	Part pay for MG path
£	400.00	Lancashire CC	Legal cost for Primrose field lease

£	17.00	LPFA	Subscription
£	256.00	Sprintprint	March newsletter printing
£	180.00	Heaton Street	Gardening at MG
£	360.69	Cash	Reimbursements
£	757.66	Employee 2	Salary March
£	625.74	Employee 3	Salary March
£	653.03	Employee 4	Salary March
£	463.00	Employee 5	Salary March
£	631.84	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI March
£	34.80	Employee 3	Mileage
£	41.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	27.75	Employee 5	Mileage
£	150.00	Myerscough College	Training hedge laying
£	149.99	D Platt	Reimb - Argos Hedge Trimmer

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

iii) To approve which budgets the monies for the Planning Inquiry (to a maximum of £30,000) will be reallocated from, to be replaced from next years precept.

Resolved: Council agreed the funds should be used as follows, and replaced at the next precept:

1. £5,000 from Youth Amenity/Pear Tree Greens
2. £5,000 from Playground Renewal
3. balance up to £20,000 from Pear Tree Greens/Land Fund 'earmarked'

Councillors were asked to consider the budgets very carefully in January for next year and note the increased amount the precept will rise by.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

- i) Leisure Committee - no meeting report.
- ii) All Purposes Committee – Councillors were asked to read and note the contents of the Lancashire County Council's Speed Management Strategy.
- iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee - no meeting report.
- iv) Personnel Committee - no meeting report.

8. Roadworks on Southport Road junction with Tesco Roundabout

Council was updated with the details from Lancashire County Council and that the Clerk had requested the lane width be measured against the minimum requirement and to investigate the grass verge, which is already covered in tyre tracks because it is narrow. Council referred this to a future meeting when further information is available.

Council had been asked by LCC regarding resurfacing works and some trees along Balshaw Lane. The resurfacing works Council thought would be best late July, early August when the schools are on holiday and begin after 9.30 am in the morning. The trees from Cotswold Avenue along in front of the school, the Council would not like to see them chopped down but was concerned if the tarmac pavement were moved closer to the road then this could encourage parking and waiting, once the restrictions had been

placed on the opposite side. Also, the school had suggested a passenger gate and this could encourage parents dropping off on Balshaw Lane.

9. Sand Quarry Public Inquiry

Resolved: Council agreed to set up a standing Committee to administer the allocated budget (maximum of £30,000) and perform other associated tasks. Members on the committee are: Cllrs Newell, Wellerd, M Mercer, Ashton, Matson.

10. Parish Council Website

Council viewed the website and were asked for comment or ideas to develop the site further.

Resolved: This item was referred to the All Purposes Committee.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT, Cllr Dilworth reported on the numerous items raised at the recent meeting and that juvenile nuisance was on the up all over the area.

Community Forum – East, Cllrs D Wallbank and Ashton had attended and heard a presentations on the proposals for Chorley Town Centre and improvements to leisure facilities. The West meeting would be next week.

12. Matters for information

Hedges/shrubs overgrowing road from Bay Horse just past the car park down to the railway bridge on Euxton Lane. Road markings under the railway bridge have worn away. Clerk will report these issues.

Cllr Wellerd advised that this year he had been informed he could not be a polling clerk for CBC because he was a Parish Councillor. In the past being a Councillor did not matter, but this year the returning officer had decided this would be improper. He is very disappointed and wished the Council to know.

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

8.35 pm