

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held 17 May 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), D Bateman, J Carr, A Dilworth, T Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, K Wallbank.

1. Election of Chair

Resolved: Council agreed Cllr Jones would be Chair, he accepted the position and signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Jones thanked Cllr M Mercer for her two years as Chair.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Resolved: Council agreed Cllr Matson would be Vice Chair.

3. Representatives on Committees and Outside Bodies

Resolved: Council agreed the committee membership and list of representatives on outside bodies with minor alterations.

4. Apologies

Cllrs W Ashton, C Cocking, M Gray, D Wallbank, S Wellerd, G Witts were received.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 9i because he knows the Clerk personally and will leave the room for this item.

Cllr Dilworth declared a personal interest in an item in 7. because one of the planning applications was a relative.

6. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 19 April 2007 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Planning

Resolved: Council suspended standing orders.

Members of the public attended to support an application 07/00453/COU for caravan storage on green belt land. They believed there were special circumstances which may allow this development in green belt land, one was that it was within the house curtilage, would be a percentage of the whole area, under 4m high and was a needed facilities.

Resolved: Council suspended standing orders.

Councillors considered the planning application and had no comments to pass to the planning authority.

8. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

Parking problems at Balshaw Lane School area was raised at the meeting and it was noted that it was also raised at the recent PACT meeting. Cllr Dilworth would take this point to the next PACT meeting.

It was raised about a car using the cycle lane on Euxton Lane to drive down to park in front of a house on the pavement. Cllr Dilworth would take this point to the next PACT meeting.

9. 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.

£	1292.50	Aaron & Partners	Solicitor Charges
£	173.15	Newsquest	Dist. Quarry leaflet
£	75.37	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI payment
£	949.40	Johnston Sweepers	Parts repair: under casters
£	3891.84	Groundwork W&C	Completion of pathworks
£	815.97	Employee 2	Salary
£	650.06	Employee 3	Salary
£	477.93	Employee 5	Salary
£	697.64	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI
£	16.80	Employee 3	Mileage
£	35.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	706.56	Employee 4	Salary
£	24.30	Employee 5	Mileage
£	298.58	Cash	Reimbursements

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the statement be received.

iii) Receive and approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved: Council agreed the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement and for the Chair to sign it.

10. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

iv) Quarry Committee - Cllr Newell reported from the meeting prior to this meeting that there was still no date for the Public Inquiry, fundraising £3,000+ and there had been an anonymous offer of assistance to pay for a Barrister/QC.

11. Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors

Resolved: Council adopted the revised Code of Conduct.

12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT, Cllr Dilworth reported on a number of items raised at the recent meeting including the new officer, Roy Chadwick and Euxton now has three dedicated officers, it was suggested cones be used on School Lane on a Friday evening to stop people parking and blocking the road, the bench outside the Bay Horse had been discussed, he would ask the next PACT about the frequency and usage of the CCTV van in our area, problems of inconsiderate parking around Primrose Hill School had been discussed and the Council had received a letter from a resident of this area this would be taken back to the next meeting and the Police asked to attend in the morning and evening when possible. Cllr Dilworth will report back to the PACT meeting items raised and those raised earlier in the minutes.

Cllr M Gray had requested for Councillors to pass to her items relevant to the Yarrow Valley car park and walk so she could take to the next Advisory Group meeting.

12. Matters for information

Councillors had no comments on the information supplied by Chorley Borough Council regarding new street names on Buckshaw Village.

It was reported that the new road had now opened from the A6 Preston Road in to Buckshaw Village.

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

8.15 pm