

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the LEISURE COMMITTEE held 5 February 2004 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs G Witts (Chair), M Gray, K Strang, E Sutton.  
Attending: W Ashton, D Wallbank.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, E Jones, A Mercer, M Mercer, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.

2. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 November 2003, proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed were signed by the Chair.

3. Balshaw Lane Play Area

Cllr Sutton declared an interest in this subject.

Balshaw Lane perimeter fencing (rear of Countessway houses and Balshaw House)  
The Committee discussed the fencing bordering the play area. The Clerk informed the committee that the lease said the area should have a 'substantial palisade fencing' but the purchase does not refer to fencing but was a continuance to the lease. A number of years ago the Council made minor repairs to the fencing bordering Balshaw House. The damage has been caused through vandalism. The committee discussed the issues and costings at length. If the fencing was to be replaced it needed to be substantial enough to last but safe and fit for its purpose. Wooden fencing does not have as long a life as metal bar fencing and the cost differences were not too great.

Metal hot dipped galvanised bar fence, as school fencing, 5' 6" £57.50 per metre fitted, same but 3' £49.00 per metre fitted

Wooden posts and 4 rails 1.6m high £36.10 per metre, 3 rails 1.4m £32.50 per metre

Wooden notched top rail and side rail £37.85 per metre (roadside fencing)

Concrete posts and close boarding £45.35 per metre.

Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Strang and agreed, Cllr Sutton abstained from the vote, to have the existing fencing taken down and replaced by a metal 5' 6" fence on the two sides at the cost of approximately £2,590 per side.

When this expenditure is approved by Council alternative price quotations will be sought. A contractor will be chosen and an installation date established. A letter will be written to the households to inform them of the removal of the existing fencing and replacement with a metal perimeter fence and request they clear items out of the 2 foot buffer behind the fence, which is Council land, to allow contractors to work.



#### 4. Play Areas

Discuss the play area rolling renewal programme. Proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed that the programme will be over 5 years and Balshaw Lane will be first on the programme.

An appointment with Playdale had been made for 11 February 2004 to assess the equipment and the space with the view to creating a small hard standing area for skate park equipment.

#### 5. Millennium Green

The committee agreed that the first tree on the Green closest to the car park would be the best area for a circular tree bench. A selection of options of benches and prices would be sought and presented to the committee, metal, wood, recycled materials etc. with no back on the bench.

#### 6. Land off Euxton Lane

A working group meeting had been arranged for 11 February 2004 and an officer from Chorley Borough Council would be attending to discuss how the Parish Council can secure the land.

#### 7. Land off Southport Road

Update on the lighting of the area, fencing, hedges etc and plan for the creation of the hard standing, and view plans to be submitted

The committee discussed the progress of the planning for this area. The solar lighting project was still under consideration by Chorley Borough Council and Euxton Cricket Club. The price for the fencing and additional hedge had not been received. Councillors will view the site now it is level and the hedge has been cut.

#### 8. Any other business

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

Close 8.25 pm

