

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held 8 June 2004 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs D Wallbank (Chair), W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, M Gray, E Sutton.

1. Apologies Cllr T Gray.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman - Cllr Wallbank was nominated by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Gray. There were no other nominations and Cllr Wallbank was re-elected unanimously.

Vice Chairman - Cllr Sutton was nominated by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Wallbank. Cllr M Bateman was nominated by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bateman. Following a vote Cllr Sutton was elected.

3. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 April 2004 were proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed and were signed by the Chair as a accurate record.

4. Bank Lane Sub-Contract

Councillors discussed the poor condition of the area, including the stream. Cllr Ashton suggested attempting to raise local interest, including the neighbouring schools.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed that Chorley Borough Council be requested to bring the area up to an acceptable standard, including clearing the stream of rubbish, before making an offer for the Village Caretakers to look after the area.

5. Vice Chairman Badge of Office

Councillors considered the options. A silver badge on a ribbon was chosen.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed the order be placed with Fattorini's at a cost of £557.60 (+VAT), with a request that the badge also have a pin mounting if possible.

6. Grants

Clerk reported no applications have been received.



7. Flowers and Planters

Clerk reported the two additional planters should be installed and planted within the next two weeks. The flower tower has been removed for planting and a means of attaching the half tubs to the Walking Map Boards was being sought.

Chorley Borough Council had provided details of a competition to receive 50 trees. Councillors felt the Euxton area had lost large numbers of trees due to development and agreed to nominate the Millennium Green to enhance the areas where recent planting had not been particularly successful.

8. Christmas Tree

Clerk advised Chorley Borough Council would no longer place lights on the tree or connect to the power supply. For health and safety reasons Councillors decided against instructing the Village Caretakers to carry out the work.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed that the Borough Councils contractor and other local companies be invited to tender.

9. Decorative Railings by Talbot Row Shops

Quotations for the railings were considered.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Wallbank and agreed that examples of the proposed railings be obtained prior to placing the order.

10. Any other business

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Sutton and agreed Chorley Borough Council be requested to replace the bin at the Wigan Road end of Shawbrook Close with a larger one, and consider the placement of a bin at the junction of Talbot Drive and Princess Way.

Cllr Ashton mentioned a request he had received for an extra dog waste bin on the Millennium Green. Councillors decided the two dog bins, together with the four waste bins were sufficient for the time being.

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

