

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the SAFETY, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held 8 June 2004 at 8.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs D Gee, T Gray, M Mercer.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman - Cllr Ashton was nominated by Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Wallbank. Cllr M Bateman was nominated by Cllr D Bateman, seconded Cllr Jones. Following a vote Cllr Ashton was re-elected.

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 8 January 2004 were signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting with one amendment: Cllr Sutton was attending rather than present.

Clerk reported the Footpath Map Boards have been erected and the display boxes have arrived for distribution to the shops.

4. Balshaw Lane Grass Verges

Councillors discussed the poor condition of the verges opposite the school railings which have been ruined by vehicles parking on them. Cllr Wallbank suggested the grass be replaced with cobbles or tarmac. Cllr Jones suggested a cycle lane may be incorporated. Cllr D Bateman suggested concrete posts be installed to prevent vehicles parking.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Wallbank, and agreed Chorley Borough Council be asked to view the verges and make recommendations.

5. Finger Post

The handyman have cut back the undergrowth and the post is ready for renovation.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Jones, and agreed Chorley Borough Council be instructed to carry out the renovation work at the quoted price of £250 (+VAT).

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Gray, and agreed the Regeneration Offices at Chorley Borough Council be asked whether the area at the base of the post could be cobbled, or otherwise paved, to prevent weeds rotting the base of the post.

6. Land Adjacent to the Brookside to Wigan Road Footpath

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Ashton, and agreed that Chorley Borough Council be asked to investigate and advise of remedial work required and the Clerk to then write to the landowners solicitors requesting their client tidy up the area.



7. Boundary Signage

Councillors considered various designs of signs and chose several options to obtain costings for. Councillors agreed the signs should contain the Euxton Parish Council logo. Cllr Wallbank suggested contacting Wymott Prison as they had provided signage for local villages.

8. Wayside Seat Repairs and New Sites

Cllr M Bateman requested a seat be considered by the Talbot Row Shops. Much discussion ensued regarding the actual location within the area.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Wallbank, seconded Cllr Gray, and agreed that Chorley Borough Council be asked to suggest a site within the vicinity, but away from the proposed railings to the rear of the grassed area adjacent to the Talbot Pub.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Ashton and agreed that the damaged bench at the junction of Pear Tree Lane and School Lane be replaced. If possible the surface of the area in close proximity should be re-done in concrete or bark to prevent weed encroachment and the seat by Euxton Institute should be inspected and repaired if necessary.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Ashton mentioned the possibility of a footpath on Westway.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr Wallbank and agreed that Astley Village Parish Council be asked to support a request to Chorley Borough Council for the installation of a footpath.

Cllr D Bateman mentioned a footpath down to the river at the end of Hawkshead Avenue seems to have been absorbed within the boundary of a house. Councillors advised it was never an official footpath and the area had been sold to the house.

Cllr Gray reported the hedge on Greenside Gardens requires trimming.

Cllr Jones mentioned the non-existence of a section of pavement on Washington Lane from Holly House onwards was causing concern due to pedestrians having to walk on the highway for approximately 20 yards.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Gray and agreed the relevant authority be advised of the concerns and requested to consider installation of a pavement.

Cllr Wallbank reported on trees overhanging the pavement from Church Walk to the entrance to Euxton Hall Gardens and beyond. Cllr Gray reported on trees overhanging the pavement on Euxton Lane, opposite the Bay Horse, down to the railway bridge. Clerk to report both to Chorley Borough Council.

Cllr Gray suggested the Footpath Map and Boards be nominated to Chorley Civic Society next year for consideration for an award.

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

