

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held 31 May 2005 at 7.15 pm, Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present Cllrs G Witts (Chair), M Gray, E Sutton,

Attending: Cllr W Ashton, D Bateman, M Bateman, T Gray. 6 residents.

1. Apologies Cllr E Jones

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr M Gray proposed Cllr Witts for Chairman, seconded Cllr Cocking, agreed. Cllr Sutton proposed Cllr M Gray to be Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Cocking, agreed.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Leisure Committee minutes of 8 March 2005, proposed Cllr Witts, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Balshaw Lane Play Area

Consider quotation from contractor for re-surfacing pathway and solutions for the drainage problem and consider further item of equipment

The ownership and responsibility for the path connecting Countessway to the Play Area has not been established and an owner is unlikely to ever be found. The Committee were presented with an additional quotation from the contractor to improve the drainage of the pathway leading to the play area from Countessway. The additional cost, to the already accepted quotation for the resurfacing of the path was £695.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed that the Council accept the two quotations, a total of £3,595 for additional drainage works to be carried out at the same time as the path resurfacing works and agreed because of this extra cost not to purchase another item of equipment.

5. Greenside Recreation Area

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow residents attending to speak to the Council.

6 residents of Glencroft attended to discuss the site for the Youth Shelter. The residents expressed their concerns regarding the damage which occurs to their fencing, the noise of youngsters playing football and congregating and the state of the perimeter footpath. Also, residents reported that youngsters were playing football against the garages on Greenside. A resident said that there were a surface for the ball to be kicked against this would take them away from the fences and garages. Some residents did not like that a second light had been installed at the opposite side of the pavilion to the other light. Residents thought the site for the shelter was not ideal and very close to their properties and they would experience noise and damage. One resident asked that the Council restore the cricket square in the middle of the field to offer an additional sport and another said that the perimeter footpath should be restored and improved. Residents left their details to be contacted with progress.



Proposed Cllr Witts and agreed for standing orders to be restored.

Councillors discussed the options of alternative positions for the shelter and the list of measures Chorley Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) had indicated are required before installation of the shelter. If the Council is to provide the shelter for younger residents then the position indicated by the CCSP for its placement is the only position it can go on a trial period. If during this trial period there were adverse effects to the area reported then the Council could consider for it to be moved to another spot on Greenside. The perimeter path and the garages on Greenside are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, the state of the path will be reported to Chorley Borough Council and the playing of football against the garages will be reported to the Community Beat Manager.

Proposed by Cllr M Gray that the Council could write to the CCSP to ask if the Council could change the position to over by the benches adjacent to the 5-a-side football pitch.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Cocking and voted 3 for, 1 abstention that the Council continued with its resolutions of 8 March and have the fencing installed in preparation for the shelter being sited.

Football pitch rentals - The Council had received applications for use of the pitches from Euxton Saints, Euxton Villa and Euxton Girls football teams.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed the pitches be rented to these three teams but the Clerk is to check how many team the Euxton Girls are submitting as their form was unclear. The cost for the small 5-a-side pitch would be £100 per season.

6. Primrose Hill Play Area

Councillors discussed the area of land behind Primrose Hill Primary School. The School has not made a recommendation to LCC or replied to the Parish Council as to their opinion of allowing the Council to have this section of land. A plan of the Council's proposal has been requested to be submitted again for the next governors meeting to request they make a recommendation to LCC to release the land to the Parish Council on a lease, as LCC has indicated purchase is not possible. Following notification if this land is available to the Parish Council it can then consider the request from the school for assistance towards the cost of their perimeter fencing.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Gray and agreed the Council submits the details again to the School and includes the request for the school to recommend to LCC to release the land.

7. Southport Road Area

Consider the installation of a light in/by the youth shelter - Councillors were presented with the quotation from a company called SolarGen, who have supplied other Councils and appear to be the only UK based company selling this type of equipment. The price for a solar lighting column, with all the associated equipment and installation is £3,395. The Clerk informed that the fund which paid for the two youth shelters still had money remaining in it and this purchase could be put forward to use some or all of the remaining monies.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts and agreed to purchase a solar powered lighting column in the vicinity of the shelter as per the original plan for the area and following the trial period for the shelter, at the cost of £3,395 and the Clerk to apply to the S106 fund for assistance.

8. Any Other Business



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

