

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the SAFETY, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE held 31 May 2005 at 8.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present Cllrs W Ashton (Chair), D Bateman, M Bateman, T Gray.

Attending Cllr M Gray

1. Apologies Cllr E Jones

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

**Resolved:** Cllr T Gray proposed Cllr Ashton for Chairman, seconded Cllr D Bateman, agreed. Cllr T Gray proposed Cllr D Bateman to be Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr M Bateman, agreed.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Safety, Highways & Footpaths Committee minutes of 8 June 2004, proposed Cllr Ashton and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Closed Circuit Television Camera

Councillors received the quotation figure of approximately £18,000/26,000 (subject to site surveys) for one camera in the area of Balshaw Lane, these costs were obtained for a committee meeting in November 2004.

Councillors discussed at length issues such as crime and nuisance levels, the views the camera could achieve and not reach in different positions, how the camera would need to be funded by the Parish Council as the area is not a crime hotspot to warrant being included in any grant applications by the safety team at CBC. The camera may well have a line of sight directly to the Police Station (subject to survey and test) which would mean the camera would cost the lower figure and not incur ongoing line rental costs. Councillors considered that the local shops of that area could be asked for donations towards the cost but if nothing or not very much was forthcoming the Parish Council would need examples firm reasons for purchasing a camera to basically view private businesses, they also considered that if a camera was purchased for this area of Euxton that the other shops at Runshaw Lane may wish to have one also, this does not have a line of sight so would cost the higher figure and incur a line rental cost of £2,300/2,600 per annum on top.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr T Gray, and agreed that the Parish Council should not purchase a CCTV camera.

4. Balshaw Lane Grass Verges

Councillors discussed the poor state of the grass verges on Balshaw Lane on the left side heading in to Chorley. Residents use the grass to park on and they are now either bald of grass or a muddy puddle when it rains. The Clerk liaised with the



officer at CBC regarding the verges and they welcome the Parish Council's comments and recommendations to improve the area. CBC indicated that the installation of posts to prevent parking does cause problems for the grass cutters and the installation of the tiling for grass to grow through is very expensive and not viable for them to do. CBC suggested they may wish to recommend for parking restriction lines down the road and utilise the new parking wardens to enforce regularly. They also said that they are trying first to get the residents to rectify the damage they have caused.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr T Gray and agreed the Parish Council should write to CBC to support their actions to get the verges rectified and its recommendation for parking restriction lines but stress that the attendance of the parking wardens regularly would have to occur or the restrictions would not solve any problems.

#### 5. Lancashire County Council Partnership Plan

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Ashton and agreed the following items be submitted to LCC as its plan:

- ✍ Creation of a crossing at the end of Westway to assist residents crossing to and from the secondary school, Chorley and Tesco.
- ✍ Creation of a path for walking or cycling along Westway for residents going and coming from Buckshaw employment areas, Runshaw College, the hospital so they don't have to walk on the grass or in the road.
- ✍ Increased signage or calming measures to remind drivers that Euxton Lane from the Bay Horse Pub junction is a 30mph road.
- ✍ Parking restrictions on School Lane (as per item 9. on the agenda) to remind drivers not to block School Lane or the entrance to Old School Lane.

#### 6. Finger Post

The finger post has been renovated by CBC. Councillors requested a price for cobbling around the base of the posts.

#### 8. Boundary Signage

Councillors discussed having some ornamental boundary signs created. The budget for the committee for this item is £1,100 and each sign would cost approximately £300 plus fitting so only two can be purchased this year. The Committee discussed positions for the two signs, entering from Chorley along Southport Road/Balshaw Lane, from Chorley hospital just before Badgers Walk estate and Packsaddle Bridge would be the most prominent to begin with. Some designs will be created and presented to the next meeting for two to be ordered.

Item 9. covered in item 5.

#### 8. Any Other Business

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

