

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held 31 August 2005 at 8.00 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Miles (Chair) 8.45pm, W Ashton, D Bateman, M Mercer.

Attending: Cllrs A Dilworth, E Jones

1. Apologies Cllrs M Bateman, T Gray, E Sutton, S Wellerd

Proposed Cllr Ashton that Cllr Mercer takes the Chair until Cllr Miles arrived, agreed.

2. Minutes of last Meeting

**Resolved:** Minutes of the General Purposed Committee held 2 June 2005 were agreed to be accurate record of the meeting, signed by the Chairman.

3. Pavement Sweeping Machine and Service

The Clerk presented information and quotations for a replacement sweeping machine. Councillors discussed this subject at great length taking many issues into consideration.

The Clerk informed that she had learnt CBC had order two additional machines, making three and suggested it may be an idea to find out what the plans are for the machines use, ie, the rota and distribution across the borough, also possible if they will have possible periods of down time, due to holidays or sickness which the Parish Council could rent capacity from them.

**Resolved:** Proposed that the Clerk contacts CBC to find out about the new machines, rota and plans. If no progress is made via this route the Committee's recommendation for Council to consider would be to purchase a machine similar to the Classic at approximately £40,000, second choice would be to purchase a similar machine to the last machine at approx £14,000 or lastly to move to a manual option and purchase push-carts.

4. Grants

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Ashton and agreed that the following grants be made:  
Lancashire Constabulary £25  
Euxton Cricket Club £250

8.45pm Cllr Mercer left

5. Tree Warden Scheme

The Tree Warden training files have arrived and one was given to Cllr Matson. The training course is being arranged and when it is available Cllrs Wellerd and Matson will be booked on it.

6. Trafalgar Day



Cllr Matson updated the committee about the suggested Trafalgar Day celebrations to be considered by the Council.

**Resolved:** Proposed Cllr Miles, seconded Cllr Matson and agreed, 1 vote against, the Clerk enquire of the cost of a Brazier and if below £500 to purchase and install on the Millennium Green, if more than £500 to report to the next full Council meeting with the plan to purchase for future years. Cllr Miles would be willing to be involved with a brazier lighting event, Cllrs Matson, Ashton will have to check the date if they are free. If a brazier will be in place in time for the event the Clerk will write to Councillors to get at least five volunteers to run the event on the Green.

If the event is to go ahead the Clerk to arrange insurance, purchase and shipping, installation, Cllr volunteers, contact the Churches about a Sunday service, inform the Police, advertise the event.

#### 7. Any other business

Cllr Bateman informed that the area of Highways Avenue cul-de-sacs had a lot of weeds growing in the pavements and channels. Clerk will report.

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

