

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held 28 November 2005 at 7.15 pm, Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present Cllrs G Witts (Chair), M Gray, E Jones, A Mercer, M Mercer, J Miles, E Sutton

1. Apologies Cllr Cocking

2. Minutes of Council Meetings and Matters Arising

Resolved: Leisure Committee minutes of 1 September 2005, proposed Cllr Witts and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee was updated that LCC Youth & Community workers has secured an activity bus two nights a week for Euxton. Mondays it was located on Greenside hard-standing and on Wednesdays on Balshaw Lane railway station car park. The Committee requested an update from the Y&C worker.

3. Greenside Recreation Grounds

The Committee discussed at length the complaints from the teams that the grass was not cut short enough and discussed the costs quoted by other companies for cutting the area. The Committee also considered the costs involved in the upkeep of the pitches and changing rooms and the additional work it has paid for in the last three years to improve the pitches.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr A Mercer and agreed that the current contractor for grass cutting is not changed but are requested to cut the grass as short as they can.

The Committee discussed the area of grass to the side and behind the pavilion. The shelter project is well underway and the installation date was awaited from CBC so the Council could write to the nearby residents.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr M Mercer and agreed that a mini digger be rented, with driver to dig a path from the fence to the hard-standing area on the land behind the pavilion up to the cost of £150.

4. Precept

The Committee considered the requirements of the projects for 2006/2007.

Pitch works, verti-drain £1500

Playground renewal £5,000, carry forward £10,000 allocated for Primrose Hill

Millennium Green £8000

Pear Tree Green £10,000

Amenity (previously a grant from CBC) £12,000

Youth Amenity Fund £15,000

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Witts and agreed that the Leisure Committee request the above precept amounts.

5. Any Other Business

The Committee discussed the under utilisation of Greenside Recreational Area and the arrival of the shelter. The Committee agreed to contact the youth worker to offer the apex wall of the pavilion to be used for a graffiti wall project. Also, the area of grass behind the pavilion and the possibility of created a mini skate park similar to the one successfully formed on Balshaw Lane to increase usage of the area and utilise the monies in the Youth Amenity Fund.

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

