

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held 14 February 2006 at 8.55 pm, Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present Cllrs G Witts (Chair), Cocking, M Gray, E Jones, E Sutton  
Paul Fairhurst CBC Anti-Social Officer, Pat Rigby CBC Neighbourhood Wardens,  
Mick Connor Police, Stephen Woods & Deb Cardwell LCC Youth & Community

1. Apologies Cllrs A Mercer, M Mercer
2. Minutes of Council Meetings and Matters Arising

**Resolved:** Leisure Committee minutes of 28 November 2005, proposed Cllr Witts and agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Balshaw Lane Play Area

Paul Fairhurst explained that he had received a complaint from a resident of one of the new houses on Balshaw House estate about anti-social behaviour and requested to meet the Council to discuss.

The Clerk reported that she had reported large groups of youngsters smashing bottles and being noisy a number of weeks ago to the Police and Wardens and then followed this up a couple of weeks later as it was still happening. The last two weekends have been very quiet with no trouble.

It was a suggestion to have gates to the playing areas, but these are already in place, also suggested was having a higher fence to the play areas, the ones which stretch through and both sides of the pathway but this would not prevent access as the Highways boundary fence along Balshaw Lane is a ranch style fence which people can just duck under or they could climb the higher fencing.

Councillors did not want to prevent or discourage people using the area where the shelter is located in the evening as this was provided for youngsters as a meeting place, they do however want to discourage noisy or disruptive behaviour.

Councillors discussed the area with the representatives, Stephen Woods said he had discussed the behaviour with the young people and they are still requesting for a larger shelter to replace the small youth shelter on the area at the moment. He spoke about the railway station car park, shelter on Southport road and activities the service was doing in the area.

The youth workers informed of schemes which can be run with young people in the area to educate them about alcohol, use targeted support, run some programmes which they can get accreditation for and suggested that getting them involved in decisions is a good idea.

*Certain items in the meeting were not taken in agenda order but are assembled so in the minutes under the headings.*

Fence request from Marsden Builders along the boundary of its building site and the play area. The Council has not been budgeted for, never encountered any problems in that area and felt it was to benefit the new houses the builders were building.

**Resolved:** Councillors declined to erect a fence in this area but suggested if the Builder were to erect a fence of their own on their land boundary this would serve the purpose.



Councillors and guests considered the wording for the new signage for Balshaw Play areas and made suggestions and additions such as 'no alcohol' to be included on the signs.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed the signage to be placed.

#### 4. Greenside

The Clerk reported that the Council had carried out the items from the Chorley Community Safety Partnership letter regarding the new site for the shelter and had communicated this on 8 November 2005 but the reply was delayed waiting for a report from the MAPS representative.

Mick Connor from the Police and the MAPS team attended the meeting and verbally reported that most of the measures were acceptable. The fencing needed adjustment and he and a CBC officer had visited site to discuss the changes.

The Clerk reported that the fencing needed to have a section of palisade attaching to the frame which was quoted at £650.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed the cost of the additional fencing work to be ordered and carried out as soon as possible, before the shelter arrives.

Clerk to follow up on when the shelter would be installed.

Graffiti Wall – Stephen Woods reported that the youth service would carry out the project with a group of youngsters at Greenside and the service already had some paint, the boards and contacts for artists. The service would be accrediting the youngsters for the project. The Council would have to have the boards attached to the wall of the pavilion. The boards are solid, weatherproof and would be fully covered with suitable pictures supervised by the service and the artist. Use of the pavilion was requested to store the boards before painting, and for the project time itself. Stephen was asked by Councillors about the cost of the artist, he will let the Clerk know.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed for the graffiti wall to go on the side of the pavilion, to erect the boards and the use of the pavilion.

Greenside Pavilion electric check – The Clerk reported that the pavilion required to be checked by electrical engineers for faults, the quotation for this is £225.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed this cost and the subsequent work reported to be done.

The Clerk presented to Councillors a draft letter and attachments which is to go out to the residents overlooking the shelter site at Greenside when an installation date is supplied by the Community Safety Partnership, the wording was discussed. This information may need to be communicated to the CBC Community Safety Partnership to see if they had any further suggestions.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed the wording of the letter and attachments.

#### 5. Primrose Hill Play Area and Land

The Clerk updated that the project was progressing with Lancashire County Council and we are now awaiting confirmation that a lease can be drawn up. Fencing and tarmac quotations have been received and when the lease is confirmed that work can be ordered.

#### 6. Any Other Business

The Clerk presented a report containing information about the insurance and cost implications following a request to carry out volunteer litter picking. **Resolved:** Councillors agreed with the contents of the report and recommended Council respond positively to the request.

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

