

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 16 August 2007 at 7.15 pm in Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), D Bateman, C Cocking, M Gray, T Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, M Mercer, S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.  
3 residents, PCSO Chadwick.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Cllrs W Ashton, J Carr.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt, as a relative of an employee, declared a prejudicial interest in item 7i and will leave the room for this item.

### 3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council Meeting on 21 June 2007 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Statutory Business

#### i) Councillor Vacancies

It was reported that Tony Dilworth requested to withdraw his resignation - Clerk will check if this is possible and inform Tony of the process.

#### ii) Planning

07/00880/FUL 33 Balshaw Lane

**Resolved:** The Council will submit an application to have an Oak tree assessed for a TPO order.

**Resolved:** The Council will submit an objection and observations: concerns over the parking arrangements for 33 Balshaw Lane, access to the new property which may cause blockages from/to the lay-by; the facing materials will not be in-keeping with the stone cottage.

07/00902/OUTMAJ Fire Training Centre Washington Hall

**Resolved:** The Council will submit a letter of support for this application.

### 5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

**Resolved:** Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

PCSO Ray Chadwick attended and spoke to the Council on issues currently in the village.

Two residents informed the Council that they were upset at the removal of the seat outside the Bay Horse Pub.

A resident informed the Council of a number of items: parking problems on East Terrace and Milestone Meadow; dog dirt on Greenside, Woodside and Euxton Lane; Footpath 24 at different points reported a hole, sub-standard works and overgrowing.

**Resolved:** Council resolved to restore standing orders.

The Council will forward the concerns raised by residents to the relevant bodies to deal with, residents were also advised to attend the PACT meeting regarding the seat and parking enforcement.

## 6. Financial Matters

i) To approve requests for payment made to the Council.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the following payments be approved, the invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

£	180.00	J Lawson	Internal Auditor
£	240.00	Heaton St Garden	Mill.Green gardening
£	100.00	D Platt	Funeral donation G Witts
£	980.00	D Entwistle	Summer planting in beds
£	1698.82	Danvic Turfcare	Football pitch works
£	1145.63	Chorley BC	Planter outside tile centres
£	1727.25	B G Sports Int Ltd	New goal posts (half refund due)
£	235.59	J Parker Bulbs	Blue bells for the Mill. Green
£	50.04	Employee 5	Mileage 2 months
£	54.90	Employee 4	Mileage 2 months
£	62.40	Employee 3	Mileage 2 months
£	5.87	Chorley BC	Half year lease
£	815.97	Employee 2	Salary for Aug
£	827.67	Employee 3	Salary for Aug
£	782.17	Employee 4	Salary for Aug
£	487.50	Employee 5	Salary for Aug
£	733.17	H M Customs	Tax & NI for Aug
£	194.06	Cash	Reimbursements
£	293.75	Aaron & Partners	Interim solicitors bill
£	5875.00	Aaron & Partners	Bill for QC consultation

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the statement be received.

iii) To receive the internal auditors report and approve any actions to be taken

**Resolved:** Council received the Internal Auditors report.

iv) Bank mandate, approve new signatories and sign

**Resolved:** Council agreed the signatories for the bank mandate would be Cllrs E Sutton, M Gray and K Wallbank and the bank mandate forms be completed and signed.

## 7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

Quarry Planning Inquiry Committee meeting on the 14 August - it was reported there was a number of tasks to complete before re-contacting the QC and a site visit and these were discussed and allocated.

## 8. Consultations

i) Lancashire County Council - Charter

Comments: it was nice to see that LCC are willing to consider 'non quality' parish councils for devolved powers.

ii) Chorley Borough Council - street names for Buckshaw Village

No comments made.

iii) Lancashire County Council

Comments: If this is in response to the request for a pedestrian crossing near to the Millennium Green they would prefer something nearer and as the road is not too narrow possibly an island could be constructed in the centre, otherwise Council felt that narrowing the junction would cause traffic congestion.

#### 9. Risk Assessment

**Resolved:** Council approved the revised Risk Assessment document.

#### 10. Business Continuity Plan

**Resolved:** Council approved the revised Business Continuity Plan document.

#### 11. Memorial for Geoff Witts

Tributes were paid to the dedication and years of service the Council benefited from Geoff's 32 years as a Councillor.

A number of suggestions were put forward; donate a trophy/shield to Euxton Cricket Club from the Council in Geoff Witt's name; dedicate the Millennium Green to him; dedicate the land on Euxton Lane to him; create a feature on the Millennium Green such as a sculpture, stone.

**Resolved:** Council approved the dedication of the Millennium Green and the shield to Euxton Cricket Club and referred the feature for the Millennium Green to the All Purposes Committee to plan, cost and finalise.

#### 10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Borough/Parish Liaison Committee - it was reported that CBC's approach to the Smoke Free law would be 'low-key'. It was suggested that trained Code of Conduct members could attend Parish Council meetings as a form of mentoring scheme.

A Councillor requested a few queries be raised with CBC regarding the standard of the explanations to the questions on the Register for Members interests.

Lancashire Local - funds for small grants for youth groups are still available, none have come to Euxton. There were a few schemes noted on the 07/08 and 08/09 planned for 20 mph zones in Euxton.

Euxton PC Community Centre had offered the Police a room for them to work from instead of having to keep going back to Chorley station.

#### 11. Matters for information

Councillors requested that the 'No Cold Calling' scheme be forwarded to the All Purposes Committee.

It was noted that the flower planter replaced at Packsaddle Bridge as a Borough Gateway was considerably smaller than the one removed before bridge works.

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

8.10 pm