

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 20 September 2007 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), D Bateman, C Cocking, M Gray, J Matson, A Mercer, S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, K Wallbank  
M Mercer later.  
CBM Alison Bleasdale.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Cllrs J Carr, T Gray, D Wallbank, S Wellerd.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt, as a relative of an employee, declared a prejudicial interest in item 6i and will leave the room for this item.

### 3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 August 2007 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Statutory Business

#### i) Councillor Vacancies

**Resolved:** Mr Carl Hindle, Mr Tony Dilworth and Mr Brian Leyden were co-opted to the Council. They all signed a declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as Councillors.

#### ii) Planning - no issues raised.

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

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

Community Beat Manager Ally Bleasdale introduced herself to the Council and informed of a number of ongoing issues in the village such as the churchyard problems, proposal of a bin near the railway bridge, access to the fields on Pear Tree Lane.

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

### 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.

£	1079.05	Johnston Sweepers	Repairs and parts
£	292.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter print Sept
£	317.25	I M Brown	Resetting/siting 2 benches @ Greenside
£	173.15	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery Sept
£	45.64	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	1351.25	Charnock Electrical	Pavilion repairs and safety check
£	646.83	Cash	Reimbursements

£	738.55	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI for September
£	815.75	Employee 2	Salary September
£	711.82	Employee 3	Salary September
£	707.57	Employee 4	Salary September
£	462.46	Employee 5	Salary September
£	30.90	Employee 3	Mileage
£	36.00	Employee 4	Mileage
£	32.64	Employee 5	Mileage

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

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

## 7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

There had been no meetings of committees and there were no reports.

## 8. Consultations

i) Chorley Borough Council - Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy (deadline 01/12/07)

**Resolved:** Council delegated to the Clerk to respond to this consultation.

ii) Chorley Borough Council - Consultation on Polling District/Station Review (deadline 31/12/07)

**Resolved:** Council delegated to the Clerk to respond to this consultation.

iii) Flood Risk Assessment (deadline 05/10/07)

**Resolved:** Council delegated to the Clerk to respond to this consultation. Also that a letter be sent to request that more time be allocated for responses as this only arrived on the 17/9/07.

iv) LCC Speed Limit changes notification

**Resolved:** Council received this information.

## 9. Christmas Tree outside the Community Centre

Council discussed the costs of having a growing/planted tree against those of having an annual cut tree. Also the maintenance and possible effects vandalism might have on a living tree.

**Resolved:** Council agreed that the cost of having a living tree was very expensive and decided to have an annual cut tree. The costs to install the receptacle for the tree at approx £150 and electricity supply were agreed at £855 and £380 and the cut tree at approx £250/£275 per annum.

## 10. Competitions

**Resolved:** Council agreed to invite the three caretakers to the awards presentation, along with a Councillor and the Clerk and agreed the cost of £75 for the additional three tickets.

## 11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - A number of ongoing problems were reported at the PACT meeting of which two Councillors attended. It was noted that the meetings are being taken more often than not by PCSOs rather than the CBM and this was an item which the Councillors were pursuing with the Police and Sgt Walton to change.

Lancashire Local on 12 September - no one attended.

PC Community Centre - there are a number of events arranged at the centre which appeared in the newsletter or on the noticeboard, next meeting on 4 October. Council asked if the minutes of this meeting be available for them to read.

## 12. Matters for information

Correspondence from residents was discussed and the Clerk was requested to respond accordingly.

The Police had arranged a youth litter pick on 24 September to centre around St Mary's Church and grounds.

It was noted by the Council, when raised by a Councillor, the hard work the Clerk had put in to the information supply to the North West In Bloom judges when they attended the village for judging. Thanks were given to the Clerk.

Committees: Cllr Matson wished to be on Leisure and All Purposes, Cllr Leyden on the Pear Tree Greens and All Purposes and Cllr Hindle on All Purposes.

It was noted that the Fire Assessment Report had been received by the Council and that the recommendations would be looked at by the Clerk and any necessary decisions will be brought to the Council at a future meeting.

8.20 pm