

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 17 January 2008 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), D Bateman, C Cocking, A Dilworth, C Hindle, B Leyden, J Matson, S Newell, A Platt, E Sutton, T Gray, M Gray, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.

Attend: One resident.

The Council held a minutes silence in memory of Robert Young, an employee of the Council who sadly died on New Years Eve.

1. Apologies Cllrs A Mercer, M Mercer
2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 6ii as he is related to an employee, and will leave the room for this item.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15 November 2007 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

- i) Declaration of Councillor vacancies

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, s 85, due to the non-attendance of Councillor Carr at any meeting of the Council within the last six consecutive months she now ceases to be a Councillor.

Councillor Diane Wallbank had submitted a letter of resignation.

Council noted Council had two Councillor vacancies and requested a letter of thanks go to Diane for her years of service on the Council.

- ii) Planning

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Mr Moulton addressed the Council with his objections to a planning application which would be immediately behind his house, application 07/01419/FUL. He explained all his objections and reasons for believing that this building project would impede on his and his disabled sons amenity, light and privacy. He advised that trees on the plan due for felling had already been felled and the path which is to pass by his house would only be 5 feet away.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

07/01378/FUL	59 Park Avenue	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of single storey side extension
07/01420/REM	ROF site inc land between Dawson and Euxton Lanes	Reserved matters application under outline ref 9/02/00748 for a proposed spur road
07/01421/TPO	Tall Trees 1A Hillside	Removal of re-growth and low branches and crown thin

07/01422/NLA	Close Plot 1000B Matrix Park, BV	trees T1 to T5 covered by TPO3 (Euxton) 1978 Alterations to service yard walls and installation of external cold store
07/01395/REMAJ	Site 5, 7 And 9 Buckshaw Avenue, BV	Reserved matters application for the erection of 3 buildings for B2 use with ancillary parking
07/01388/FUL	16 Runshaw Lane	Change of Use ground floor from Butchers (A1) to Hot Food Takeaway (A5), erection of a chimney to rear and encased extractor flu

The Clerk reported receipt of a number of calls regarding this application and had submitted an objection on behalf of the Council to this change of use. Council noted this report.

07/01419/FUL	53 Wigan Road	Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of 3 new houses
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RESOLVED: Council objected to this planning application on the grounds of loss of light, amenity and privacy for the neighbours, increased traffic on to the road, the path will be very close to other properties, close to a busy business forecourt.

08/00001/TPO	Gleadhill House, Dawbers Lane	Works to trees covered by TPO 1 (Euxton) 1971, TPO 4 (Euxton Hall) 1982, and TPO 5 (Euxton) 1993, including felling of 20 trees
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RESOLVED: Council objects to the felling of healthy trees.

RESOLVED: Council wished to write to Chorley Council to draw to their attention the felling of all trees marked on the plans for 53 Wigan Road, if they have TPOs on them.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

The member of the public spoke earlier in the planning section.

6. Financial Matters

i) To approve the cost for the hire of pollution monitoring equipment at £400 per month for a possible two months connected with the Quarry Planning Inquiry.

ii) 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.

£	78.58	Newsquest	Quarry leaflet distribution
£	1097.92	Woodcraft UK	Two wooden seats
£	39.81	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	246.75	Aaron & Partners	Solicitors fees (quarry)
£	311.38	I M Brown	Christmas tree socket
£	152.75	I M Brown	Fit wood benches/disposal old
£	188.00	I M Brown	Re-set kickabout goal posts
£	218.55	I M Brown	Fit wood bench/flags
£	715.00	West View Nursery	Planting winter beds
£	472.00	Sprintprint	December newsletter
£	411.25	Intertek	Sand analysis (quarry)
£	172.89	Newsquest	December delivery
£	15.73	Chorley Comm. Housing	Workwear
£	446.50	Lancs County Council	Fitting of electricity box
£	4186.09	Chorley Council	Grass cutting
£	505.25	Forensic Link	Hire of air monitors (Air Monitors)
£	470.00	Forensic Link	Hire of air monitors (Air Monitors)
£	158.63	Charnock Electrical	Electric supply/socket Christmas
£	105.85	SLCC	Subscription

£	100.00	Mrs Young	Donation for R Young Funeral
£	957.68	Employee 2	Salary January
£	642.16	Employee 4	Salary January
£	638.78	Employee 5	Salary January
£	22.50	Employee 3	Mileage
£	50.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	75.33	Employee 5	Mileage
£	307.92	Cash	Reimbursements
£	371.73	Employee 3	Salary January
£	691.22	HM Revenue	Tax & NI January

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement - no statement available.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

A Personnel Committee needs to be arranged asap.

8. Quarry Planning Committee

Council considered converting this Committee in to a working group so a quorum is not required to enable it to meet, they considered giving the Clerk delegated powers to order/spend on behalf of the Council if an urgent matter arose, which will require Council ratification at the following meeting.

Resolved: Council agreed that the Committee will now be the Quarry Planning Working Group. The Clerk will have delegated powers to order/spend on behalf of the Council after running the projects and costs by the Chairman and Vice Chairman first for their agreement. Any decision will be notified to the Council at the following meetings.

9. Request from Churches Together In Euxton

Council considered the requests from Churches Together in Euxton to support the Police in enforcing a ban on public consumption of alcohol and to considered whether to sponsor a Drink Awareness Evening.

Resolved: Council agreed to support Churches Together In Euxton and the Police in enforcing a ban on public consumption of alcohol.

10. Request from SELRAP

Councillors considered the request from SELRAP to support a campaign to re-open the Colne to Skipton railway.

Resolved: Council agreed to pledge their support of the campaign.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - there had been two meetings since the Council's last meeting and a comprehensive update was given to Council of all the reports and ongoing items.

Council wished to write to PC Bleasdale to commend her good work in the capture of suspect from a robbery in a nearby area.

Borough/Parish Liaison meeting - it was noted that the issue of s137 monies for new builds in Euxton was raised at the meeting by the Clerk and that the Council had agreed to review the policy as presently each property new build brings a sum of £2399 which goes to Chorley Borough Council to distribute and is not offered or secured for the village from where it came. Councillors requested the Clerk communicate this issue to other parishes so they are aware of this review and the present system by writing to the

LAPTC area committee/other parish councils and requesting our 6 Borough Councillors assist also.

Community Centre Committee - the Clerk advised that she had secured a second free sack of daffodils from CBC which could be spread in the bare space left when the Christmas Tree was removed and covered in top soil so it will look better, and she had informed the committee.

12. Matters for information

Councillors reported a number of road and footpath faults.

A Councillors wished to raise the question of whether the Parish Council should approach developers to erect some form of recognition for all the ROF workers somewhere on the old site. This was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

The Clerk had attended a consultation meeting by LCC regarding the proposition of a new school on Buckshaw Village. This seemed, from the figures, to be a likely proposition and the formal consultation process will begin in January 2008.

Cllr Newell asked Councillors for assistance with a report he was collating for the Quarry Planning Inquiry by sharing with him or taking photos of problems in and around the village with traffic, queues, parking and any related issues.