

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 21 February 2008 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

Attend: Mentor, Mrs J Geddes.

1. Apologies Cllrs T Gray
2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sutton declared a personal interest in an item of planning at 4ii, 07/01350/FUL.

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 17 January 2008 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

i) Declaration of Councillor vacancies

Resolved: Council agreed to co-opt Mr Christopher Hickey to one of the Councillor vacancies.

ii) Planning

07/01350/FUL 34 Queensway Front dormer extension

Resolved: Council will write to inform that this work has already been completed, to object to the larger appearance of these dormers as they are out of character to the street.

07/01391/FUL Kalliothea 46 School Lane Erection of two storey front and side extension

08/00035/FUL 1 St Andrews Close Move existing 5 ft fence 3 metres out towards the road side

Resolved: Council will write to ask if this land is public land and if the fence is moved if it will impinge of sight lines.

08/00049/FUL 9 Crofters Green Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension

08/00054/FUL 2 Crofters Green Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension

08/00057/TPO Tall Trees 1A Hillside Close Crown lift, crown thin and pruning of 5 trees covered by TPO 3 (Euxton) 1978

Resolved: Council will write to ensure the Arboriculturist has inspected and agrees with these tree works.

08/00067/FUL 1 Cotswold Avenue Conservatory to the front, attached garage to the side and a pitched roof dormer

08/00070/TPO 8 The Cherries Pruning of trees covered by TPO 13 (School Lane, Euxton) 1999 to reduce branches overhanging the boundary

08/00080/FUL 5 Boarded Barn First floor rear extension

07/01410/FUL Land 10m North Of 107 Countess Way Proposed new detached bungalow

08/00078/FUL	Land South Of Parcel 7 And Parcel F Euxton	Substitution of house type to plots 24 & 25 on Parcel F
08/00087/FUL	36 Fieldside Avenue	Erection of two conservatories to rear of dwelling
Resolved:	Council will write to enquire why two conservatories and if they are running a business.	
08/00115/FUL	51 Countess Way	Two storey side extension with front and rear dormers
Resolved:	Council will write to ensure that the design and size is in keeping with the neighbourhood.	
08/00124/FUL	The Bungalow, 55 Balshaw Lane	Demolition of bungalow and detached garage, and erection of two storey dwelling

Council received from a Councillor a representation from a resident regarding the property design and it would reduce their light.

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

There were no members of the public

6. Financial Matters

- i) To approve the work done for the Quarry Planning Inquiry and the contracts ordered. Councillors considered the updates and the estimated costings of up to £60K for the expert advice and Barrister, budget available for this is £70K, £30K from the Parish Council and £40K from a sponsor.

Resolved: Council approved the ongoing work and the requirement for the Barrister and expert up to the budget of £70K, also to make available a report showing the costs/fundraising so far and projected future spending.

- 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.

£	319.52	Allianz Insurance	Sweeper insurance
£	28.00	CPRE	Subscription
£	17.00	Lancs Playing Fields Association	Subscription
£	4890.63	Aaron & Partners Solicitors	Solicitor Fees (Quarry Planning Inquiry)
£	70.50	N Lewis	Rolling two football pitches
£	75.00	J Twentyman	Plumbing repair at Pavilion
£	904.65	Employee 2	Salary February
£	655.32	Employee 4	Salary February
£	658.44	Employee 5	Salary February
£	723.63	H M Customs	Tax & NI February
£	42.30	Employee 4	Mileage
£	55.70	Employee 5	Mileage
£	22.97	Forensic Link	Computer Lead (Quarry Planning Inquiry)
£	360.39	Cash	Reimbursements

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

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

- i) Personnel Committee – met 21 February 2008.

The Chair of the Committee gave a verbal report on the meeting. The vacancy for village caretaker will be advertised for between 15 to 20 hours per week, including Saturday mornings, training to be given. The Committee also recommended that the Council use one of the planters to put its own plaque on, in remembrance to Robert. The planter at Washington Lane and Balshaw Lane junction was suggested.

- ii) Euxton in Bloom Working Group – met 30 January 2008.

The Chair of the Committee introduced the Council to the update report listing the items discussed at the meeting. He updated that Chorley Council had offered free training to build bird boxes so the Council can then run its own box building event. Next meeting 27 February.

8. Consultations

To consider if responses are required for any of the following:

Audit Commission	Appointed external auditor: BDO Stoy Hayward	Euxton's auditing arrangements will not change, and the cost remains the same - no comment from the Clerk. Consultation Deadline 29/02/08
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Council agreed no action was required.

Lancashire County Council	Additional Primary School places for Buckshaw Village	Consultation document on school places required due to Buckshaw Village development. Open event on 10 March at Runshaw College, drop in between 4pm and 7pm. Deadline for responses 11/04/08.
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Resolved: Council referred this to the March agenda. Clerk was asked to contact the schools to ask their opinions regarding this consultation.

Lancashire County Council	Traffic trials and changes	Junction approaching Tesco from Balshaw/Southport Rd will have works to improve capacity (ie, widened), roundabout Wigan Rd/Balshaw Lane will have cones erected on a trial to monitor effects. Feedback required.
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Council noted the start of the Tesco roundabout work, acknowledged this would be included in the next newsletter and agreed to report any comments to the Parish Council to be forwarded to LCC.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - it was reported that Sgt Walton had now been replaced by Sgt Andy Bramhall, a number of items were raised at the last meeting which were discussed, CBMs in future will be able to issue £30 fines to 11 to 18 year olds for purchasing alcohol, there will be a bicycle coding day (date required), the Youth PACT did a sponsored walk (in newsletter) and together with Age Concern will be offering garden tidying to elderly residents.

Borough/Parish Liaison meeting - it was reported the meeting covered a number of issues, Council budget, election expenses again and the issue Euxton raised regarding s106 monies.

Lancashire Local - argued about the closing of the information shop, discussed at length a footpath in Eccleston and that County Councillors had funds from the LL to spend on local projects.

Civic Society - it was reported that the meeting discussed a wide range of issues, the town centre development and Chorley's improvement prospects, the Civic Society award nomination letters have been sent out and ideas are being sought.

12. Matters for information

Councillors enquired over a number items of mail.

8.30 pm