

## EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 20 March 2008 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

Attend: County Councillor M Perks.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, B Leyden, S Wellerd

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

4. Statutory Business

i) Co-option to a Parish Councillor vacancy.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to co-opt Mr Barrie Robins to Parish Councillor vacancy.

The Chairman welcomed both Cllr Robins and Cllr Hickey to their first meeting.

ii) Planning

08/00066/FUL 32 Mallom Avenue Conversion of existing flat roofed dormers front and back to pitched roof dormers

08/00140/FUL 19 Carnoustie Erection of rear conservatory

08/00171/FUL 28 Mimosa Close Erection of detached garage

08/00179/FUL 35 The Croft Conversion of garage to lounge

**Resolved:** Council will write regarding this application to ensure there will be no reduction in car parking spaces.

08/00189/TPO 9 Crofters Green Pruning works to Sycamore and Oak trees covered by TPO 8 (Euxton) 1992

**Resolved:** Council will write to ensure that this work is necessary and that the arboriculturist has inspected the trees.

08/00201/FUL Rear of 31/39 Park Avenue, and North of 173 Wigan Road Application for erection of two dwellings (substitution of house types and position of dwellings as approved by previous permission 07/00497/FUL)

08/00206/FUL Store And Premises 19 Grange Drive Erection of 2 no. bungalows and demolition of existing storage buildings

08/00207/FUL Sylvesters Farm, Washington Lane Retrospective application for the erection of farm shop and ancillary building for farm office (resubmission of application 06/00932/FUL)

**Resolved:** Council will write reiterating its concerns over parking, access, traffic for the farm shop.

08/00223/TPO 56 Princess Way Felling of a large tree in the rear garden of the property covered by TPO 2 (Euxton) 1976

**Resolved:** Council will write to ensure that this work is necessary and that the arboriculturist has inspected the trees.

08/00227/FUL 24 Briar Avenue Proposed rear dormer

## 5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

County Councillor Perks was attending as he was interested in item 8iii) and 9. To add further information to item 9, at a recent meeting at Chorley Council a further plot of land at Buckshaw Village has been released which will have a possible 1200 additional houses, these will further add to the school places burden in the area. He has concerns regarding woodland and ancient woodland.

A question was raised over the level of Police coverage in Euxton. It has been noted that the village should have a CBM and 2 PCSOs but they are often taken off Euxton to cover the town centre.

Council agreed to restore Standing Orders and return to the Council agenda.

The Clerk was requested to obtain maps of the new plot on Buckshaw Village released for development so the Council can view the woodland in that area.

The Clerk will write to invite the new Sergeant covering Euxton to attend or respond with details of Police coverage for Euxton and why they should be taken off the village work when CBMs are supposed to be dedicated Neighbourhood officers.

## 6. Financial Matters

i) Receive and approve Quarry Planning Inquiry contracts to be ordered.  
No information had been presented for approval.

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.

£	240.00	Heaton St Community Gardening Team	Millennium Green gardening
£	5.87	Chorley Council	Half year lease
£	27.26	United Utilities	Water at Pavilion
£	795.00	Sprintprint	newsletter printing/quarry/bloom
£	172.78	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery
£	1191.37	Employee 2	Salary March
£	654.13	Employee 4	Salary March
£	656.94	Employee 5	Salary March
£	618.77	H M Customs	Tax & NI March
£	24.00	Employee 4	Mileage
£	49.11	Employee 5	Mileage
£	794.17	Cash	Reimbursements
£	23.65	ROF scouts	Delivery of newsletter

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

**Resolved:** Council received and approved the statement.

iv) Receive the draft 'end of year' figures.

**Resolved:** Council received the end of year figures and noted they were draft because bank interest had not gone on and statements not received until end of March.

7. Lancashire County Council Highways Budget Allocation 2008/9

Council added to the proposed report which listed of three schemes, white lines at the end of Primrose Hill Road where it meets Cedar Avenue.

**Resolved:** Council approved four schemes to go forward to the LCC budget.

8. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Euxton in Bloom Working Group, 27 February 2008 report for approval.

**Resolved:** Council approved the proposed budget recommendation of the working group to spend of £1,400, but notes the income of £930.

ii) Verbal report from the Quarry Planning Inquiry Working Group

Council was updated that the submission by Euxton Parish Council/ERASE had been submitted prior to the deadline of 20 March. There was a lot of work involved in the submission by four ERASE members and Cllr Newell, who thanked the Clerk for the work involved in copying and collating all the reports.

iii) Update from the Pear Tree Greens Committee regarding the Euxton Lane land

The Chair updated the Council with the latest situation regarding the loss of fields alongside Euxton Lane, and the alternative offer of fields further along Pear Tree Lane. The Council will meet English Partnership on 26 March to progress this offer.

Council expressed how upset it was to lose the opportunity of the three Euxton Lane fields. On considering the responses from Chorley Council and information from English Partnership they concluded this would not have happened if Chorley Council had carried out its instructions in a timely way.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to submit a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman regarding Chorley Council's inadequate actions which has resulted in Euxton losing the opportunity to own the Euxton Lane Fields, and in the future, residents the loss of the 'safeguarded' land.

9. Consultations

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

Lancashire County Council	Additional Primary School places for Buckshaw Village	Consultation document on school places required due to Buckshaw Village development. Open event was on 10 March at Runshaw College. Schools have been asked for their opinions.
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Council heard representation from a Governor of Primrose Hill School and a message sent by Balshaw Lane Primary School.

**Resolved:** Council wholeheartedly supports the need for a school on Buckshaw Village and will respond accordingly to the consultation.

Lancashire County Council	Traffic trials and changes	Junction approaching Tesco from Balshaw Lane/ Southport Rd has had works to improve capacity (ie, widened) and will have new directional arrows painted on the road, roundabout Wigan Rd/Balshaw Lane will have cones erected on a trial to monitor effects. Residents feedback circulated.
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Council considered the four residents letters sent in regarding the proposed changes. The changes on

Balshaw Lane/Wigan Road roundabout had not yet taken place, this item will be carried forward to the next agenda. It was noted that the Tesco roundabout re-widening was an improvement.

10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - It was reported that at the last meeting a number of repeating problems arose of, nuisance on Greenside and parking.

11. Matters for information

Councillors enquired over a number items of mail.

The Accident Investigation Study - copy required by JM, SN, CH.

Residents of Regency Gardens had been querying problems they are encountering on their estate such as litter and collections. This estate is not adopted by LCC yet and is unlikely to be in the next 18 mths to 2 years. The Clerk was requested to write to Chelford Homes to pressure them to carry out maintenance and litter picking on the estate because LCC and CBC are unable to do so as it is not being adopted.

It was reported that there were a number of old lighting columns still remaining on Cedar, Briar and Chestnut Avenues.

Refuse collection days were raised that if items are mixed in the recycle boxes ie, a tin in the glass box, they are not emptied. Council decided an article should be written for the newsletter regarding this and including the 'mop up' phone line number.