

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Cllrs E Jones (Chairman), C Cocking, A Dilworth, C Hindle, B Leyden, J Matson, S Newell, A Platt, B Robins, E Sutton, K Wallbank.

1. Apologies Cllrs C Hickey, S Wellerd.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Sutton declared a personal interest in one of the planning applications (271/FUL) as she is a neighbour.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 20 March 2008 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

i) Planning

08/00266/FUL	1 Brookside	Erection of single storey garage extension
08/00292/FUL	Euxton Tile Supplies	Retrospective application for the erection of a replacement yard lighting column
08/00301/FUL	Euxton Tile Supplies	Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 04/00660/FUL to allow the retention of a mound of earth as opposed to providing an additional car parking and vehicle manoeuvring area

It was commented by a Councillor, who lived close that the retention of the mound would hide the practice of vehicles turning for residents living behind.

08/00295/ADV	Unit 3 Revolution Park	Display of 6No externally illuminated fascia signs, 3No information panels and 2No free standing signs
08/00297/FUL	1 Washington Lane	Demolish existing side elevation and erect a single storey rear extension
08/00302/FUL	103 Wigan Road	Erection of single storey rear extension
08/00240/FUL	89 Euxton Lane	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling
08/00271/FUL	35 Queensway	Erection of rear conservatory
08/00328/FUL	57 Church Walk	Rear conservatory
08/00336/TPO	15 Dunrobin Drive	Crown thinning crown raising and removal of damaged limbs to three oak trees covered by TPO 11 (Euxton) 1987

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

5. Public Participation - Resident and Police Matters

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

CBM Ally Bleasdale reported on a number of issues in the village and updated on ongoing issues.

Councillors discussed provision and attendance of officers in the village, a report from the new Sergeant Andy Bramhall regarding this had been circulated following a query at the last meeting that Euxton PCSOs were being deployed in Chorley town centre.

Council agreed 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.

£	70.50	N Lewis	Rolling football pitches
£	35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection subscription
£	209.10	CBC	Dog waste bin emptying
£	810.55	Johnston Sweeps	Repairs/service/parts
£	3199.76	Planning Des Sol	Expert for Planning Inquiry
£	105.75	Sprintprint	Posters A3/A4/A3 encapsulated
£	1468.75	Aaron & Partners	Barrister charges (inv 89
£	40.13	NW Screen & Design	Correx boards
£	354.03	Cash	Reimbursements
£	1084.08	Employee 1	Salary April 08
£	702.87	Employee 2	Salary April 08
£	648.87	Employee 3	Salary April 08
£	307.27	Employee 4	Salary April 08
£	683.13	H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI April 08
£	25.50	Employee 2	Mileage
£	26.55	Employee 3	Mileage

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Sergeant Andy Bramhall introduced himself to the meeting and expanded on the work of the CBMs and PCSOs in Euxton and how their time is used within and outside the village. Councillors expressed their understanding for the time being needed elsewhere but, that Euxton residents paid their Police portion of the Council Tax and wished to see their officers in their village as much as possible.

Youth PACT was explained and that CBM PC Bleasdale wished to expand and provide more facilities for young people, such as a youth club. The Clerk was requested to liaise with the CBM over information regarding peoples LCC Youth provision.

Council agreed to restore Standing Orders.

6. Financial Matters

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

iii) Receive and approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance.

Resolved: Council received and approved the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Verbal report from the Quarry Planning Inquiry Working Group.

Council was advised on a number of items. LCC would now not be defending the decision to refuse the Quarry application on dust, as they did not feel they could justify the arguments. LCC's traffic report was considered to be good. The village really needs residents to attend and back up the arguments.

ii) Update report from the Pear Tree Greens Committee.

Council was advised on progress. English Partnerships (EP) had made a offer by letter but Council needed to speak in detail to the LCC highways officer and CBC planning officer before responding to EP. The LCC highways officer had indicated that in principle he thought the proposal was acceptable with a few stipulations, one being that Pear Tree Lane be re-designated to a 30mph road for its full length as part of the conditions. A report from CBC planning officers was awaited. This item is referred to the May agenda.

iii) Leisure Committee needs to be arranged.

It was suggested that the Pear Tree Greens meets on the same evening.

8. Consultations

To consider the Lancashire County Council traffic trial at Balshaw Lane/Wigan Road junction - the trial barriers had now gone up, but, it was school holidays. Responses to the trial are sought for the next few weeks.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - Parking problems at Primrose Hill, speeding on Dawbers Lane - speed officers will be attending, drinking by youngsters in CE churchyard, parking on Woodside grass verges, bin at Greenside not emptied, football is being played against the walls of properties (referred to Leisure Committee).

Lancashire Local - grants available from County Councillors

10. Matters for information

Councillors were reminded that there was a training opportunity available and to inform the Clerk if they wished to undertake training.

The mail list was considered.

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