

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL Council Meeting held 15 May 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 Hickey, C Hindle, B Leyden, J Matson, A Platt, B Robins, E Sutton, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.

1. Election of Chair

Resolved: Councillor Eric Jones was unanimously re-elected to the position of Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Councillor John Matson and Councillor Simon Newell were proposed and seconded for the position of Vice Chair.

Resolved: Councillor John Matson was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair.

8. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

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

PCSO Ray Chadwick attended and reported on PACT meeting priorities, recent crimes and initiatives in the village and introduced the new Sergeant covering our area, Sgt Sonia Spencer.

Council agreed to restore Standing Orders.

3. Representatives on Committees and Outside Bodies

See attached list of representatives on committees.

4. Apologies Cllr C Cocking, T Gray, M Mercer, S Newell.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 69i as he is related to an employee, and will leave the room for this item.

6. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 17 April 2008 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Statutory Business

i) Planning

08/00326/FUL	53 Balshaw Lane	Erection of a two storey rear extension (amendment to 07/00293/FUL)
08/00372/TPO	89 Runshaw Lane	Felling of front garden diseased tree - TPO 6 (Euxton) 1980
08/00396/REMMAJ	Plot 4400 Buckshaw Avenue	Reserved Matters application for the erection of a public house on plot 4400, Buckshaw Village
08/00436/FUL	37 Earls Way	Rear dormer extension

ii) Insurance Provision - consider two circulated quotations for the Council's insurance policy requirement from Allianz £1666.45 and Came & Co £1416.48

Resolved: Council decided to change insurance providers this year to the Came & Co policy which is backed by Norwich Union for £1416.48.

- iii) To approve and sign the standard Terms and Conditions of Funding to accept a grant offer from The Greenbank Trust of £1116.25 for a project on Greenside to create third pitch and agree to pay the third party contribution of £122.79

Resolved: Council approved the grant terms and agreed to pay the £122.79, the Chairman to sign the forms.

9. 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.

£	180.00	J Lawson	Internal Auditing fee
£	107.80	Galaxy Print	Workwear
£	8078.12	Planning Design Sol's	Planning expert for Planning Inquiry
£	9542.87	Planning Design Sol's	Planning expert for Planning Inquiry
£	377.88	Chorley Council	Play ground inspections
£	1320.93	Employee 1	Salary May 08
£	676.98	Employee 2	Salary May 08
£	547.14	Employee 3	Salary May 08
£	512.63	Employee 4	Salary May 08
£	768.60	H M Revenue & C	Tax & NI May 08
£	30.00	Employee 2	Mileage
£	29.28	Employee 3	Mileage
£	8.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	372.19	Cash	Reimbursements
£	122.79	UK Environment Fund	Payment to release grant for football pitch

- ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

- iii) Receive and agree the Internal Auditors report and respond if required.

Resolved: Council received and approved the Internal Auditors report. Clerk to respond with thanks and assurance that the Council will implement the auditors recommendations.

10. Standing Orders

Resolved: Council voted against a proposal to agree the Standing Orders as they had been put.

Resolved: Council agreed the updated Standing Orders with an amendment to insert the old section number 2.1 a) back in which gave guidance on how long a Councillor was to be on the Council before being Chair or Vice Chair.

11. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

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

Council was given a verbal report on the Public Inquiry. Councillors who attended expressed disappointment at the number of members of the public attending and Parish Councillors. It was felt that Lancashire County Council's defence was weak because the

wording of the refusal and previous collaboration with Tarmac and officers recommendation to accept the application caused problems.

ii), iii) Committee meetings are arranged for 5 June.

12. Consultations

Consultation by Lancashire County Council in to the traffic trial at Balshaw Lane/Wigan Road junction to reduce and narrow the entrance to the roundabout to a definite one lane, with the aim to assist pedestrians crossing.

Resolved: The Parish Council has requested a pedestrian crossing on Wigan Road, near to the entrance to the Millennium Green and this request still stands. The Council feels the proposed lane alterations to this junction will cause traffic queues and the money to be spent could be better used towards a proper pedestrian crossing. The Council noted the monies spent on the Tesco roundabout junction, and monies subsequently spent to rectify what was, a problematical design and wishes to avoid any repetition at the junction of Wigan Road and Balshaw Lane. The proposed project is aimed at assisting pedestrians cross the road which could be better served with a proper pedestrian crossing.

13. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - this was a long meeting, the new Sergeant was introduced, there were many local items brought up at the meeting for the Police to follow up on. The Police are specifically looking to speak to the driver of a black hatch back vehicle reg JXJ 554.

14. Matters for information

Councillors were invited to the Buckshaw Village residents association AGM meeting on 29 May at 8.00pm at the Community Centre.

The mail list was considered.

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



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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2008 / 2009

STANDING COMMITTEES

LEISURE

1. J Matson
2. E Sutton
3. C Cocking
4. S Wellerd
5. A Mercer
6. A Dilworth
7. K Wallbank
8. B Robins
9. M Gray
10. D Bateman
11. E Jones
12. S Newell

Quorum: 4 members

ALL PURPOSES

1. K Wallbank
2. J Matson
3. D Bateman
4. C Hindle
5. B Leyden
6. C Hickey
7. B Robins
8. M Gray
9. E Jones
10. S Newell

Quorum: 4 members

PEAR TREE GREENS

1. E Sutton
2. C Cocking
3. B Leyden
4. B Robins
5. T Gray
6. M Gray
7. E Jones
8. S Newell
9. A Platt

Quorum: 3 members

EUXTON IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP

B Leyden
S Newell
C Hindle
M Gray
A Platt

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Comprises of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council along with the Chairs of the 3 main Standing Committees (Leisure, All Purposes and Pear Tree Greens) when elected.

This committee discusses confidential employee information and as such will exclude the press and public to discuss its business.

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Chair of Council - E Jones
Vice Chair of Council - J Matson
Chair of the Leisure Committee -
Chair of All Purposes -
Chair of Pear Tree Greens -

Quorum: 3 members

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Meeting

PACT Meeting
Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting
Civic Society
Lancashire Local - Chorley
Euxton PC Community Centre Committee
Yarrow Valley Advisory Group

Councillor Representative

A Dilworth, C Hindle
M Gray, E Sutton
S Wellerd
M Mercer, E Jones
S Newell
B Robins