

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 19 June 2008 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

Attending Mr Capstick, Highways, Lancashire County Council. 2 residents.

1. Apologies Cllr C Cocking, M Gray, T Gray, A Mercer, M Mercer.

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.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15 May 2008 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

i) Planning

08/00374/LBC	Houghton House Farm Pear Tree Lane	Erection of porch to rear
08/00377/FUL	1 Nixon Barn Runshaw Lane	Erection of single storey side extension incorporating work room and office
08/00475/LBC	The Flying Arches Chorley - Preston Railway Line	Listed Building Consent for removal of the 'Flying Arches' on Chorley - Preston railway line, in order to facilitate essential engineering works (East Of Euxton Lane Euxton Lancashire)
Resolved: Council requested a condition be suggested to have then re-instated following work.		
08/00486/FUL	6 Vicarage Close	Erection of single storey side extension
08/00489/FUL	33 Runshaw Lane	Erection of two storey side extension, single storey porch to front and single storey rear extension
08/00505/FUL	49 Firbank	Single storey side extension
08/00499/FUL	2 Nixon Barn Runshaw Lane	Replace existing window with bifold doors
08/00484/FUL	5 The Cherries	Erection of single storey rear extension
08/00502/FULMAJ	Land South Of 106 Main Street Buckshaw Village	Amended site layout for application 06/00991/FULMAJ. Substitution of house types on plots : 60-62, 66-69, 73-75 and 78-82 of residential development
08/00511/FUL	35 The Croft	Erection of rear conservatory
08/00508/FUL	1 Hunstanton	Erection first floor side extension create bedroom and study
08/00524/FUL	Land South Of Parcel 7 And Parcel F Euxton Lane	Substitution of house types on plots 25, 112, 120, 124, 125 and 128 on Parcel F, Buckshaw Village (part amendment to original approval 07/00483/FULMAJ)
08/00605/FUL	4 Muirfield	Erection of a two storey side extension
08/00374/LBC	Houghton House Farm Pear Tree Lane	Erection of porch to rear

ii) Public Rights of Way - application for permanent diversion:

Footpath 45 from Dawbers Lane Reasons for application of move, as shown on the plan: to assist land owner maintain land and perimeter fencing/hedging and land secure. Proposed footpath route (A to D) will not be adversely affected by weather conditions as it has a laid path unlike present route (A, B to C)

No comment.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council suspended standing orders.

Residents Jonny Woodhead and Joe Parry attended. They presented to Council suggestions for activities for young people too old to use the play areas. They suggested a skatepark with larger equipment on, they had brought with them some plans, photos of example equipment and areas.

Resolved: Council restored standing orders.

Council thanked the residents for attending and presenting this project idea. This would be referred to a committee but in the meantime the Clerk would investigate land options.

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.

£	37717.50	Aaron & Partners	Barristers fee and solicitors fee
£	39.98	United Utilities	Water for Pavilion
£	442.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter June 08
£	120.00	D Platt	Cheque for tax on Sweeper
£	173.15	Newsquest	Delivery of June newsletter
£	81.48	E-on	Electricity for pavilion
£	995.14	Employee 1	Salary June 08
£	648.67	Employee 2	Salary June 08
£	551.80	Employee 3	Salary June 08
£	512.63	Employee 4	Salary June 08
£	547.36	H M Revenue & C	Tax & NI June 08
£	995.34	Employee 1	Salary July 08
£	648.87	Employee 2	Salary July 08
£	547.14	Employee 3	Salary July 08
£	501.83	Employee 4	Salary July 08
£	554.78	H M Revenue & C	Tax & NI July 08
£	34.20	Employee 2	Mileage
£	45.24	Employee 3	Mileage
£	17.40	Employee 4	Mileage
£	360.60	Cash	Reimbursements
£	54.70	Forensic Link	Quarry: Book and documents

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

iii) Quarry fight - final budget position.

Resolved: Council received the budget report.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Pear Tree Greens Committee

- a) Consider and agree recommendations from Pear Tree Greens Committee, itemised in the circulated minutes of 5 June 2008 at items 4. and 5.

Resolved: Council agreed the recommendation of the Committee to take the offer from English Partnership of the land and write to confirm.

- b) Approve which Planning Consultant to contract to assist with the planning process and application stages for the fields off Pear Tree Lane (cost quotations as circulated).

Cllrs Hindle, Robins declared an personal interest in this item as they deal with one of the contractors in their place of work, they will not vote on this matter.

Resolved: Council agreed the recommendation of the Committee to contract a Planning Consultant, but referred the detail of the Planning Consultant quotations back to the committee which has delegated powers to spend the Pear Tree Greens budget.

ii. Leisure Committee

Resolved: Council approved the plan for suggested equipment and maintenance works on the three play areas and agreed the programme. The equipment costs would be met from the play ground renewal budget and maintenance from the repair and amenity renewal budget.

iii) All Purposes Committee

Resolved: Council considered the budgets and agreed the £2,000 grant towards the Geoff Witts score hut would come from the monies received from the VAT refund.

iv) Committee Membership

Resolved: Council accepted Cllr Hindle on to the Pear Tree Greens Committee.

8. Training Opportunities

- i) Standards Training Opportunity on Thursday, 17 July at 7pm in the Town Hall.
- ii) Councillor Training Module 1, late July or early August TBC

Council noted the training opportunities and were encouraged to attend. Councillors should note that it was agreed that Councillors should attend one training event within a set period.

9. Consultations/Opportunities

- i) Lancashire County Council traffic trial at Balshaw Lane/Wigan Road junction. Conclusion: LCC response following the trial is; "given the local feeling and the absence of pedestrian injury accidents these proposals will not be progressed".
- ii) Chorley Equality Forum - consultation circulated seeking views on how best community needs can be addressed through effective consultation. Also, to receive nominations to the equality strands - applicable to the Parish Council would be the Rurality strand.
- iii) Chorley Council Standards Committee - Standards Complaints are now investigated locally and to satisfy these new requirements additional Parish Council representatives are required for the committees and applications are invited.

- iv) Lancashire Police Authority - is looking to appoint three independent members to the Authority and applications are invited. The Authority's work includes appointing the new Chief Constable, set the Council tax for the Police service, policing priorities, observe operations.

Resolved: Council noted these items.

10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - a report was given to the Council.

Yarrow Valley Advisory Group - reported on meeting of 27 May.

Buckshaw Village Residents Group AGM meeting - report on the AGM and meeting. The residents have a number of issues, particularly with a management fee they pay for each property. Also, that they would like to review the boundaries.

11. Matters for information

Cllr Wellerd raised a request from a resident about a memorial seat - referred to the All Purposes Committee.

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