

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Attending PC Bleasdale, 4 residents, Dr Lewis. Apology from PC Lawrence.

1. Apologies Cllr C Cocking, E Jones, B Leyden, M Mercer, B Robins, K Wallbank.

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

4. Statutory Business

i) Planning - please see list below.

Cllr Sutton declared an interest in 08/00873/FUL because she is a school governor and 08/00734/FUL as she is acquainted with a neighbour. Cllrs M & T Gray declared an interest in 08/00843/FUL as they are the neighbouring property.

Resolved: Council ratified that the Clerk, under delegated powers supported application 08/00727/FUL for Euxton Hall Independent Hospital, expansion of existing car park; because visitors/staff are blocking up Millennium Green car park, and suggested additional signage to encourage use of car park.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council suspended standing orders.

Residents attended to express their dismay at the Planning Inspectorate decision to allow a quarry in Euxton, and at Lancashire County Council's poor representation and support for Euxton.

PC Bleasdale requested the Council assist her with funding for a project which she had applied for.

Resolved: Council restored standing orders.

Council thanked the residents for attending and expressing their views. The Council will be deciding a course of action further along on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed the application for funding from PC Bleasdale had been received, Council referred this to the All Purposes Committee.

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.

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| £ | 52.65 | 1st ROF Scouts | Distribution of newsletter |
| £ | 2849.38 | Danvic Turfcare | Verti-drain pitches / create new pitch (subject to grant) |
| £ | 387.75 | Chorley Council | 2 new cradle swings (Greenside play area) |
| £ | 1145.63 | Chorley Council | New flower bed (Wigan Rd, opposite Bay Horse) |
| £ | 352.50 | I M Brown | Seat (Primrose Hill play area) |
| £ | 2075.05 | I M Brown | Panels, post, remove springy, etc (Primrose Hill play) |
| £ | 123.38 | I M Brown | Gate repairs (Greenside and Balshaw) |
| £ | 74.40 | John Harrison Sports | Goal nets |
| £ | 74.00 | Myerscough College | Training for village caretaker - power tools |
| £ | 1090.00 | West View Nursery | Flower beds planting up |
| £ | 2.91 | E-On | Christmas tree electric |
| £ | 5.87 | Chorley Council | Half year lease on play space |
| £ | 500.00 | Euxton Cricket Club | Grant for youth section equipment |
| £ | 905.73 | Cash | Reimbursements |
| £ | 995.14 | Employee 1 | Salary August 08 |
| £ | 644.02 | Employee 2 | Salary August 08 |
| £ | 547.14 | Employee 3 | Salary August 08 |
| £ | 730.16 | Employee 4 | Salary August 08 |
| £ | 701.17 | H M Revenue & C | Tax & NI Aug 08 |
| £ | 62.70 | Employee 2 | Mileage July/Aug08 |
| £ | 74.02 | Employee 3 | Mileage July/Aug08 |
| £ | 47.10 | Employee 4 | Mileage July/Aug08 |
| £ | 71.53 | E-On | Pavilion electric |
| £ | 32.67 | United Utilities | Surface water charges, pavilion |
| £ | 77.55 | Robert Acton | Litter pickers/bag holders |

- ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

i) Leisure Committee

- a) Skatepark suggestion update - following a visit and presentation by two young residents at the June meeting update report to Council on progress made investigating land options.

Resolved: Council agreed with the recommendation to pursue this project through the Leisure Committee. Meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

- b) Bowling update - following enquiries with the Cricket Club about progress update report to Council.

Resolved: Council agreed with the recommendation to pursue this project through the Leisure Committee. Meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

ii. All Purposes Committee

- a) Need to arrange meeting to consider grant applications received.

Meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

- b) North West In Bloom invitation to the Awards Ceremony, decide on tickets and invites.

Resolved: Council agreed Cllr Hindle, the Clerk and the three village caretakers be invited to the presentation, cost will be £75 for the three additional tickets.

iii) Pear Tree Greens Committee

Meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to choose a contractor for an Ecology Survey.

iv) Quarry Planning Inquiry Working Group

Council was updated of the decision reached by the Planning Inspector in favour of Tarmac. Solicitor and Barrister advice was distributed, along with an estimate of cost: if a challenge, which progressed to a hearing were to be lost and costs were awarded against Council, these costs would be in excess of £100,000.

Council considered the information presented at the meeting, which they did not have time to read and make a judgement on. Council would call an Extra Ordinary meeting as soon as possible to make their decision whether to mount a legal challenge against the Planning Inspector over his decision making process. Avenues to investigate need to be submitted to the Clerk, why the Inspectors processes were flawed, breach the law, or not followed current guidelines. The Council will consider its decision on the strength of advice given against points where the Inspector had incorrectly conducted the Public Inquiry.

Resolved: Council resolved to exclude the press and public because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Clerk updated the Council that contact had been made by a benefactor, who offered financial assistance if a viable and credible reason to mount a High Court challenge is found.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore the meeting.

8. Buckshaw Village Christmas Tree

Buckshaw Village Residents Association requested financial support to provide a Christmas Tree. Clerk informed BV presently had 235 properties in Euxton, 268 in Whittle-le-Woods and a number in South Ribble.

Resolved: The Council did not feel it could support a second tree to benefit a few Euxton properties. Euxton Parish Council has a village Christmas Tree in the centre of the village at the community centre that all residents can see and benefit from.

9. Consultation on disposal of phone box

Resolved: The Council agreed to object to the removal of the telephone box at Talbot Row as this is the only one in the area.

10. Chorley Standards Committee

- i) The Council is informed that changes in the law regarding the Code of Conduct and now complaints about a Councillor should be sent directly to Chorley Standards Committee on the appropriate form.

Resolved: Council received this information.

- ii) Parish Council representatives on Chorley Standards Board - Council is invited to nominate a volunteer Councillor to be put forward for the selection process.

Resolved: Council agreed to nominate Cllr Alan Platt to be put forward to the selection process.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - Euxton has a new CBM Travers Lawrence, an experience CBM who has come from Clayton. PACT priorities were reported.

Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting - Neighbourhood Working was presented, Euxton is in the neighbourhood group with Buckshaw Village, Astley Village and Whittle-le-Woods. S106 was also on the agenda and the Leader of the Council agreed to have the planning policy reviewed.

Lancashire Local - It was noted that other villages had requested a 'road sign' which is a flashing speed indicator sign. The Clerk recommended that Euxton could request two of these, Balshaw Lane close to the roundabout or crossing and on Euxton Lane where it is 30mph after the railway bridge, before Milestone Meadow. Referred to All Purposes Committee.

12. Matters for information

Euxton Lane has a national speed limit sign repeater, outside the Golf Centre, which is not a 40mph zone. Report to LCC.

Greenside street name plate needs re-painting, it is green presently. Report CBC.

Euxton Lane, before the railway bridge, before the Bay Horse, *****

Hedge along Southport Road, leading from Tesco roundabout to Yarrow Valley car park entrance is overgrown and pushing pedestrians into the road. Report to land owner.

Euxton Hall Hospital had contacted the Council regarding signage outside the entrance to Euxton Hall Gardens. They had requested our permission to create a new sign with the Millennium Green, Nursing Home and Euxton Hall Hospital to replace our Millennium Green sign. As the Millennium Green was at the top of the list and the Hospital was paying for the sign Councillors thought it acceptable, and requested if we could investigate to relocate the old signs.

It was reported that from the corner of the shops car park in Runshaw Lane, a resident has taken down fencing is reportedly running a business from the back garden. Report to Planning Enforcement CBC.

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

Planning considered at Euxton Parish Council meeting, 21 August 2008

20 June 2008

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| 08/00494/FUL | 6 Church Walk | Erection of a rear conservatory and boundary fence |
| 08/00562/REMMAJ | Royal Ordnance Site Including Land Between Dawson Ln & Euxton Ln | Reserved matters application for the erection of a railway station, access road and associated car parking at Buckshaw Village |
| 08/00600/FUL | 28 Mimosa Close | Erection of detached garage |
| 08/00629/FUL | 25 Earls Way | Erection of single storey front porch, two storey side extension and rear conservatory |
| 08/00630/FUL | 86 Runshaw Lane | Erection of single storey front extension, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension |

27 June 2008

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| 08/00536/FUL | 20 Cedar Avenue | Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension <i>Investigated distance from neighbour, following their enquiry, it is within guidelines</i> |
| 08/00614/REM | Parcel J Buckshaw Avenue Buckshaw Village | Substitution of house types on plots 44-47 including the erection of one additional detached dwelling and amendments to the site layout (amendment of part of Parcel J previous approval 07/00759/REMMAJ) |
| 08/00645/FUL | Group 1 Euxton Lane | Erection of a bat house at Group One, Buckshaw Village |
| 08/00713/FUL | 21 Kingsway | Two pitched roofed front dormers |
| 08/00724/FUL | 1 Dean Hall Lane | Single storey side extension |
| 08/00727/FUL | Euxton Hall Independent Hospital Wigan Road | Expansion of existing car park |

Under delegated powers: supported application, because visitors/staff are blocking up Mill. Green car park, and suggested additional signage to encourage use of car park.

Resolved: Council ratified this action.

4 July 2008

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| 08/00561/FUL | 3 Briar Avenue | Erection of replacement conservatory and partial demolition of existing garage with new pitched roof over |
| 08/00734/FUL | 51 Countess Way | Single storey side extension and retrospective application for front porch <i>Investigate distance from side neighbour</i> |
| 08/00753/FUL | 37 Glencroft | Single storey front extensions and first floor rear extension |

11 July 2008

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| 08/00755/FUL | 1 Cotswold Avenue | Extension to side garage. Amendment to 08/00067/FUL <i>Queried distance from neighbour, amendment is just 1metre</i> |
| 08/00765/FUL | 6 Dale Avenue | Proposed rear conservatory |

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| 08/00756/FUL | 41 Highways Avenue | Change flat roof dormers to front and back to pitched roof dormers and remove existing detached garage with new Proposed first floor side extension, a single storey rear extension and a detached garage |
| 08/00799/FUL | 59 Kingsway | |

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| 08/00731/TPO | 16 Empress Way | Works to Oak tree covered by TPO 2 (Euxton) 1976 <i>Sent letter regarding tree works</i> |
| 08/00817/TPO | 8 Badgers Walk | Pruning and 30% crown reduction of trees covered by TPO 11 (Euxton) 1996 <i>Sent letter regarding tree works</i> |
| 08/00820/FUL | 89 Euxton Lane | Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling |

Queried if s106 new build levy is due on demolished / new build -
No

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| 08/00843/FUL | 1 Yew Tree Avenue | Extend existing front dormer and create new porch |
| 08/00857/FUL | 84 Mile Stone Meadow | Proposed relocation of boundary wall / fence to increase garden / amenity space <i>Queried where land is coming from/sight lines.</i> |

Resolved: Council queried the sight lines for the neighbour when the space lost, which is currently used as parking disappears, the vehicle using it will park on the pavement and further decrease the neighbours views - object.

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| 08/00860/FUL | 15 Muirfield Close | Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension |
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| 08/00874/FUL | 16 Runshaw Lane | Retrospective Application for the retention of an extractor flue to rear |
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| 08/00423/TPO | 14 Cherryfields | Pruning to 2no.trees at 14 Cherryfields and 1no. at Avonlea, Euxton (Tree Preservation Order Chorley TPO 1 Euxton 1996) |
| 08/00873/FUL | St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School | Extension to create a new reception classroom with canopy and external play area, internal alterations forming 2 new stores, enlarging a cloakroom and providing access to existing WC |
| 08/00890/FULMAJ | Part Parcel F Main Street BV | Amendment to site layout and substitution of house types on plots 86-95 approved under application 06/00991/FULMAJ |
| 08/00895/FUL | 6 Vicarage Close | Erection of conservatory to side |
| 08/00910/OUTMAJ | Group 1 Euxton Lane | Outline planning application for the redevelopment of land at Group One (Site Area 54.34 Ha) for mixed use development comprising housing and commercial uses with associated landscape treatment and highway works |