

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 15 January 2009 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

1. Apologies Cllrs T Gray, S Newell.

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

4. Statutory Business

i) Planning.

Lancashire County Council consultation on the diversion of Footpath 45.

Resolved: Council objects to this diversion as there are no justification or mitigating circumstances supplied.

08/01138/TPO 6 The Croft Felling of Hawthorn Tree covered by TPO 6 (Euxton) 1980

Resolved: Council objects to any unnecessary felling or severe pruning unless the tree is diseased or dangerous.

08/01149/CTY Euxton Library Single storey extension to side and rear of the building
Council was informed that the Clerk had responded to this application under delegated powers, and as discussed at the last meeting conveyed the request of the Council for more car parking. The extension will not include more parking.

08/01182/FUL 37 Glencroft Single storey front extension and first floor rear extension

08/01207/FUL Former ROF Site Construction of a gabion retaining wall

Gabion : metal mesh baskets filled with large pebbles and small stones to create a retaining wall, which eventually naturalise and grow grass through.

08/01211/SCE Land South Of EIA Screening opinion for the erection of B1 offices at the
Buckshaw Avenue, BV Southern Commercial Area, Buckshaw Village

08/01213/REM Parcel A1 Central Erection of one additional dwelling and amendments to the site
Avenue, BV layout. (amendment to parcel A1 previously approved under
application 07/00876/REM)

08/01201/FUL Rosehill Farm, Dean Lean to extension to existing agricultural building
Hall Lane

08/01225/FUL 10 Meadowcroft Proposed single storey rear conservatory

08/01241/NLA Parcel A1 Central Neighbouring Local Authority application from South Ribble
Avenue, BV Borough Council for the erection of 44 No 2 and 2½ storey and
2 storey apartment with associated access and parking (re-
submission of plots 653 -689 and removal of plots 653 - 697 of
planning approval 07/2007/0767/REM)

08/01191/FUL 87 Regents Way Erection of a detached garage to the front of the dwelling

08/01246/TPO 18 Casterton Pruning of overhanging trees in garden of 18 Casterton, Euxton
covered by TPO 1 (Euxton) 1971

Resolved: Council objects to any unnecessary felling or severe pruning unless the tree is diseased or dangerous.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council suspended Standing Orders.

CBM Travers Lawrence and PCSO Chris McKee attended the meeting to update the Council on the PACT meetings, hand held speed detecting devices, recent car thefts and other priorities within the village. It was noted that the Police presence had increased around the village and appeared to have improved the nuisance reports.

Resolved: Council suspended 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.

£	122.84	SLCC	Clerk membership (part share AV)
£	4141.31	Chorley Council	Grass cutting
£	2467.50	Chorley Council	Play bark on all play areas
£	815.00	West View Nursery	Plants in flower planters/baskets
£	442.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter for Dec08
£	15.60	1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of newsletter
£	12351.00	Groundwork Wig&Chor	Millennium Green works
£	147.36	Newsquest	Distribution for Dec newsletter
£	50.66	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	151.23	Playdale	Replacement ladder for equipment
£	495.88	Lancs County Council	Mill Green G.Witts signs
£	190.11	Lancs County Council	Signage at MG and skatepark
£	872.11	Lancs County Council	Boundary signs
£	120.00	I M Brown	Fitting new ladder equipment
£	2000.00	Euxton Cricket Club	Grant for Score Hut (G.Witts)
£	200.00	Parklands High school	Band playing for Christmas Carols
£	453.42	Cash	Reimbursements
£	1005.14	Employee 1	Salary Jan09
£	673.01	Employee 2	Salary Jan09
£	649.87	Employee 3	Salary Jan09
£	591.21	Employee 4	Salary Jan09
£	45.90	Employee 2	Mileage
£	78.21	Employee 3	Mileage
£	20.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	637.03	Inland Revenue	Tad & NI for January 09

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

iii) Precept budget - consider and set the precept for 2009/2010

Council considered a draft budget prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer taking into account all income due in and all expenditure to the end of March 2009.

Council heard a report from the Clerk that the Tax Base figure, supplied by Chorley Council had been reduced this year, where normally it increases due to new houses being built, down from £3388.40 to £3327.80 which meant that just to stand still and claim £104K the average resident would have to pay 56p more. If the band D payment were kept at the same rate the Council would lose £1,869.82. The tax base figure had been reduced to account for anticipated higher levels of bad debts due to residents not paying their Council Tax and the slow down in house building.

Resolved: Council requested a letter be sent to Chorley Council requesting they use all measures possible to collect Council Tax and avoid residents defaulting.

Council considered the budget and agreed the following changes:

£2000 Quarry budget be discarded, to add in the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device which increased the All Purposes budget from £500 to £4000.

Resolved: It was proposed the Council approve the Precept Budget, including the above minor amendments to be £112,339 with an average band D paying approximately £33.76.

A counter proposal was tabled, to reduce the Bowling Green and Skatepark budgets from £20,000 to £17,000 each which would reduce the band D payment to £31.95. Voting was 6 for and 8 against the counter proposal.

The original proposal was approved with 8 votes for and 6 against (budget attached).

7. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups

Committee meetings need to be arranged.

8. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT meeting - Council was updated with the issues raised at recent PACT meetings and the priorities which were set.

Borough Parish Liaison - meeting was 14 January 2009 and it discussed Chorley Council's budget and concessionary fares for older people on the buses.

Chorley Civic Society - no meeting.

Yarrow Valley Advisory Group - no meeting.

9. Matters for information

The Chairman thanked the village caretakers and Cllr Platt on behalf of the Council for putting the Christmas tree lights on and Cllr Platt for taking them off.

A question was raised about the new hedge which has been planted at the property entering Shawbrook Close, next to the now redundant bus stop and whether this was private land. The Clerk confirmed that when she had spoken to Chorley Council about having the bus stop removed because it was redundant they said that the land was privately owned (not County or Borough land) and that the dispute was with Adshel who didn't want to pay to remove the shelter.

Footpaths 1 to 3 were reported as the hedge is damaged and cattle are crossing the pathway and making the path a mess.

Councillors should have received an email from our MP asking for help campaigning for better winter fuel payouts.

Footpath 18 between Village Croft and Oak Avenue is badly littered with dog dirt.

School Lane, Pear Tree Lane and Whinney Lane there is a lot of litter in the ditches and School Lane is very busy with traffic recently.

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

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT PROPOSAL

			2009 / 2010	
Budget Codes	Description	Comm'ee	carry fwd	Precept 09/10
01	Employees			
01-1/6	Employees	PC		43260
02	Housekeeping			
02-1	Employee Mileage	PC		1200
02-2	General Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel	C		1200
02-3	Publicity - newsletter and Annual Report	C		1000
02-4	Insurance	C		1500
02-5	Subscriptions	C		160
02-6	Audit	C		1000
03	Emergency			
	Sundries/Emergency	C		
04	Council			
04-1	Training/Conference Fees	C		150
05	Grants/S137			
05-1	Grants	AP		2500
05-2	Christmas Celebrations	AP		650
06	Amenity/Utility			
06-1	Lease of Land	C		110
06-2	Utility bills (water, electric)	C		500
06-3	Gardens/Planting/Competitions	AP	445	3500
06-4	Street Sweeping	AP		2500
06-5	Millennium Green - grass cuts, maint	L	1960	2000
06-6	All Purposes Committee	AP	0	4000
06-7	Amenity/Open Space RRM	L	0	15000
06-8	Bowling Green	L		20000
06-9	Skatepark	L		20000
07	Earmarked Reserve/Carry Forward Money			
07-1	Pear Tree Greens/Land Fund	PTG	82195	8000
07-2	School Lane Play Area	C	2857	0
07-3	Street Sweeping Machine Fund	AP	7500	2500
			94957	130730

Cash	2101
VAT Income	14090
Proj. income	2200
	18391
	112339
	3327.80
Band D Council Tax payer	33.76