

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **Annual Meeting of the Council** held 21 May 2009 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chairman), C Cocking, A Dilworth, C Hickey, M Gray, T Gray, B Leyden, A Mercer, M Mercer, M Mountford, S Newell, A Platt, B Robins, E Sutton, D Wallbank, S Wellerd

1 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr John Matson was elected to be Chairman for the coming year.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Resolved: Cllr Eric Jones was elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

3. Representatives on Committees and Outside Bodies

Resolved: Two new working groups would be set up when they are needed for the Skatepark and Bowling Green projects. Councillors would review the committees they are on and notify the Clerk of any changes.

Resolved: Outside bodies: PACT Cllrs Robins, Dilworth & Leydon; Borough/Parish Liaison Committee Cllrs Platt, M Gray, D Wallbank; Yarrow Valley Advisory Group Cllr Robins; Lancashire Local Cllrs Jones, M Mercer, D Wallbank; Euxton PC Community Centre Cllr Newell; Chorley Civic Society Cllrs Matson & Wellerd.

4. Apologies Cllrs E Jones, K Wallbank.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 9i 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 16 April 2009 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Statutory Business

Planning - Councillors considered the following applications.

09/00282/FUL	18 Aycliffe Drive BV	Rear conservatory
09/00291/FUL	118 Main Street BV	Orangery style conservatory & new window to east elevation
09/00276/FUL	Euxton Methodist Church	Single storey extension to provide entrance lobby and covered link between church hall and Wesley room Nursery
09/00211/FUL	86 Runshaw Lane	Side and rear extensions to existing dwelling house
09/00326/TPO	9 Dunrobin Drive	Pruning of Oak tree to the rear of the property covered by TPO 11 (Euxton) 1987
09/00358/FUL	18 Highways Avenue	Proposed side and rear two storey extension

Clerk to write to Planning and ask if the developers of Buckshaw Hall received any grants towards the restoration of the Listed Building.

Clerk updated that 89 Euxton Lane had been recommended for approval because the new building is now classed as the original footprint so the extension proposed are within the percentile allowed.

Clerk updated that the application for Buckshaw Hall to access onto Central Avenue had been recommended for refusal because of the dangers of entering such a fast road at a point which is dangerous and does not have good sightlines.

8. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters - no business.

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 R Lawson	Internal Auditor
£	480.00	Heaton St Gardeners	Gardening at Millennium Green
£	1759.50	Ark Welding	repairs to play equipments
£	78.09	E-on	Electricity at pavilion
£	759.00	Derek Fox & Sons	Picnic seats at Millennium Green (x3)
£	330.95	Cash	Reimbursements
£	1017.34	Employee 1	Salary May 09
£	690.82	Employee 2	Salary May 09
£	578.90	Employee 3	Salary May 09
£	477.61	Employee 4	Salary May 09
£	42.00	Employee 2	Mileage
£	18.55	Employee 4	Mileage
£	55.65	Employee 3	Mileage
£	467.09	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI May 09

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement.

iii) Receive the Internal Auditors report.

Resolved: Council received and noted the Internal Auditors report.

iv) Receive and approve the final figures for 2008/2009 and the Annual Return

Resolved: Council approved

10. Reports by Standing Committees and Working Groups – no reports.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT meetings - Council was updated with the issues raised at recent PACT meetings and the priorities for Euxton and Buckshaw Village meetings.

12. Matters for information

Greenside had been raised as an issue in the PACT meeting and the Clerk reported having a meeting with the PCSO to hear ideas for changes which had been discussed by the CBM, PCSO, Community Safety Officer and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. The suggestions are that the bins are moved, railings and the gate changes, some planting and a goal end is investigated. The Clerk reported that a garage had

been investigated and it was likely the Council would be one and she had requested quotations on the other items.

A Councillor raised issues about the new operators in the old cement works on Wigan Road and the size of the wagons accessing the yard at the rear of the properties. Clerk to write to Planning and Highways to request they review the situation in light of the new road layout and new business type.

The Finger Post needs strimming.

Parts of the fence in the corner of the Millennium Green are broken.

One of the Lengthsman was dangerously litter picking on Runshaw Lane and nearly got knocked over. Clerk to speak to them all.

Children are playing football on Balshaw Lane Play Area and the properties on Countessway are having balls kicked over. Clerk to report to PCSO/CBMs.

The Clerk reported that the NW in Bloom judges were coming on the 14 July, in the newsletter there was a tender opportunity for the flower planters and that Euxton had received a grant of £500 towards a litter campaign and £500 towards the wildflower meadow project on the Millennium Green.

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