

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 17 September 2009 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chairman), A Dilworth, M Gray, E Jones, C Hickey, B Leyden, M Mountford, A Platt, B Robins, E Sutton

1. **Apologies** Cllrs C Cocking, T Gray, S Newell, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd

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 August 2009 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Statutory Business**

Planning - Councillors considered the following applications.

09/00659/REMMAJ	Land Bounded By Ordnance Road And Buckshaw Railway Station Ordnance Road BV	Reserved matters application for five 3 storey office buildings with associated car parking and landscaping on the Southern Commercial Area BV
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5. **Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters**

Resolved: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

John Forrest from Village In Partnership (VIP) attended to inform the Council of the assistance VIP can offer to the over 75's with the digital switchover. If you know of anyone who may need assistance, put them in touch.

County Councillor Mike Otter attended and the Council thanked him for the £800 grant towards the Speed Indicator Device.

County Councillor Iddon sent an update that he was in contact with the residents of Wigan Road regarding the new operator in the old concrete works.

Resolved: Council agreed to restore 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.

£ 30.53	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£ 1009.32	Johnston Sweepers	Sweeper repairs
£ 23.00	Tell Tale Signs	Stencils for pavilion
£ 2361.69	TEP Environmental Surveyors	Survey on Pear Tree Fields
£ 707.00	Sprintprint Printers	June newsletter printing
£ 215.08	D Platt reimbursement	Protec workwear, boots, gloves
£ 327.75	D Platt reimbursement	Parkers: Blue Bells and Rose plants

£	5.75	Chorley Council	Lease on playing field
£	457.22	Cash	Reimbursements
£	1017.34	Employee 1	Salary Sept 09
£	845.38	Employee 2	Salary Sept 09
£	644.00	Employee 3	Salary Sept 09
£	632.09	Employee 4	Salary Sept 09
£	700.52	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax&NI Sept 09
£	37.80	Employee 2	Mileage to 13/9/09
£	48.62	Employee 3	Mileage to 13/9/09
£	14.00	Employee 4	Mileage to 13/9/09

ii) To approve the financial monitoring statement and budget update.

Resolved: Council received and approved the statement and update.

iii) Approve and accept the Annual Return following its return by the Auditor.

The audit had not been received, so this will be on the October agenda.

7. Review of Council Policies

i) Complaints Procedure

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed this plan.

ii) Bullying and Harassment Policy

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed this policy.

iii) Equal Opportunities Policy

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed this plan.

iv) Grants Policy

Resolved: Council reviewed and agreed this plan.

8. Consultation on the submitted draft North West Plan Partial Review

Resolved: Council wished to comment on the policy that .5 of a car space is not realistic and new build properties should be realistic and have enough car spaces allocated per dwelling for the numbers of people/cars living in them.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Euxton PACT meetings - Cllr Dilworth updated with the issues raised at recent PACT meetings and the priorities for Euxton. He also updated on a Lancashire Constabulary meeting he had attended informing of the Pastors scheme and four key areas for the next twelve months.

Buckshaw Village PACT meetings - Cllr Mountford updated on the meeting, speeding was a main emphasis and there was a new PCSO.

Yarrow Valley Advisory Group - Cllr Robins informed that the YV had got a Green Flag award.

Lancashire Local-Chorley - Cllr Platt informed that at the last meeting the crossing on the A49 Wigan Road at the Millennium Green was approved and a number of pothole and repair schemes around Euxton.

Civic Society - Cllr Matson updated on the work of the society, PALs statue position, his suggestion of having a visitors guide to show where the interesting buildings/plaques were, Disreli is still being renovated.

15. Matters for information

It was suggested if the Council could devise some suggested guidelines to follow when public attend the meetings so there is no confusions, the Council knows how to respond and what happens after the public has spoken. Councillors agreed that this would be a future item and a draft report or protocol could be written.

The Clerk updated on the fly infestation. Chorley Environmental department has been investigating all the reports. One of the residents of the School Lane area will be in the local newspaper appealing for affected residents to lodge their concerns with Chorley so they can may the problem.

The ditch on Pear Tree Lane, just past the cottages on the left, is very deep and overgrown and walkers cannot see the dangerous drop into the ditch.

The Clerk updated on the bus shelter. The shelter can be turned round or moved to the back. Moving to the back would cause difficulty in cutting the hedge and may become overgrown. The shelter will turn round to face the opposite direction which would give cyclist more passing space.

The hedge leading down to Packsaddle Bridge has been trimmed but the bits never cleared off the road.

Newsletters had not been delivered to Sycamore Ave, School Lane and Oak Avenue.

The Clerk updated on progress with the request to the Hemmings estate regarding adding a style so safe and convenient access could be created between the public footpath and the Millennium Green, to reduce the damage of people creating their own accesses and breaking the young trees. The request had been refused, despite the Council's retraction of its objection to the moving of a footpath on the Hemming's estate. The Clerk would make a further request.

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