

## **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 21 January 2010 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chairman), A Dilworth, M Gray, T Gray C Hickey,  
E Jones, B Leyden, S Newell, A Platt, B Robins, E Sutton, P Thomas,  
D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd

2 residents, 1 Borough Councillor

1. Apologies Cllrs C Cocking, 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 19 November 2009 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

i) Councillor Vacancy

**Resolved:** Council co-opted Mr Paul Thomas to the casual vacancy. Mr Thomas signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

ii) Planning - Councillors considered the following applications.

09/01024/FUL	36 The Cherries	Single storey rear extension
09/01035/FUL	Woodcock Farm, Runshaw Lane	Demolition of existing dwelling indirection of replacement dwelling with attached double garage (including changes to garden boundary)
09/00996/OUT	Fairview, Runshaw Lane	Erection of detached bungalow style residence
09/01030/FUL	89 Wigan Road	Erection of detached bungalow
09/01036/FUL	West View Runshaw Lane	Erection of a detached bungalow style dwelling

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters - none to speak

6. Financial Matters

Cllr Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in item 6i as he has a cheque to be paid to himself on the list, and left the room for this item.

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.

The Clerk will write to Chorley Council to express its disappointment at the state and size of the Christmas tree. It was very small, crooked and broken and was very poor.

£	102.68	SLCC	Membership
£	39.63	United Utilities	Water
£	3327.81	C-A Traffic	Speed Indicator Device
£	920.00	OMC Associates	Tree survey plan
£	1177.66	Sub Soil Consultancy	Geoenviro report
£	1134.64	Singleton Clamp & Partners	Travel survey/Site Access
£	678.50	Singleton Clamp & Partners	Travel survey/Site Access

£	120.60	Newsquest	Newsletter delivery Dec09
£	29.00	CPRE	Subscription
£	50.00	Buckshaw Youth Band	BV donation to Christmas 09
£	85.98	Mr P Thomas	Electricity supplies for BV tree
£	1175.00	Planning & Design	Interim fee (50%)
£	1025.83	Employee 1	Salary Jan 10
£	722.11	Employee 2	Salary Jan 10
£	678.01	Employee 3	Salary Jan 10
£	593.39	Employee 4	Salary Jan 10
£	624.74	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Jan 10
£	62.30	Employee 2	Mileage Dec/Jan
£	97.06	Employee 3	Mileage Dec/Jan
£	36.75	Employee 4	Mileage Dec/Jan
£	266.93	Cash	Reimbursements

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

**Resolved:** Council received and approved the statement and update.

ii) Receive/review the insurance provision

Council reviewed three quotations from the main insurers in the Parish Council market, Allianz Cornhill, Zurich Municipal and Aviva. They discussed at length the benefits and exclusions of each policy.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to go with the Aviva policy as it offered much higher standard cover than the other two and included some important elements as standard such as playground cover. Council also agreed to take up the 3 year, 5% reduction offered by the Aviva broker. Cllr Newell would assist by reviewing the policy when it arrived.

iv) Consider the precept budget and set the precept for 2010/2011

Council reviewed the suggested budget, discussed the projects and risk posed by the election being in a General Election year and made provisions for the risk.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the precept to be £113,200 which would bring residents a 2% saving on their payments for the Parish Council element of Council Tax (average band D property would be £33.20). Budget breakdown attached below.

## 7. Policy Documents

i) Meeting guidance for the public

**Resolved:** Council agreed the papers contents. This paper will be distributed to future visitors to Council meetings for their assistance and information.

## 8. Lancashire County Council Consultations

i) Future of Lancashire Local's

Council noted this consultation. Council wished the Clerk to ascertain how in future, without the Lancashire Local, the Parish Council would access the funding pots.

ii) Draft 'streetscene' delegated services protocol for consultation

Council discussed the protocol and noted that it would take a Parish Council a minimum of 13 weeks of time and a lot of work to ascertain the cost or recompense for a 'delegated' service. The cost is the most important part of this process for a Parish Council.

**Resolved:** Council's response to this protocol is that it offers opportunities to the Parish Council but only if the monetary value of the contracts is shown upfront at the beginning of the process to save any wasted time for LCC and the Parish Council.

iii) Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies

The Clerk reported that there were no new sites for extraction or land fill in the near vicinity of Euxton that had been added to the plan. The Runshaw quarry was indicated in the plan. The plan will be monitored in the future for any possible changes following the consultation period.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Euxton PACT meetings - Cllr Dilworth updated on the recent PACT meeting.

Buckshaw Village PACT meetings - Cllr Thomas updated on the recent PACT meeting priorities.

The Clerk updated that the SPID plates were with LCC to erect but they were extremely slow and it could be a further 6 weeks before they are up. CADNWA had been in contact regarding SPIDs and a meeting was programmed for Monday, 25 January which the Clerk will attend and report back.

Yarrow Valley Advisory Group - Cllr Robins reported next meeting was 2 February.

Borough Parish Liaison Meeting - Cllr Platt reported that the s106 pro-forma had been circulated for comment, on first view of it, it was noted that the fund was for Play and Recreation but included items such as burial grounds and market squares. Clerk will put the document on the Councillor website area.

Chorley Civic Society - Cllr Wellerd informed that the Society was having a website built, leaflets created for visiting other Parish Council's, and updated on the Lightoller plaque project.

10. Matters for information

The emergency road works on Southport Road gyratory was raised as an issue as the work began before 9 am and caused major traffic problems. The Parish Council was not given sufficient information about the works. Clerk will write to complain about the communication and request that works in future do not cause traffic build up and begin at a more convenient time such as 9.30 am.

Spikes in the pavement were reported, more information will be supplied to the Clerk so a report can go forward.

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

## EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT 2010/2011

Budget Codes	Description	Precept 2010/ 2011
<b>01</b>	<b>Employees</b>	
01	Employees	44500
<b>02</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	
02-1	Employee Mileage	1300
02-2	General Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel	1200
02-3	Publicity - newsletter and Annual Report	1250
02-4	Insurance	2000
02-5	Subscriptions (SLCC, CPRE, LPFA etc)	190
02-6	Audit	850
02-7	Election May 2010	7500
<b>04</b>	<b>Council</b>	
04-1	Training/Conference Fees	150
<b>05</b>	<b>Grants/S137</b>	
05-1	Grants	2500
05-2	Christmas Celebrations	650
<b>06</b>	<b>Amenity/Utility</b>	
06-1	Lease of Land	100
06-2	Utilities	750
06-3	Gardens/Planting/Competitions	3000
06-4	Street Sweeping	2500
06-5	Bowling	10000
06-6	Skatepark	10000
06-7	Millennium Green - grass cuts, maint	2000
06-8	All Purposes Committee	1000
06-9	Amenity/Open Space RRM	14750
06-9	Deployment of the SPID	500
<b>07</b>	<b>Earmarked Reserve/Carry Forward Money</b>	
07-1	Pear Tree Greens/Land Fund	10000
07-3	Street Sweeping Machine Fund	2500
		119190
	Less money in hand	5990
		113200