

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 22 April 2010 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chairman), A Dilworth, M Gray, T Gray, E Jones, B Leyden, A Mercer, B Robins, E Sutton, P Thomas, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, M Mercer arrived later.
Residents: Mr Berry and Mr Brotherton.

The Chairman advised that the official documentation, following the election, would be dealt with on the Clerk's return. It was an exceptional circumstance that the Clerk was not available and, the election being returned uncontested coinciding with this meeting. An extra ordinary meeting may be called if necessary.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs C Cocking, C Hickey, M Mercer, S Newell, A Platt, S Wellerd and the Clerk D Platt.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sutton declared a personal interest in item 4i planning application 10/00186/FUL as she is a neighbour.

3. **Minutes of Council Meetings**

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 18 March 2010 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. **Statutory Business**

i) Planning - Councillors considered the following applications.

10/00186/FUL 26 Queensway Demolition of the existing garage and the erection of a single storey side extension to create an extended kitchen and a new study room - No comments raised.

ii) Election Update

Clerk had sent an update: Of the 18 seats, 14 nominees were elected which left 4 vacancies, one in the North East, one in the North West and two in the South. The agenda for the May meeting will contain co-option and if places are not filled this item will appear on future agendas. The vacancies will be advertised as soon as possible.

5. **Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters**

Resolved: Council agreed to bring agenda item 8 forward to this item.

Resolved: Council suspended Standing Orders.

Councillors and the two visiting residents discussed options to create a memorial somewhere in the village. They discussed street naming, a memorial site central to the village and other considerations.

Councillors felt it would be good to pursue any ideas through a working group, so to include residents. Clerk to follow this up along with funding, land locations etc.

Resolved: Council reinstated Standing Orders.

6. Financial Matters

The agenda items could not be actioned due to the information being unavailable.

Resolved: Councillors agreed that essential cheques could be signed, on the Clerks return, and scrutinised at the next meeting.

7. Internal Auditor

Resolved: Council appointed John Lawson to be the Internal Auditor.

8. Request for a Memorial to a local Serviceman

This was covered in Item 5 above.

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.

Yarrow Valley - Cllr Robins informed the next meeting will be 4 May.

Borough/Parish Liaison Meeting is on 21 July.

Lancashire Local - Chorley - last meeting was 24 March.

Civic Society - Cllr Matson updated on its current projects of a blue plaque for Charles Herbert Lightoller, Chorley Pals signpost, someone asked about the flowers on the Pals monument, and where the sand stone rock went when it was built.

10. Matters for information

Councillors asked when the new swing would arrive at the James Moorcroft Play Area, Balshaw Lane - updated that it was scheduled for Easter but the Clerk delayed due to the children being off school and using the play area more. Clerk to chase.

A Councillor raised that the picnic seats on the Millennium Green has been moved to the centre and some broken glass bottles has been seen.

A Councillor requested an update regarding their request for a litter bin in the lay-by at the top of Dawbers Lane.

Councillors thanked Mrs Partington who had Clerked the meeting for the Clerk in her absence.

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