

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL Council Meeting held 20 May 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 Platt, B Robins, E Sutton, P Thomas, M Thornhill, D Wallbank, K Wallbank, S Wellerd
From item 7ii) Cllrs Berry, Calderbank, Harrison and Jarnell.

All Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1. **Election of Chair**

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: Councillors would review the committees they are on and notify the Clerk of any changes.

Resolved: Council brought items 7ii Election update and co-option vacancies and 8 Public Participation forward.

7. ii) **Election update and co-option vacancies**

Resolved: Council considered the information and decided as there were four valid written applications.

Resolved: Council considered the four applications and co-opted Mr Philip Harrison, Miss Elizabeth Calderbank, Mr Mark Jarnell and Mr Steve Berry to the four vacancies.

The four new co-opted Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved: Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

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

PCSO Chadwick attended the meeting and updated Council on the local policing issues. There is to be a new CBM for Euxton who will be appointed shortly. Ray informed of a new surgery at the Library once a month, this has been put in the June Euxton WEB.

Bgh Cllr Goldsworthy congratulated the Council on becoming a Quality Parish Council and said he hoped the excellent working relationship with Chorley Council will continue.

Cty Cllr Otter congratulated the Council on the Quality Council status as did Bgh Cllr Russell.

A resident, Mr Brotherston expressed his wish to be on the Memorial Working Group.

Resolved: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

4. **Apologies** None

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sutton declared a personal interest in a planning application, as she is a neighbour.

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 22 April 2010 were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

The Council wished to express its thanks to Mrs Partington for covering the April meeting for the 'unexpected' absence of the Clerk.

Resolved: Council officially thanked all the retiring Councillors, following the recent election. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to all retiring Councillors.

7. Statutory Business

i) Planning - Councillors considered the following applications.

10/00319/FUL	41 Queensway	Erection of two front pitched dormers (rear dormer shown on plan stated to be constructed under permitted development)
10/00335/FULMAJ	Unit K1-K4 Ordnance Road BV	To provide internal links between Units K1 to K4 and installation of associated plant/extraction equipment
10/00334/FULMAJ	Land South Of Buckshaw Avenue BV13 and 14 as attached to Planning Permission Reference 08/01100/REMMAJ	Application under Section 73 to vary Conditions 1, 5, 6, 12,
10/00348/REMMAJ	Fire Training Centre Washington Hall Washington Lane	Reserved matters application for the erection of a new community fire station and vehicle appliance facility

Resolved: Council agreed to support the new fire station application. Clerk to request more information regarding the exit on to Westway.

9. Financial Items

The Council wished to express its thanks to Mrs Partington for covering the April meeting for the 'unexpected' absence of the Clerk.

Resolved: Council agreed to send flowers and arrange payment for 3 hours of work for Mrs Partington.

i) Receive and approve requests for payment made to the Council.

Resolved: Council agreed the following payments for April be approved, the invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

£	3.65	1st Euxton Scouts	Delivery of newsletter Mar10
£	180.00	DW Ggroundwork	Spring bedding
£	282.00	Ark Welding	Resite of play equip
£	1248.91	Johnston Sweep	Repair and service
£	5.88	Chorley Council	Half Yr lease
£	209.10	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£	111.98	United Utilities	Water at pavilion
£	35.00	Info. Commissioner	Data protection renewal
£	1026.03	Employee 1	Salary April 2010
£	734.49	Employee 2	Salary April 2010
£	637.06	Employee 3	Salary April 2010
£	637.06	Employee 4	Salary April 2010
£	633.14	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI April 2010
£	51.10	Employee 2	Mileage
£	60.31	Employee 3	Mileage
£	28.70	Employee 4	Mileage
£	437.55	Cash	Reimbursements

Resolved: Council agreed the following payments for May be approved, the invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

£	1682.88	Came & Co	Insurance
£	323.89	Carter Jonas	Schedule and permission to access
£	293.75	White Space Consult	Part-pay for concept drawings PTG
£	1025.83	Employee 1	Salary May 2010
£	722.11	Employee 2	Salary May 2010
£	581.21	Employee 3	Salary May 2010
£	595.46	Employee 4	Salary May 2010

£	564.94	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI April 2010
£	23.45	Employee 2	Mileage
£	23.59	Employee 3	Mileage
£	18.90	Employee 4	Mileage
£	370.48	Cash	Reimbursements
£	180.00	J Lawson	Internal Auditor
£	1682.88	Came & Co	Insurance

ii) Receive and approve the financial monitoring statement - Clerk informed this was not available.

iii) Receive and approve the final figures for year ending 31 March 2010, sign the Annual Return statement of accounts and annual governance statement.

Resolved: Council agreed and approved the final figures, Annual Return statement of accounts and the annual governance statement for year ending 31 March 2010.

10. Annual Report to the Electors

Resolved: Council approved for publications the Annual Report to Electors.

11. Calendar

Resolved: Council received the calendar, with alterations that the Committees be following the Full Council meetings.

12. New four year Council term

Resolved: Council considered the suggestions for the next four year term and referred items to the committees:

Chairman's Chain, Councillor badge, village questionnaire to All Purposes Committee and, a Memorial for the village to the newly formed Memorial Working Group.

Councillors discussed another project such as looking at the plaques or engraving for the Queens Jubilee wall, this was referred to the Leisure Committee.

13. 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. Organised crimes such as scam visits or mail are closely monitored by the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Lancashire Police Authority are seeking volunteers for the 'Custody Visiting Scheme'.

Buckshaw Village PACT meetings - Cllr Thomas updated on the SPID brackets up in the village and a recent dog foul campaign.

Yarrow Valley Advisory Committee - Cllr Robins updated he had shown the members the visuals of the skatepark designs and they were well received and the Council was commended for its consultation.

There is to be an 'Open Spaces Watch' being set up to gather reports of problems.

14. Matters for information

The Open Spaces Watch - there is to be an event on 6 November at the Astley Hall Courtyard.

Problems were reported with the pathway between Village Croft and Oak Avenue as there is a resident walking a dog who never cleans up - the resident will be reported to the Environmental Officer.

LCC public footpath number 18 is overgrown.

Path from Runshaw Lane to Briar Avenue has leaning trees.

Thanks were expressed to the speed indicator erector.

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