

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 15 September 2011 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present Cllrs J Matson (Chairman), E Calderbank, M Gray, T Gray, E Jones, B Leyden, A Platt, J Prayle, B Robins, P Thomas, E Sutton, K Wallbank, S Wellerd.

19 residents, PCSO Chadwick

1. Apologies Cllrs A Dilworth, P Harrison, K Reed, V Thornhill.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.1 as he is related to a cheque recipient, and will leave the room for this item.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 18 August 2011 were agreed, to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

Casual Vacancy - the Clerk updated of the vacancy following the resignation of Mark Jarnell and that an election had been called upon that vacancy. Council was asked to note the cost of the election and decide if it wished to have polling cards. A contested election is estimated to cost £8,105.16 with polling cards and £6,031.69 without cards and £246.24 if uncontested.

A proposal to have polling cards was defeated.

Planning - There were no planning applications to consider.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Five residents spoke on numerous issues which were all noted.

PCSO Chadwick gave an update on recent crimes in Euxton and suggested residents to use house alarms if they have them, and offer to check neighbours properties when they are on holiday.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

The Clerk responded to two issues raised: A resident said that he had reported a Councillor to the Standards Committee who was found to have breached the code of conduct. The Clerk corrected this belief, the Standards Committee letter stated it had not investigated the complaint and its response did not say there was a breach, but had asked the Councillor to follow up the apology made at the time in writing.

A resident stated that the Clerk 'can't or won't' tell him some information he had requested on an email on the 7th of this month, which was acknowledged by the Clerk on the 8th stating that after the 15th the Clerk would have a better idea as to when the report could be produced - this was acknowledged by the resident in his response on the 12th saying "that's fine I did not require the information for this EPC meeting but I

would appreciate it before the October meeting". At no point has this information request been refused or declined.

Any questions raised by the members of the public were noted and will be responded to in writing.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Receive and approve requests for payment made to the Council, one alteration on the distributed list was notified.

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

£	6.00	Chorley Council	Half year lease playing field
£	314.46	United Utilities	Surface water charge greenside
£	85.12	E-on	Electricity greenside
£	190.00	County Training Partnership	Training 25/8/11
£	988.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter Sept11/Skate events
£	1569.47	Chorley Council	Parish Poll costs 02/06/11
£	246.24	Chorley Council	Uncontested election Feb11
£	246.24	Chorley Council	Uncontested election May11
£	660.00	BDO LLP	External Audit
£	900.00	D S Whittle, Planning & Design	Consultancy Services
£	250.00	DWG NW Ltd	Bedding tub maintenance
£	18.00	Fenland Leisure	Bushes for swings
£	445.49	Petty Cash	Reimbursements
£	1049.97	Employee 1	Salary Sept 11
£	804.24	Employee 2	Salary Sept 11
£	656.84	Employee 3	Salary Sept 11
£	652.02	Employee 4	Salary Sept 11
£	487.15	HM Revenue & C	Tax & NI Sept 11
£	33.95	Employee 2	Mileage for Aug/Sep
£	35.77	Employee 3	Mileage for Aug/Sep
£	17.15	Employee 4	Mileage for Aug/Sep

6.2 Receive and approve the financial monitoring statements.

Resolved: Council received, scrutinised and approved the statements and updates.

6.3 Council received the External Auditors report.

Resolved: Council approved the report on the Annual Return from the External Auditor.

7. Committee Items

7.1 Verbal report from the Communications Working Group

A verbal report was supplied, highlighted was the action taken to safeguard Councillors, to divert the direct emails to Councillors personal email addresses. A full report will be presented at the October meeting.

7.2 Verbal report from the Leisure Committee.

The committee had considered two issues earlier this evening which would be progressed when more information was to hand.

7.3 All purposes Committee is arranged for Tuesday, 4 October 2011.

8. Pear Tree Greens Recreation project

Resolved: Council agreed not to continue with this project, draw a line and move on to concentrate on its other business.

9. Risk Assessment Document

Resolved: Council approved the revised Risk Assessment document.

10. North West In Bloom Competition

Resolved: Council agreed to allow a Councillor, Clerk and three employees to attend the awards and buy tickets at £25 each for all these who could attend.

11. Christmas Arrangements

Resolved: Council agreed for the Christmas Carol singing to be on Monday, 19 December and invite Chorley Silver Band to play at £150.

12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

PACT - it was reported that vehicle speeds on Euxton Lane was a priority this month.

Civic Society - Cllr Wellerd reported on the unveiling of the plaque at Albany High School for Charles Lightoller.

13. Matters for information

Euxton Lane closure has been published, it will be closed from Monday, 26 September for two weeks, School Lane and Pear Tree Lane will be restricted to Access Only for residents - for the installation of a pumping station to solve the flooding under the railway bridge.

Clerk to investigate possible closures/road works at Packsaddle Bridge to see if they clash with the Euxton Lane closure.

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

8.15 pm