EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting arrangements: Full Council Meeting

Thursday, 18 Janyary 2018, 7.15 pm start

Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

AGENDA

1. <u>Apologies</u>

2. <u>Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations</u>

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interest in respect of any matters contained or brought up at any point in this meeting, in accordance with the current Code of Conduct. Council will consider dispensation requests.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Council Minutes of the last meeting, approve their signing as a correct record (Item 3)

4. <u>Statutory Business</u>

Planning - Consider application list report from Lead Member for Planning, ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines.

5. Public Participation

Matters brought to the Parish Council by residents. Residents will have twenty minutes set aside during which each resident shall have three minutes.

- 6. Financial Items
 - 6.1 Approve Expenditures (Item 6.1)
 - 6.2 Receive financial reports (Item 6.2a Income, 6.2b Reconciliation, 6.2c Budgets)
 - 6.3 Internal Auditor appointment quotations and references have been sought from providers, set up a working group to consider the options and recommend an Auditor to Council
- 7. Freeman and Star Applications

Working Group feedback report (Item 7)

8. Consultations

- 8.1 Lancashire County Council budget proposals, circulated to Councillors on email 21 December 2017
- 8.2 Electoral Boundary Review of Chorley Council, open evening 6 December, presentation from evening circulated to Councillors email 7 December 2017
- 8.3 Lancashire County Highways proposals for parking restrictions on roads around Primrose Hill school and on School Lane, circulated to Councillors email 18 December 2017
- 9. <u>Ginnels</u>
 - 9.1 Ginnel between Countessway and Balshaw Lane Consider update on information, quotation for work and agree to order work (Item 9.1)
 - 9.2 Ginnel between Highways Avenue and Chiltern Avenue (Item 9.2)
- 10. Bus Stop seat

Consider a request for the purchase of a seat (Item 10)

11. Volunteers

Consider an offer from a volunteer to look after the war memorial (Item 11)

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12. Matters for information

Receive or update on the 'Fault Reports Log' (Item 12)

Notify the Chair prior to the meeting start of any item to be brought up under this section. Only items of information, referral to another authority, or matters offered for consideration at a future meeting can be raised. No legal decisions can be taken.

<u>Full Council meeting dates</u>: 15 February 2018, 15 March 2018, 19 April 2018, 17 May 2018, 21 June 2018, 19 July 2018, 20 September 2018, 18 October 2018, 15 November 2018, December 2018.

<u>Newsletter deadlines</u>: 5 February 2018 for the March issue; 7 May 2018 for the June issue; 6 August 2018 for the September issue; 5 November 2018 for the December issue.

PRIVATE, PART II ITEMS

Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Part 1 ss1-10. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.

13. <u>Land</u>

Updates will be shared (if there are any) on this issue. Report attached (Item 13)

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT

18TH JANUARY 2018

DATE VALIDATED,	LOCATION	COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION
APPLICATION NO,	PROPOSAL	
15/12/2017 17/01163/TPO	Tall Trees, 1a Hillside Close Works to protected trees: Chorley BC TPO No. 3 (Euxton) 1978: three sycamore, one Lime: 30% crown thin.	An internal CBC consultee has commented that "These four trees provide important amenity value. 30% crown thin excessive". We have commented in Council that the long line of mature trees on the west side of Wigan Road is being steadily eroded and this another example. We should support the CBC officer. As responses were due on 2 nd Jan I have asked the Clerk to e-mail an objection that EPC are concerned about the erosion of the mature tree band on the west side of Wigan Road and that we consider the 30% cut excessive. We could do with having a consistent policy towards the treatment of these trees as the issue comes up frequently. I will seek to prepare one for the meeting.
15/12/2017	233 Wigan Road	No comment
17/01165/FULHH	Single storey rear extension	
15/12/2017 17/01172/REM	Gleadhill House, Dawbers lane (Plot1) Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (pursuant to outline planning permission ref.16/00633/OUTMAJ)	No comment
15/12/2017 17/01169/FULHH	11 Coniston Avenue First floor side extension	No comment
22/12/2017 17/01164/FULHH	Knowe House, Euxton Lane Two storey side extension and two storey rear extension	No comment
22/12/2017 17/01173/FULHH	Gleadhill House, Dawbers Lane (Plot 2) Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (pursuant to outline planning permission ref.16/00633/OUTMAJ)	No comment

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT

DATE VALIDATED,	LOCATION	COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION
APPLICATION NO,	PROPOSAL	
22/12/2017 17/01174/REM	Gleadhill House, Dawbers Lane (Plot3) Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (pursuant to outline planning permission ref.16/00633/OUTMAJ)	No comment
22/12/2017 17/01175/REM	Gleadhill House, Dawbers lane (Plot 4) Reserved matters application for the erection of a single detached dwelling (pursuant to outline planning permission ref.16/00633/OUTMAJ)	No comment
29/12/2017 No applications		
05/01/2018 No applications		

Euxton Parish Council Payments made between 15/12/2017 and 31/01/2018

Payments mad	de between 15/12/2017 and 31/0)1/2018					Nominal Ledg	er Analysi:		
Date	Payee Name		Reference £ Total Amnt		£ VAT	£ VAT		A/c Centre		
15/12/2017	Peoples Pension	Pensions Nov17	215	34.14		34.14	. 400	00 100		
15/12/2017	Livedrive Internet Ltd	Cloud storage renewal	216	15.00	2.50	12.50	408	80 120		
15/12/2017	Post Office Limited	Stamps	217	224.00		224.00	408	80 120		
15/12/2017	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play area parts	4570 -	256.06 -	42.68	- 213.38	45	70 200		
18/12/2017	TESCO	Christmas refresh	219	61.66		61.66	420	60 160		
18/12/2017	ATC Wave	ATC Wave	221	3.15		3.15	408	80 120		
27/12/2017	TESCO	Christmas refresh return	220 -	12.00		- 12.00	420	60 160		
01/01/2018	Easy Websites	Web and email	222	76.80	12.80	64.00	408	80 120		
01/01/2018	British Telecom	Telephony	223	97.08	16.18	80.90	408	80 120		
08/01/2018	Peoples Pension	Pension Dec17	224	33.82		33.82	400	00 100		
15/01/2018	Platinum Supplies Ltd	Platinum Supplies Ltd	218	4.65	0.78	3.87	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	TESCO	Christmas refresh	219	61.66		61.66	420	60 160		
18/01/2018	TESCO	Christmas refresh	219 -	61.66		- 61.66	420	60 160		
18/01/2018	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play equip parts	225	197.90	32.98	164.92	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	Chorley Borough Council	Play area inspects year	226	346.46	57.74	288.72	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	Euxton PC Community Centre	Room rentals Oct-ec17	227	177.60		177.60	418	80 120		
18/01/2018	Telltale Signs	Signs MGreen	228	48.00	8.00	40.00	443	30 180		
18/01/2018	Water Plus	Water and waste	229	172.00		172.00	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	ARK Welding Ltd	Welding Greensid	230	96.00		96.00	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	Chorley Borough Council	Dog waste at Greenside	231	86.15	14.36	71.79	45	70 200		
18/01/2018	Society of Local Council Clerk	SLCC subscription	232	175.76		175.76	41	10 120		
18/01/2018	Various	Remuneration Jan 18 E1	233	1,508.49		18.00	408	80 120		
		Remuneration Jan 18 E1				14.85	40	70 120		
		Remuneration Jan 18 E1				1,475.64	400	00 100		
18/01/2018	Various	Remuneration Jan 18 E2	234	793.32		43.65	40	70 120		
		Remuneration Jan 18 E2				749.67	400	00 100		
18/01/2018	Various	Remuneration Jan 18 E3	235	825.69		44.10	40	70 120		
		Remuneration Jan 18 E3				781.59	400			
18/01/2018	Various	Remuneration Jan 18 E4	236	795.17		35.10	40			
		Remuneration Jan 18 E4				760.07	400			
18/01/2018	HMRC	Tax & NI Jan2018	237	645.53		645.53	400	00 100		
		Tota	Payments:	6,150.31	102.66	6,047.65				

Euxton Parish Council Receipts received between 01/04/2017 and 31/01/2018

Receipts re	ceived betweer	n 01/04/2017 and 31/0	01/2018					
Name of Pa	iver	£ Amnt Receiv	ved	Nominal L A/c	-	Analysis £ Amount		Transaction Detail
Banked:	07/04/2017	152,653.00		.,.				
Chorley Co	uncil		152,653.00	1076 1100		150,944.00 1,709.00		Precent/grant Precent/grant
Banked:	10/04/2017	0.45		1100	220	1,705.00		Treeeny grant
TSB Bankadı	15/04/2017	15.09	0.45	1080	220	0.45		Interest
Banked: Santander	15/04/2017	15.98	15.98	1080	220	15.98		Interest
Banked:	28/04/2017	0.95						
RBS Banked:	15/05/2017	15.47	0.95	1080	220	0.95		Interest
Santander	-,, -		15.47	1080	220	15.47		Bank Interest
Banked:	26/05/2017 Je & Customs	5,267.95	5,267.95	115	999	5,267.95		VAT Refund
Banked:	26/05/2017	5,267.95		115	555	3,207.93		VALINEIUIIU
HMRC VAT		5 267 05	5,267.95	515	999	5,267.95		VAT refund on payments
Banked: HM VAT Of	26/05/2017 fice	- 5,267.95	- 5,267.95	515	999	- 5,267.95		VAT refund on payments
Banked:	31/05/2017	1.32						
RBS bank Banked:	15/06/2017	15.99	1.32	1080	220	1.32		Interest
Santander	15/00/2017	13.33	15.99	1080	220	15.99		Interest
Banked:	30/06/2017	1.16						
RBS Banked:	15/07/2017	15.47	1.16	1080	220	1.16		Bank Interest
Santander	-,-,-		15.47	1080	220	15.47		Interest
Banked: ELF fund	08/08/2017	50.00	50.00	1700	220	50.00		ELF fund
Banked:	11/08/2017	510.00		1700	220	50.00		
Mancheste		45.00	510.00	1570	200	510.00		Runshaw contract
Banked: Santander	15/08/2017	15.99	15.99	1080	220	15.99		Interest
Banked:	31/08/2017	1.05						
RBS Bank Banked:	31/08/2017	0.99	1.05	1080	220	1.05		Interest
RBS Bank	51/08/2017	0.99	0.99	1080	220	0.99		Interest
Banked:	11/09/2017	427.71		4400	200	407.74		D 's state of the set of the set
Chorley Lio Banked:	ns 15/09/2017	16.00	427.71	1100	200	427.71		Picnic seat donation
Santander			16.00	1080	220	16.00		Interest
Banked: RBS	29/09/2017	0.90	0.90	1080	220	0.90		Interest
Banked:	05/10/2017	1.46		1000		0.50		
Coop Banked:	17/10/2017	15 / 9	1.46	1080	220	1.46		Interest
Santander	17/10/2017	15.48	15.48	1080	220	15.48		Interest
Banked:	24/10/2017	11,156.04						
Chorley Co Banked:	uncil 31/10/2017	0.74	11,156.04	1570	200	11,156.04		Drainage/trees Greenside
RBS Bank	01,10,201,	0.7.1	0.74	1080	220	0.74		Interest
Banked: Santander	15/11/2017	16.00		1080	220	16.00		Interact
Banked:	30/11/2017	1.92	16.00	1080	220	10.00		Interest
RBS Bank	0= / 10 / 20 / 3	540.00	1.92	1080	220	1.92		Interest
Banked: Mancheste	07/12/2017 r ACE Property	510.00	510.00	1570	200	510.00		Shop contract inv5
Banked:	08/12/2017	220.00						
Yarrow Nur Banked:	rsery 12/12/2017	44,000.00	220.00	1090	120	220.00		Advert annual
Chorley Co		44,000.00	44,000.00	1100	200	44,000.00		Bowling Green grant
Banked:	14/12/2017	30.00		1000	120	20.00		A durant
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Independer	-		280.00	1090	120	280.00		Advert annual
Banked: Santander	15/12/2017	22.20	22.20	1080	220	22.20		Interest
Banked:	20/12/2017	300.00		1000		22.20		
Euxton Mo Banked:		500.00	300.00	1090	120	300.00		Advert annual
Lee Baron	22/12/2017	500.00	500.00	1570	200	500.00		Shop contract
Banked:	22/12/2017	120.00						
Churches T Banked:	ogether 29/12/2017	1.70	120.00	1090	120	120.00		Advert
RBS			1.70	1080	220	1.70		Interest
	Total R	eceipts: 216,185.92					216,185.92	

216,185.92

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Euxton Parish Council

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1.46

270,690.51

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 18/01/2018 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

05/10/2017

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
RBS Current Account	29/12/2017	121	706.89
RBS High Interest	29/12/2017	74	55,422.34
TSB - Current	06/05/2017	7	9,980.42
Coop - Current	29/12/2017	21	50,171.63
Barclays	16/11/2017	11	75,000.00
Santander	02/01/2018	12018	75,407.32
RBS Debt Card	27/12/2017	22	4,000.00
TSB - Savings	10/04/2017	11	0.45

Unpresented Cheque	s	Amount	
14/12/2017 212	Naturescape Limited	858.32	
01/01/2018 222	Easy Websites	76.80	
01/01/2018 223	British Telecom	97.08	
08/01/2018 224	Peoples Pension	33.82	
18/01/2018 225	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	197.90	
18/01/2018 226	Chorley Borough Council	346.46	
18/01/2018 227	Euxton PC Community Centre	177.60	
18/01/2018 228	Telltale Signs	48.00	
18/01/2018 229	Water Plus	172.00	
18/01/2018 230	ARK Welding Ltd	96.00	
18/01/2018 231	Chorley Borough Council	86.15	
18/01/2018 232	Society of Local Council Clerk	175.76	
18/01/2018 233	Various	1,508.49	
18/01/2018 234	Various	793.32	
18/01/2018 235	Various	825.69	
18/01/2018 236	Various	795.17	
18/01/2018 237	HMRC	645.53	
			6,934.09

Receipts not Banked/Cleared

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263,756.42

Balance per Cash Book is :-263,756.42

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Difference is :-

0.00

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Budget Report

		Current	Variance	
	Actual year	annual	total/Funds	% of budget
	to date	budget	Available	spent
4000 Employees	45843	60000	14157	76.4%
4010 Payroll Services	495	900	405	55.0%
4070 Mileage	1498	1800	303	83.2%
4075 Employee Training	998	1800	802	55.4%
4080 General Office	2440	1700	(740)	143.5%
4081 Bank charges	35	0	(35)	0.0%
4090 Publicity	3144	3500	356	89.8%
4100 Insurance	1690	1950	260	86.7%
4110 Subscriptions	1106	1200	94	92.2%
4120 Audit	580	900	320	64.4%
4130 Legal Fees/Planning Investig	0	2500	2500	0.0%
4160 Website Maintenance	338	780	442	43.3%
4180 Room Hire	506	1000	494	50.6%
4211 Training/conference fees Counc	88	200	112	44.0%
4220 Elections and Parish Poll Fund	0	5000	5000	0.0%
4230 Emergency Fund	0	25000	25000	0.0%
4250 Grants	2280	3000	720	76.0%
4260 Christmas Celebrations	829	2380	1551	34.8%
4300 Euxton Gala	63	100	38	62.5%
4310 Speed Indicator Device	0	150	150	0.0%
4320 Neighbourhood Plan	0	2000	2000	0.0%
4330 Comms and Social Media Methods	0	50	50	0.0%
4340 Increase Public Involvement	88	250	162	35.1%
4350 Finance Software	116	113	(3)	102.7%
4380 Heritage/Sign Project	0	1500	1500	0.0%
4390 Defibrillator Project	21	2500	2479	0.8%
4420 Services provision	0	5000	5000	0.0%
4430 Millennium Green Pond Project	430	30000	29570	1.4%
4500 Utilities	1072	1000	(72)	107.2%
4510 Gardens/Planting/Competitions	6142	10000	3858	61.4%
4530 Millennium Green	3391	4325	934	78.4%
4540 All Purpose Committee	362	2500	2138	14.5%
4560 Play Equipment Replace Scheme	0	50000	50000	0.0%
4570 Amenity/Open Space RRM	10341	20000	9659	51.7%
4580 Land Fund/Amenity	0	18684	18684	0.0%
4585 Street Sweeping Machine Fund	0	4000	4000	0.0%
4590 Bowling/Boules Project	75265	91600	16335	82.2%
4600 Healthy Streets	0	617	617	0.0%
4610 Ransnap Brook	0	279	279	0.0%
4620 CIL	0	47176	47176	0.0%
	177470	405454	227984	43.8%

9. <u>Ginnel between Countessway and Balshaw Lane</u>

Consider update on information, quotation for work and agree to order work

<u>Request</u>

At the Leisure Committee on 7 September the problem of flooding was reported in the pathway between the Council's play area off Balshaw Lane which leads in to Countessway. The Clerk was asked to investigate methods to drain the areas, costs and legalities.

Permission was sought from LCC to drain in to its main rain water drain, which cost ± 50 – the permission has now been granted.

A cost was obtained from a contractor but the method and style of drain was not acceptable to LCC.

A second more specialist contractor was sought via recommendation from an Euxton house builder who uses this contractor for main drain and sewer works. The contractor is known to LCC and could supply all the necessary 'method statements and risk assessment and mitigation methods' which LCC required for the permission form. The contractor is a specialist drainage contractor and worked on the new housing site, adjacent to the path, 'Balshaw House Gardens'.

The permission sought from LCC was granted specific to the contractor using its risk and method documents.

A notice in the area was erected on the 20/9/17 seeking the owner of the land to come forward and warning residents of a possible closure for works. A closure notice will be posted when the contractor confirms a start/finish date.

Financial Regulations

According to Euxton's Financial Regulations, copied below, the Council would need to agree to waive the FR10.3, as described in 11.1e) due to requiring a specialist contractor who must be acceptable and approved by LCC to do the work attached to its infrastructure. Also, to understand that contractor chosen came from a recommendation by a local builder, and is known to LCC and still used by the builder.

10.3. All Members and Officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. The Clerk issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, <u>usually by obtaining three or more quotations</u> or estimates from appropriate suppliers, subject to any de minimis provisions in Regulation 11 (i) below.

11. CONTRACTS

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- 11.1. Procedures as to contracts are laid down as follows:
 - a. Every contract shall comply with these financial regulations, and no exceptions shall be made otherwise than in an emergency provided that this regulation need not apply to contracts which relate to items (i) to (vi) below:
 - *i. for the supply of gas, electricity, water, sewerage and telephone services;*
 - e. When applications are made to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition the reason shall be embodied in a recommendation to the Council.

Project Details

The requirement in this area was originally expected to be a one item job but due to recent heavy rain it has been possible to view the site at the most opportune time time after periods of very heavy, prolonged rainfall which shows that the problem is two-fold during these times (see Appendix drawing).

The contractor re-visited the site to see the additional area of flooding to be able to quote for this work – to coincide with the ginnel work so the costs would reflect already being on site – two jobs at the same time.

Quotations

The quotation for the ginnel work is:

To fit new road gully and lid and connect into existing manhole approx 5 metres away (750m deep with heavy duty cast lid with a 4" pipe connection into existing manhole) to backfill and tarmac and leave site tidy £1750.00 plus vat.

The quotation for the work in the play area is: For drain connection from your existing ACO drain to your new road gully drain connection £975.00 plus vat

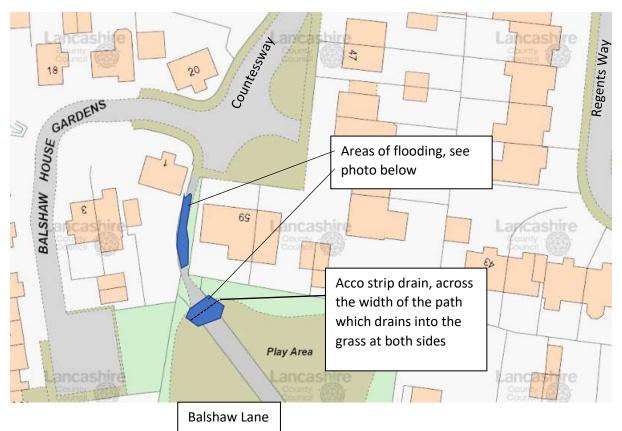
Recommendations

Council is requested to agree to waive the Financial Regulation 10.3, as described in 11.1e) due to requiring a specialist contractor who must be acceptable and approved by LCC to do the work attached to its infrastructure. Also, to understand that the contractor chosen was recommended by a local builder, and is known to LCC and still used by the builder. *'John Finnamore Ltd, Heskin'*

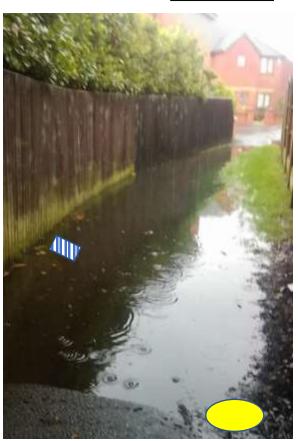
Council is requested to consider and agree the cost of £1750 for the work to create a grid connected to a main drain in the ginnel between Balshaw Lane Play area and Countess Way using the 'CIL' budget ref 4620.

Council is requested to consider and agree the cost of £975 for the work to create a grid connection to the main drain in the ginnel between Balshaw Lane Play area and Countess Way using the Renewal budget ref 4570

Item 9 Appendix



Map showing Play areas where the flooding occurs



Left. Flooding of the ginnel making it impassible.

The ginnel has no drainage grid but, there is a main rain drain sewer chamber there, approx. where yellow circle shows – if a water grid could be installed where indicated at the lowest point it could take all this excess water and prevent the path becoming impassible.

Also, if the play area excess water can be taken from its Acco strip drain on one side, piped down to the main chamber, this would alleviate the flooding in the play area which occurs because the water level is so high the grassed areas cannot take the amount of water/rain produced in the winter.

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to you on behalf of local Euxton residents who have contacted me regarding the condition of the footpath of the ginnel between Talbot Row and Chiltern Avenue.

This footpath has not been adopted, and so there is no immediate recourse for action on this matter, however residents have raised concerns to me over tripping hazards which could lead to injury.

Having noticed the excellent work Euxton Parish Council has implemented on the ginnel on the other side of Balshaw Lane, between Balshaw Lane and Countess Way, I thought I would write to EPC to see if this is something that could be looked into as well.

Noticing the public reaction to EPC's decision to take action on the other ginnel it is notable how much of a positive effect a little bit of expenditure can have on resident's day to day experience of Euxton, and as such, I would ask for the repair of this ginnel to be considered by EPC.

I have attached a picture of the condition of the ginnel, which is the same around the corner as well. I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards,

Phil Loynes Euxton South Conservatives

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Agenda item

alan.platt@euxtoncouncil.org.uk 19/12/2017 17:40 To EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Debra

I have been approached by a resident (on behalf of other elderly residents) asking whether it is possible to have a seat/leaning bench in the bus shelter by The Talbot.

The resident pointed out there is one in the shelter opposite.

I have queried the situation with CBC and was informed the Talbot shelter is a CBC shelter and the one across the road is an Adshel one and whilst Adshel often incorporate the leaning benches, CBC, due to an extremely limited budget for shelters does not.

I wonder if the parish council might consider utilising approx. $\pounds 200$ of CIL to purchase and fit a seat for our elderly residents?

Alan Platt Euxton Parish Councillor

11. Volunteers

Consider an offer from a volunteer to look after the war memorial (attached)

Volunteer work – update on work done

The principle of volunteer work was endorsed by the Leisure Committee and agreed by Full Council in February 2006.

All the necessary work was carried out in 2006 to accept volunteer workers.

This work was reviewed again in January 2012, and cross checked with the insurers (who are now different to back in 2006).

Volunteer process is:

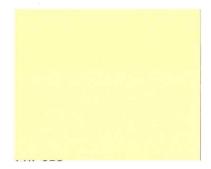
- volunteers fill in a form which has parental permission (if required)
- volunteers are met, trained and handed over necessary equipment
- they are issued with gloves, bags, picker and hi-vis vest (branded)
- given a list of where they can go (ie, approved sites and EPC sites, sites with land owner permissions on)
- given a list of dos and don'ts ie, where when how and when not to
- copy of our insurance
- copy of risk assessment

Cost to the Council is minimal, cost of any equipment or specialist cleaning materials and PPE.

Recommendation

Council receives the request from the volunteer and if approved the process above will be carried out.

Mr Stephen F Berry



5th January 2018

Dear Katrina,

I would like to wish you and all the Parish Councillors who work hard on behalf of Euxton and its residents a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

I am writing to you and the Parish Council to offer my services as a lengthsman for the Parish Council - specifically in respect of keeping the village war memorial clean and tidy, I do not expect any payment for the service that I wish to offer.

Cleaning would include keeping the area free of weed and ensuring that any loose stones are off the pathways and car park area - and on the memorial surrounding, ensuring that any litter is picked up and reporting any damage back to EPC.

I would also like to run a fundraising evening once per year so that monies can be raised to ensure that the memorial stone itself is maintained in the best condition that it can - this will involve purchase of a service to undertake maintenance on the memorial stone itself which has become darkened with tree and rain soiling over the past two years - the fundraiser would contribute towards or fully cover this maintenance.

If you could pass this letter onto the council for consideration I would like to know their thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Berry