EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held 20 February 2020 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present

Cllr P Fellows Cllr C Jones Cllr E Jones Cllr A Oddy Cllr K Reed (Chairman) Cllr B Williamson

Cllr D Rigg Cllr A Riggott Cllr V Thornhill Cllr H Tune

Cllr J Williamson **Cllr M Wilmot Cllr S Walker**

Clerk. A Platt Members of the public 2

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors I Hamer, P Preston and G Sharples.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Rigg for item at 5.1, Cllr Tune for item within 6.1. Cllr Riggott for an item at 5.1.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16 January 2020 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

Agenda item 14 was brought forward.

14. Update of Clerk Position/Locum Clerk

The Chairman provided an update regarding the situation surrounding the Clerk's illness. The appointment of a temporary locum Clerk was recommended to assist the Clerk as and when necessary.

Resolved: Council confirmed the appointment temporary locum Clerk Mr A Platt.

4. **Public Participation**

Borough Councillors expressed surprise at the lack of residents attending regarding the commencement of the development on Greenside, offered apologies for the loss of the trees and mentioned the problems with car parking during the construction works should have been addressed. The Borough Councillors said they would work with LCC to try to provide parking places. The meeting was advised the Parish Council is looking into this issue with the developer. It was mentioned the site was designated for 17 properties in the Local Plan and 36 properties represents overdevelopment.

5. Statutory Business

Planning – Members considered the planning report from the Lead Member

20/00073/DIS, 20/00074/DIS and 20/00125/DIS Greenside Playing Field - The meeting was advised the discharge of conditions needs to be monitored as it appears Chorley Council does not do this. It was noted the land was previously owned by Chorley Council.

Cllr Riggott left the room for the following item.

20/00126/FUL Seaforth Crescent

Resolved: Council agreed to object on grounds of the lack of adequate parking and the impact on neighbour amenity caused by increased vehicle movements.

Cllr Riggott rejoined the meeting.

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20/00136/FUL clarification on the policy for change of use of office buildings under permitted development was to be obtained.

Cllr Tune declared an interest in the following item.

20/00047/FUL Tesco, Foxhole Road - Concerns were raised regarding the impact of siting a fast food establishment on a school route, the visual impact of the signage associated with the company and loss of parking spaces. It was suggested that, should permission be granted, the installation of a pelican crossing should be requested.

Resolved: Council agreed to object on grounds of the loss of available parking for the store and increase in vehicle movements in, what is already, a busy area.

The Friends of Euxton Library offered to utilise the phone kiosh on Talbot Drive as a free lending library.

6. <u>Ginnel Project</u>

Discussions had taken place with the owners of the ginnel off Chiltern Avenue regarding adoption. It was mentioned there were 18 ginnels in Euxton and the condition of all the ginnels should be inspected.

Resolved: Council agreed to cover the fees for the adoption.

7. Committee, Working Group and External meeting reports

The Bowling Club Committee wishes to hold a barbeque. The notice board is not used and the Committee asked whether they could move it inside fence. The Club will open mid-March for taster sessions. Indoor curling sessions at Buckshaw Community Centre were mentioned as an alternative in the Winter months.

The current situation regarding allotments was queried. The Clerk advised the lease had just been received.

7.1 <u>Milestone Meadow</u>

Chorley Council appears unwilling to provide information regarding the Special Expenses collected for the area. A proposal for the Parish Council to take on the project was made. A counter proposal to ask when Chorley Council intends to make a decision on the area was tabled. Following a tied vote the Chairman's casting vote was used.

Resolved: Council agreed to proceed with a project to update the Milestone Meadow Recreation Area, which will be taken on by the Leisure Committee.

8. Resident Survey

The proposed survey was discussed at great length and detail, some amendments were suggested. An amended version of the survey is to be distributed to Councillors.

Resolved: Council agreed after Councillors had received an updated version the survey would go live from March 31 to April 30.

Cllr Oddy was thanked for his efforts in producing this comprehensive survey.

9. Financial Items

9.1 Approve Expenditures published

Resolved: Council approved the listed expenditures (see Appendix 1).

9.2 Receive financial reports (Items: a Income, b Reconciliation, c Budgets)

Resolved: Council received the reports.

9.3 The appointment of an Internal Auditor was considered.

Resolved: JDH Business Services was appointed at a cost of £309+Vat.

10. Consultation on new street names

In view of the recent removal of the trees for the development off Greenside, the suggestion to name the street Oakside was felt to be highly inappropriate. Chorley Council is to be asked to provide alternative suggestions. Clerk was asked to communicate all the reasons why 'Oak' was not satisfactory for this area.

Resolved: Council made a suggestion of Waterside to be made to Chorley Council.

Chorley Council had suggested names a number of options for the three street development off Dunrobin Drive.

Resolved: Council requested Dunnock Drive, Dunnock Court and Dunnock Close be submitted.

11. <u>Matters for Information</u>

Great British Clean up dates of 21 March in Buckshaw Village and 28 March on Greenside were provided.

Lancashire County Council has increased the amount of the public footpath maintenance contribution from £250 to £500.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

Resolved: Council agreed to exclude the 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 s1-10 (*specifically for item 11, s3*) (*specifically for item 12, s1*)

12. Greenside proposal from developer

Resolved: Council agreed to grant a licence to Westchurch Homes to use parts of the recreation hard-standing.

13. Star Award

Resolved: Council agreed Mr Stuart Clewlow is to receive a Star Award.

9.40 pm

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APPENDIX 1 to Minutes of 20 February 2020

9. Financial Items

9.1 Approve Expenditures published

Resolved: Council approved the listed expenditures (see Appendix 1).

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
20/01/2020	Southern Electric	279	99.27	Electricity
20/01/2020	Water Plus	280	25.50	Water
30/01/2020	British Telecom	281	118.08	Telephony
30/01/2020	B&Q DIY	282	50.94	Soil
30/01/2020	Pole Green Nurseries	283	69.83	Plants
01/02/2020	Easy Websites	284A	80.40	Websites & Email
01/02/2020	Water Plus	285	25.50	Water
20/02/2020	Various	286	532.20	Trainer for Cllr training
20/02/2020	Eccleston Electrical	287	108.83	Repair
20/02/2020	Protec Direct	288	188.11	PPE
20/02/2020	Studholme Bell Ltd	289	180.00	Payroll services
20/02/2020	Metal Formations Ltd	290	168.00	Signs
20/02/2020	Chorley Borough Council	291	1,482.42	Grass on MGreen
20/02/2020	Chorley Borough Council	292	718.61	Grass on pitches
20/02/2020	Chorley Borough Council	293	490.16	Grass on play areas
20/02/2020	Chorley Borough Council	294	364.70	Play area inspections
20/02/2020	Royal Mail	295	119.40	License box
20/02/2020	HMRC	296	800.91	Tax & NI Feb2020
20/02/2020	Various	297	1,570.71	Remuneration Feb 20 E1
20/02/2020	Various	298	728.72	Remuneration Feb 20 E2
20/02/2020	Various	299	896.96	Remuneration Feb 20 E3
20/02/2020	Various	300	840.33	Remuneration Feb 20 E4
20/02/2020	Various	301	615.52	Remuneration Feb 20 E5
20/02/2020	Various	302	580.85	Remuneration Feb 20 E6
20/02/2020	Various	303	49.87	Training materials
20/02/2020	Various	304	45.00	Grant for Library spkr
20/02/2020	B&Q DIY	305	28.98	Hardware

List of Payments made between 20/01/2020 and 29/02/2020

Total Payments 10,979.80