

# EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: All Purposes Committee Meeting

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Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00 pm

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Public participation
3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021
4. Replacement sweeper/vacuum project update - verbal
5. New equipment – consider the purchase of a new item of equipment
6. Grant application – to the Schools Project Fund – from
  - 6.1 Euxton Balshaw Lane Primary
  - 6.2 Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School
7. Any other items which need attention or research
8. Date for next meeting

### All Purposes Committee

1	Chris Jones - Chair
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7	Vyn Thornhill
8	Helen Tune
9	Joan Williamson
10	Barry Williamson

*D. Platt*  
CLERK

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### 5. New equipment – consider the purchase of a new item of equipment

Normally for items of equipment, ie, a replacement strimmer, the Clerk would just go to buy a replacement but this is a 'new' item of equipment, but on the same theme.

The suggestion is a Rotivator/Tiller machine.

As the Council wished increase its Wildflower Meadows a rotivator/tiller will be required to till the land following weed killing and prior to the seed being spread. The Clerk asked CBC what they use.

Cllr Eric Jones did some research on the type and size of machine and he suggested 3 machines - one a little on the top side and 2 others.

Our supplier (Sharrock) suggested the Stihl machine and the middle priced machine Cllr Jones suggested were both quoted for.

The machine would be used by our men (trained ones) for the new wildflower areas - which needs to be done in March following weed killing, and any other jobs throughout the year which crop up.

Also, the machine can be used at the allotment site and kept securely locked up in the Store up there.

### **Recommendation**

The recommendation is to purchase the Husqvarna machine at £833.33.

Questions asked by Councillors were and responses:

- Someone asked about the differences in the two choices:

The dearer machine has a slightly wider tiller so should be a little less work. It also has a rear guard which the cheaper model does not have. This will protect the feet and ankles if stones are thrown up. It to me just looks a more robust machine.

- Someone asked how much hire is:

Between £90 and £120 for a week - plus delivery and pick up charges

We would need specific insurance called "Hired in Plant Insurance". Not sure how much this costs.

- And one Cllr response raised a different point:

Pretty simple maths for the business case: More than 5-6 weeks of work in 5 years then machine is cheaper to buy than rent. This assumes a 5 year lifespan/asset write down period with nominal maintenance costs.

Stihl - £500  
MH 445 R Tiller  
Manoeuvrable compact tiller with reverse gear



Husqvarna TR348 Cultivator Tiller 48cm £833.33



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**PRIMARY SCHOOL GRANT FUND**

**Tranche 1 – 2020 to 2021**

Name of organisation	Balshaw Lane Community Primary School
Location of the project	Pond area
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Project name	The Pond Project

<p><b>Description of project</b> (to include purpose, what issues it is addressing, what benefits it will bring to the community)</p> <p>Please use extra pages if necessary</p>	<p>Within our school grounds we have several ponds that have become very overgrown and neglected and are no longer safe to be used by staff or children.</p> <p>We would like to clear the area around one of the ponds, fence off the areas that have not been cleared and put a path in so that the area is accessible as well as construct a jetty so that the children can get onto the water for science/outdoor learning opportunities.</p>
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<p><b>Need for the project</b> (to detail research carried out to identify need, evidence of consultation and support for the project, expected benefits from the project e.g. what gaps in provision does the project bridge.)</p>	<p>Having consulted with the science subject leader, the ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and teaching staff, it has been concluded that having access to this area will provide children with many opportunities for learning that they do not currently have.</p> <p>Studies have shown that outdoor learning can boost children’s social and personal skills, it can provide a better attitude about school, higher attendances and can boost overall achievement.</p> <p>Collaboration outdoors can improve emotional, intellectual and behavioural development. Those learning outdoors develop their creativity, problem-solving, independence, confidence and more.</p> <p>Outdoor learning has been proven to reduce stress in young learners. According to one study, ‘green plants and vistas reduce stress among highly stressed children’.</p> <p>Learning environments with a greater number of plants, greener views, and access to natural play areas demonstrated a lower level of stress.</p> <p>Learning outdoors can also inspire children to become physically active in their spare time. This is known as ‘follow-up’ - and is a great tool in fighting against the risk of childhood obesity.</p>
<p><b>Support from Stakeholders</b> (Indicate whether there are any other organisations or stakeholders who are supporting the project, with a brief description of their involvement)</p>	<p>Because the cost of this project exceeds the funding available from the parish, we will also be asking the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association of Balshaw Lane to raise money/contribute to this project. The money raised by the PTFA comes directly from parents and members of the local community.</p>

<p><b>Environmental Sustainability</b> (indicate how the project contributes to improving the environment, and whether a sustainable approach is taken)</p>	<p>This project will contribute to improving the environment in many ways. Many academic studies have connected outdoor learning and play to instilling a sense of civic duty in young people, also feeding into a sense of place in their community. One report notes that “green school grounds promoted environmental awareness and stewardship.”</p> <p>Children who have the opportunity for outdoor learning have been proven to have significantly larger gains in environmental behaviours, compared to those who didn’t attend: “Children who attended outdoor school engaged in positive environmental behaviours (e.g. recycling, etc.) at home. This is a long-term sustainable approach to our environment. By having the learning opportunities that the pond area would provide to the children, we are providing them with the opportunity to have a life-long awareness of the need for environmental sustainability. We will also be using the school’s gardening club to maintain the pond area. This will reduce the need for outside contractors coming to school to do this work which will reduce our carbon footprint.</p>
<p><b>Amount of CIL funding requested</b></p> <p>total project cost with breakdown</p> <p>funds requested from this process</p> <p>all other funding streams contributing and the project</p> <p>append quotations if you have them</p>	<p><b><u>£10,000</u></b></p> <p><b><u>£12,600</u></b>  <b>Decking - £6300</b>  <b>Fencing - £2520</b>  <b>Path - £2520</b>  <b>Clearance - £1260</b></p> <p><b><u>£10,000</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PTFA £2600</u></b></p>

Balshaw lane Primary School  
Brecon Avenue  
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17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**FAO Will Woodrow**

**Quote for Pond Works Discussed on Site Visit**

Dear Will,

Further to our recent visit to your site, we would like to submit for your consideration the following proposal. As such we would propose to carry out the following works, which reflect our understanding of your requirements:

**Description of works**

Works to transform the pond area to the right of the entrance gate. Area as discussed to be initially cleared to allow further works to take place. To create a safe, level pathway from the gate area leading to the decked area. Path to be approx. 1.2 m wide x 20m in length , achieving a level by using timber edging a crushed stone infill, weed membrane laid with a bark finish. The full pathway to be fenced off on its left-hand side for the safety of children. Fencing approx. 25 linear m @ 3ft high, picket style fencing suggested. To build a composite stilted deck area off the edge of the pond measuring approx. 5mx 3m with both sides & front having safety railings.

Prices are spilt approx. as follows.

Deck - £6,300.00  
Fence - £2,520.00  
Path - £2,520.00  
Clearance - £1,260.00

**Our total price for carrying out the above works is £12,600.00 + VAT**

All our Operatives have attained the appropriate certification applicable (for the spraying of insecticides etc.), are fully DBS checked and wear corporate work wear and personal protective equipment specific to the work being carried out.

We are accredited with ISO 9001 and additionally for ISO14001 Environmental & BS EN OHSAS18001 for Health & Safety and also hold Employers and Public Liability insurances of £10,000,000.

We trust that the above meets with your requirements, but should you have any queries or would like to discuss further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards

*C.l.greenhalgh*

Cheryl Greenhalgh  
Office Manager  
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance - Lancashire



**EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL****PRIMARY SCHOOL GRANT FUND****Tranche 1 – 2020 to 2021**

Name of organisation	<b>Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School</b>
Location of the project	<b>School Field</b>
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Project name	<b>Daily Mile Running Track</b>

<p><b>Description of project</b> (to include purpose, what issues it is addressing, what benefits it will bring to the community)</p> <p>Please use extra pages if necessary</p>	<p>We would like to create a Daily Mile running track on our school field. We introduced the Daily Mile three years ago and we have all really enjoyed this being a part of our school life. However, in order to do it as safely and effectively as possible we want a dedicated track as opposed to running on our often slippery playground, which includes pupils running up and down two flights of steps and is regularly covered in leaves. We use our playground for staggered breaks and lunchtimes, meaning it is rarely available for all pupils to have the length of time required for it to have the full impact. We would therefore like a purpose-made Daily Mile track to be constructed on the field, which is very large in size. It would be made of a suitable material to reduce slipping and falling and enable our children to participate every single day. It would also be much kinder to pupils' knees. We also feel that having a designated track would make this activity feel special for our pupils, raising motivation and engagement even further. As you will be aware, school budgets are tight, however this very kind grant fund from Euxton Parish Council has meant we can consider and explore this in the hope that we could have this installed for when we are full with over 420 pupils on roll in September 2021.</p>
<p><b>Need for the project</b> (to detail research carried out to identify need, evidence of consultation and support for the project, expected benefits from the project e.g. what gaps in provision does the project bridge.</p>	<p>Since we introduced the Daily Mile three years ago, we have noticed improved fitness levels along with an improvement in children's focus during lessons due to the children having a chance to burn off energy and talk to their friends. There has also been a marked improvement in behaviour of some pupils who need to burn off more energy in order to focus fully. As pupils return following a very disrupted year, with pupils unable to participate in their normal sports clubs and activities both in and out of school, we feel that the need for the daily mile track is now even greater than ever before.</p> <p>There are a number of benefits of the Daily Mile. As a result of higher levels of awareness in school, our children are equipped to be taught much more effectively which makes them much more likely to do well, learn and achieve more than ever before. The daily mile is accessible for everyone due to the relaxed, non-competitive nature of it. There is nobody competing for a prize as finishing positions are not counted. This therefore allows pupils to walk parts of the mile rather than run or jog without feeling under pressure.</p> <p>Schools are expected to deliver at least 2 hours of quality</p>

	<p>PE a week, but we want this to be the starting amount of time for our children. Our staff try hard to incorporate outdoor learning in all aspects of the curriculum, and all of our school family recognise the positive impact the outdoors and physical activities have on our children. We feel we could offer more should we have improved facilities to do so.</p> <p>The Daily Mile not only improves the children’s fitness, but also their concentration levels, mood, behaviour and general wellbeing. Research has shown that it improves cardiorespiratory and aerobic fitness when practiced at least three times a week and that 15 minutes of self-paced outdoor activity is beneficial for pupils’ cognition and wellbeing.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, the space we currently have to do this is limited and it is not an ideal surface for pupils to run on. The funding that could be provided by Euxton Parish Council will enable us to implement this amazing initiative to the very best of our abilities.</p>
<p><b>Support from Stakeholders</b> (Indicate whether there are any other organisations or stakeholders who are supporting the project, with a brief description of their involvement)</p>	<p>We have the full support of our children, staff, families and Governing Board. Having now achieved the Platinum School Games Award, we have clearly had a great impact on our pupils. We feel that a bespoke Daily Mile track will further improve this. Having spoken to staff and pupils about this project potentially being a viable option by this summer, they are all incredibly excited. The key worker pupils that we have spoken to this week actually cheered when I told them that the track could be in place by September!</p> <p>Pupils voice comments 2020/21 stated: ‘I love the daily mile. It’s the best part of my school day and I feel fresher after doing it and ready to learn again’.</p> <p>‘I love it. It is great fun and very sociable but I don’t like it when it’s slippy’.</p> <p>Parent Attitude Questionnaire comments 2020/21 stated: ‘We love the fact that the school has a strong emphasis on health and fitness. We have seen a huge improvement in our child’s fitness levels since the school added the daily mile in to the school day’.</p>

	<p>'Can daily mile be undertaken 5x a week instead of 3x a week? My child loves it!'</p> <p>Staff have found that children are more alert after doing the Daily Mile. The Daily Mile is in addition to the PE curriculum and is seen by all as being health and wellbeing. Staff members have joined in when they can too. The children return to class refreshed and energised, and settle back into work quickly. As the children can run in their uniform there is no time wasted for changing etc.</p> <p>By adding the run a mile track, we hope to add a running club to our after school provision and are sure that the pupils will be queueing up to join this with a bespoke track on the field. We would love to open up the track to parents before and after school so that they can exercise with their children before and after the school day.</p> <p>We would also be happy to open the field to the community outside of school time so that the facility can be utilised to its maximum. This can include any local community groups such as Cubs/Scouts/Rainbows etc.</p> <p>Our Governing Body are very supportive of this initiative and have a desire that it takes place for all children every day in all weather (within reason). The idea of a track has been raised in several governors meetings but we have not had sufficient funding to bring this to fruition.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Sustainability</b> (indicate how the project contributes to improving the environment, and whether a sustainable approach is taken)</p>	<p>Creating a Daily Mile running track on our field will not only allow us to ensure our children can run the Daily Mile every day, but to also access and utilise other areas of the field more easily, for outdoor learning. We could sustain the full Daily Mile programme, should we have this facility, and our children and families reap the benefits of all that this brings.</p> <p>Healthy children obviously improve any environment, but we would also work with whichever company we use to ensure that environmental considerations are made. This may include the use of more natural materials such as eco-mulch. We will also ensure that the current environment is not negatively affected as a result of this project.</p>

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