

MINUTES of the ANNUAL Council Meeting held 16 May 2019 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Bamber	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)	Cllr H Tune
	Cllr M Bamber	Cllr T Reed	Cllr S Walker
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr D Rigg	Cllr B Williamson
	Cllr C Jones	Cllr A Riggott	Cllr J Williamson
	Cllr E Jones	Cllr G Sharples	Cllr M Wilmot
		Cllr V Thornhill	

Members of the public 2

1. Election of Council Chairman

Resolved: Cllr K Reed was elected Chairman for the coming year.

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Chair signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr C Jones was elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.

4. Representatives on Committees, Lead Members, Groups and Outside Bodies

Agree memberships of Committees and representatives – Council will return to this item below.

5. Apologies Cllr A Oddy

6. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Wilmot declared an interest in an applications at item 9.

7. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 April 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

8. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Two residents commented on how they thought there were a high number of houses being built at Greenside and were sad about the possible loss of the trees.

9. Statutory Business

Planning - Consider planning report from Lead Member for Planning, approve responses and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines.

19/00361/FULMAJ Greenside 24 houses – members discussed this at length, had information research to hand from Cllr Oddy and discussed other elements such as the percentage of social housing, the increase of properties from the Local Plan, trees and the environmental impacts.

Resolved: Council objected to this application (full objection at Appendix 1) with a recorded vote. Voted for objection: Cllrs M Bamber, T Reed, M Thornhill, D Rigg, P Fellows, G Sharples, K Reed, C Jones, E Jones, H Tune, A Riggott, J Bamber, M Wilmot, S Walker, J Williamson, B Williamson.

19/00357/FULHH 15 Regents Way – the garage should no longer be regarded as a garage space as the is insufficient room for vehicles inside.

Resolved: Council objected to this application unless suitable replacement parking is allocated on site due to the loss of the garage/parking space.

19/00356/FULHH 6 Sycamore Close – the fence height is to height and in front of the building line and not in keeping with the street.

Resolved: Council objected to this application due to the fence height which in front of the building line.

The changes to the house at Packsaddle -it was reported by the Enforcement Officer that the residents will be submitting a change of use application.

Chase Chorley on the 19/00137/REMMAJ Group 1 Euxton Lane query to confirm if there are trees to be removed in this application are not TPO trees or connected to the Ancient Woodland area and request TPO orders.

Agenda

A request was made for an agenda item for June of a report from Cllr Thornhill on trees on the village which may need to be assessed for TPO status.

10. Financial Items

10.1 Approve Expenditures for this month, and any submitted after the agenda

Resolved: Council approved the expenditures for April (see Appendix 2).

Agenda

A request was made for an agenda item for June for Council to consider gaining internet access for the Clerk to the bank account and consider electronic banking.

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

Resolved: Council received the reports.

10.3 Receive Internal Auditors report and action any points

Resolved: Council received the report and acknowledged the action points and the progress made on the points and plans to complete all the items raised.

10.4 Receive and note CIL update report

Resolved: Council received the report.

11. Committee, Working Group and External Meetings Reports

All Purposes Committee – a request for a grant from Euxton PC Community Centre to assist with an unexpected large repair bill they have had to pay for.

Resolved: Council agreed a grant of £2,700.

Agenda

June agenda item – How can the Council assist groups such as the community centre and others to be sustainable.

12. Financial Regulations update

Following the Internal Auditor comment in his report, an amendment is suggested to the Regulations at 11.1(j) to replace the existing with the template paragraph.

Resolved: Council agreed to substitute the present paragraph with the template paragraph and set the limits within it to be £5,000 and £1,000.

13. Data Protection/GDPR

To consider adopting the template forms of a) Employee consent to hold information, b) Information & Data Protection Policy and c) Contact Privacy Notice.

Councillors deferred this item to a future agenda.

9. Matters for information

'Fault Reports Log' had been circulated. The blocked drain on Pear Tree Lane has had CCTV down and is now unblocked.

Update was requested on work at Balshaw Lane train station, portacabins have gone and the rain shelters – can we get an update on works.

Litter picks have been arranged for Saturdays 20th July and 31st August.

Skip day has been arranged for Saturday, 8th June, volunteers needed to help with traffic management and stacking in the skips.

PROW Whinney Lane/Pear Tree Lane the safety barrier built is now faulty.

Planters have arrived on Euxton Lane.

Bore-hole testing may be happening soon on the land off School Lane.

The wagon haulage trucks parking at Buckshaw Hall is being dealt with by planning.

Council returned to item 4 which needed to be completed.

4. Representatives on Committees, Lead Members, Groups and Outside Bodies

The memberships of the committees had been completed (see Appendix 3).

Resolved: Council agreed for Cllr Tune and Sharples to be on the Personnel Committee, Cllr Rigg the Planning Lead Member, Cllr Oddy the GDPR Lead Member, Cllr K Reed to be the Chorley Liaison Forum representatives and Cllr C Jones to be on the Neighbourhood Working Group.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

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9. Statutory Business

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The objections from the Parish Council are as follows:

1. That detailed application is for 24 dwellings but the allocation in the local plan is only for 17. This is a 41% increase, an increase which will have significant detriment to existing residents of the Greenside estate in terms of traffic and parking - noting that there are very few garages or other off road parking provision on Greenside

2. Planning Policy not adhered to:

(a) Policy BNE9 (Biodiversity and Nature Conservation) seeks to ensure that Biodiversity and Ecological Network resources are protected, conserved, restored and enhanced. The policy sets out requirements all new developments must adhere to in relation to biodiversity, protection of habitats. The application falls short of this requirement.

(b) Policy BNE10 (Trees) states that proposals that would result in the loss of trees, woodland areas or hedgerows which make a valuable contribution to the landscape or setting, will not be permitted. If the benefit of the development outweighs the loss of some trees or hedgerows, replacement planting will be required; contrary to the applicants assertion that the trees are of “relatively low quality” the proposed development will see the removal of several mature oak, beech and ash specimens which contribute hugely to the local landscape, namely Ransnap Wood. Those trees nearest to Ransnap Brook also play a significant role in the biodiversity of the area and in the drainage of the area in so far as they drink a lot of rain water ensuring the stability of the bank.

(c) Policy BNE11 (Species Protection) states that any development which would have an adverse effect on a priority species will not be permitted, unless the benefits outweigh the need to maintain the population of the priority species; the trees are, bar one, all prime specimen oak trees and their removal is not justified.

85 trees (a mix of classic native specimens of oak, ash and beech) are proposed to be removed to accommodate this application! 18 categorised trees (7 Category Bs and 11 Cs) are proposed to be removed and the developer does not propose to replace these due to the small size of the site. Their proposal of planting at the front of each house does not mitigate the loss of 18 magnificent mature trees and as such contravenes Policy BNE10.

3. CS Policy 7 states that for applications proposing 15 or more dwellings that 30% of the dwellings should be affordable. That should be 8 dwellings on the site (at 24 units). The application only proposes 6 affordable units which is only a 25% share.

4. Bats - local residents advise that the area is home to a thriving colony of bats. The Arboricultural Report highlights two oak trees (scheduled for removal) as likely homes for bats.

5. The Arboricultural Report has clearly been written from a perspective of “find something detrimental to say about each tree”. These trees are mature specimens and have never been subjected to any formal management. With the exception of one fire damaged oak, they are as nature intended - beautiful, majestic trees that contribute significantly to local well being and character of the neighbourhood. To leave only one small oak and one silver birch is not in accordance with planning policy on trees, is hugely detrimental to the environment and the parish council should defend this amenity to the best of its ability.

Permission should be refused on the grounds of the inability to comply with policy BNE 9, 10 & 11 and CS Policy 7

Euxton Parish Council request that a TPO is placed on any eligible trees as per:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas#tree-preservation-orders--general>

"Authorities can either initiate [this process](#) themselves or in response to a request made by any other party. When deciding whether an Order is appropriate, authorities are advised to take into consideration [what 'amenity' means in practice](#), what to take into account when assessing [amenity value](#), [what 'expedient' means in practice](#), [what trees can be protected](#) and [how they can be identified](#)."

The Parish Council is aware that the level of 'affordable' housing on the site is less than the percentage required by Chorley's policies and this should be rectified and the Council object to this blatant disregard of Chorley's policies by the developer.

It is noted that the environmental surveys were carried out 'out of season' and the surveys should be re-done 'in season' to establish the bat community.

APPENDIX 2 to Minutes of 16 May 2019

10. Financial Items

10.1 Approve Expenditures for this month, and any submitted after the agenda

Resolved: Council approved the expenditures for April (see Appendix 2).

Date: 16/05/2019

Euxton Parish Council

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Time: 12:11

Cashbook 1

User: CLERK

Current Bank A/c

Payments made between 19/04/2019 and 31/05/2019

Nominal Ledger Analysis									
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
30/04/2019	British Telecom	41	114.84		19.14	4080	120	95.70	Telephony
01/05/2019	Easy Websites	43	80.40		13.40	4080	120	67.00	Website and emails
16/05/2019	Various	39	-19.99			4570	200	-19.99	Measure wheel Refund
16/05/2019	Water Plus	40	-297.98			4500	200	-297.98	Water refund
16/05/2019	Amazon	42	26.82		4.47	4570	200	22.35	Weedkiller
16/05/2019	C&W Berry Ltd	44	109.24		18.21	4570	200	91.03	Hardware
16/05/2019	Various	45	10.00			4250	160	10.00	Library grant
16/05/2019	Delivered NW	46	319.00			4090	120	319.00	March news deliver
16/05/2019	Eccleston Electrical	47	76.80		12.80	4390	180	64.00	Fit new Defib box
16/05/2019	JDH Business Services Ltd	48	346.80		57.80	4120	120	289.00	Internal Audit
16/05/2019	Came & Co	49	112.00			4100	120	112.00	Insurance
16/05/2019	Various	50	12.09			4075	120	12.09	Refreshments training
16/05/2019	Plantscape Ltd	51	1,858.80		309.80	4510	200	1,549.00	Summer flowers/boxes
16/05/2019	Pitchoare	52	820.74		136.79	4570	200	683.95	Equipment spraying
16/05/2019	Studholme Bell Ltd	53	264.00		44.00	4010	120	220.00	Salary services
16/05/2019	Various	54	1,571.61			4080	120	18.00	Remuneration May 19 E1
						4070	120	17.10	Remuneration May 19 E1
						4000	100	1,536.51	Remuneration May 19 E1
16/05/2019	Various	55	714.22			4070	120	33.75	Remuneration May 19 E2
						4000	100	680.47	Remuneration May 19 E2
16/05/2019	Various	56	895.61			4070	120	30.15	Remuneration May 19 E3
						4000	100	865.46	Remuneration May 19 E3
16/05/2019	Various	57	850.43			4070	120	36.45	Remuneration May 19 E4
						4000	100	813.98	Remuneration May 19 E4
16/05/2019	Various	58	599.77			4070	120	21.60	Remuneration May 19 E5
						4000	100	578.17	Remuneration May 19 E5
16/05/2019	Various	59	573.20			4070	120	20.70	Remuneration May 19 E6
						4000	100	552.50	Remuneration May 19 E6
16/05/2019	HMRC	60	794.97			4000	100	794.97	Tax&NI for May 19
16/05/2019	Peoples Pension	61	165.54			4000	100	165.54	Pension contribs
Subtotal Carried Forward:			9,998.91	0.00	616.41			9,382.50	

APPENDIX 3 to Minutes of 16 May 2019

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2019 / 2020

STANDING COMMITTEES

Leisure Committee (quorum 3)

1	Katrina Reed
2	Patricia Fellows
3	Vyn Thornhill
4	Steve Walker
5	Mark Wilmot
6	Helen Tune
7	Andy Oddy

All Purposes Committee (quorum 3)

1	Katrina Reed
2	Patricia Fellows
3	Vyn Thornhill
4	Marilyn Bamber
5	Joan Williamson
6	Barry Williamson
7	Mark Wilmot
8	Helen Tune
9	Chris Jones
10	Andy Oddy

Allotment Committee

1	Katrina Reed
2	Patricia Fellows
3	Dez Rigg
4	Steve Walker
5	Mark Wilmot
6	Aidy Riggott
7	Helen Tune
8	Eric Jones
9	Chris Jones
10	Andy Oddy

Personnel Committee (quorum 3)

1	Chair - Katrina Reed
2	Vice Chair - Chris Jones
3	Patricia Fellows
4	Eric Jones
5	Helen Tune
6	Gillian Sharples

LEAD MEMBERS

Planning:

Dez Rigg
Andy Oddy

GDPR:

REPRESENTATIVES/GROUPS

Chorley Liaison Forum: (Chair plus reserve)

Katrina Reed
Chris Jones

Neighbourhood Working Group:

NB. Missing Cllr Oddy's choice and vacancy