

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held 17 October 2019 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Bamber Cllr M Bamber Cllr P Fellows Cllr C Jones Cllr E Jones Cllr P Preston	Cllr K Reed (Chairman) Cllr D Rigg Cllr A Riggott Cllr G Sharples Cllr V Thornhill	Cllr H Tune Cllr S Walker Cllr B Williamson Cllr J Williamson Cllr M Wilmot
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1. Apologies Cllr A Oddy
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19 September 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman with a word change, last word of minute 7.3 to signatory.

4. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters
5. Statutory Business

Councillors acknowledged vacancy and expressed their thanks to Tony for his service to the Council.

Planning – Members considered the planning report from the Lead Member

0888 Turnbury – Council objected to the felling of this tree, it was protected before the houses were built, or any extensions created to be closer to the tree.

0964 Greenside – the loss of car parking for No 15 should be noted and 2 spaces created on the frontage, also 2 spaces for the newly created property as it will have 3 bedrooms.

0654 Gladman – check the dates for decisions.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve Expenditures published

Resolved: Council approved the listed expenditures and the additional payment list submitted on the night. (see Appendix 1).

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

Resolved: Council received the reports.

6.3 Financial Regulations review on electronic banking, extract of FRs attached

Resolved: Council thought the regulations were adequate, with a change on 6.16 to add in “unless an organisation recommends an alternative method” and; delete the last three words of 6.16.

Councillors discussed how we regulate how we ensure we are paying in to the correct bank account and the Clerk will read through the regulations as it is believed it is in there already. Also, to ask the banks for advice on fraud issues of paying in to the wrong bank account.

6.4 Banking arrangements

Resolved: Council agreed to increase the Councillor signatories on Unity Bank to four from three.

Resolved: Council agreed the new signatory to be Cllr Philip Preston.

6.5 Receive External Auditor report

Resolved: Council agreed to receive the External Audit report, there were no actions from it.

6.6 CIL update report

Resolved: Council noted the report, in particular the receipt of £6,539.88 for October and agreed the items to be debited from the budget spent in recent months.

A CIL report was requested to be available for the Precept meeting, along with some projections of possible CIL to be received in the future.

Council asked if they could put on the agenda to conduct a Resident Survey in the Spring and possible questions to be asked should be submitted to the Clerk so a draft can be created.

7. Insurance cover renewal

Resolved: Council agreed to accept the quotation for a policy with 'Inspire' and agreed to take advantage of the three year deal. The cheque to be written for £3,025.66 for this years' premium.

8. Committee, Working Group and External Meetings Reports

Chair reported on attending the Chorley Liaison meeting.

8.1 Leisure Committee update on Milestone Meadow Proposal

Members considered the response from CBC and, the response to the question asked by the Clerk on Special Expenses funds collected from residents each year for the upkeep of this particular area - CBC response was £6,000 per year.

Resolved: Council agreed the Clerk will submit back to CBC an adjusted offer of. Euxton Council will:

- accept a 35 year lease on the whole Milestone Meadow area (which includes the play, land and water areas);
- accept the s106 developer contributions of approximately £21,000;
- subject to the special expenses collected each year by CBC from Euxton residents for this specific area (indicated to be approx. £6,000 presently pa) will be transferred to Euxton Council each year;
- Euxton Council will ring-fence the special expenses sum transferred each year for use on the Milestone Meadow area.

8.2 Tree adoption along Euxton Lane

Members discussed this project at length, along with the current Working Group project around the provision of more trees, the green agenda to plant more trees and the trend of losing trees to development and TPO felling applications.

Resolved: Council agreed that if it were to participate in this project it would prefer to have more control on the locations, tree species and size, so its commitments to leaf clearance and tree maintenance can be measured. Clerk will contact the Neighbourhood Team and tree officer to offer this suggestion of the project transferring to the parish.

9. War Memorial

Council had sought advice from the Stonemason who created the War Memorial monument, Simon Ormsby. The advice was comprehensive and weighed up the pros and cons to cleaning the monument or allowing it to weather naturally.

Resolved: Council agreed to allow the monument to weather naturally and not embark on a programme of regular cleaning due to the chemicals required to do the job adequately and the possible risk of damage to the surface of the monument.

10. Land along and off Pear Tree Lane

Members received the update report, following its request last meeting to make contact regarding a small section of land which is in greenbelt. The response was that it was not for sale.

11. Matters for information

'Fault Reports Log' had been circulated and Members updated on items.

The PROW from Whinney to Pear Tree Lane through the fields had had the hand rail repaired by our caretakers with very little cost of wood and nails. Members asked if this was something which can be spent from CIL. Clerk will move costs to the CIL budget.

Clerk to chase the lamp post stump left at the corner of Balshaw Lane and Wigan Road, as the new lamp had now been installed.

Councillors asked for background around the report of water on Westway – the Clerk explained the report that water was mostly always on the road, even on dry days, which appeared to come from the grass bank at the East side of Westway and from the brook.

The Police had responded to the request for figures of car crimes and thefts but the figures were very low considered the anecdotal evidence of residents. Cllr VT will write an article for the newsletter. Members can interrogate www.police.uk to view crime reports. Clerk to ask the Police if the frequency of visits to an area for asb is logged.

VT asked if the Council could consider a project to assess the footpaths in the village with a view to suggested some new links. This was referred to the All Purposes Committee agenda and Cllr VT will do a report for that meeting.

Clerk referred Cllr VT to the Ramblers project called 'Don't Loose Your Way'.

Clerk requested that the 'Monarch Passing' project be referred to a new Working Group and volunteers were Cllrs Reed, Riggott, Tune.

Members were circulated an email received from 'Power for People'.

Clerk requested that a project to consider how the Council's can make small changes in its choice of products and consider Green projects - be referred to the All Purposes Committee and then possibly a working group for ideas and projects to be considered.

Chair reported further on the Chorley Liaison meeting, on some of the subjects discussed.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

