EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting arrangements: Full Council Meeting

Thursday, 18 October 2018, 7.15 pm start

Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton

AGENDA

Page Ref

1. Apologies

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

Item 4

4. Statutory Business

Planning - Consider planning report from Lead Member for Planning, approve responses and 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 on report, and any submitted later

Item 6.1

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

Item 6.2 Item 6.3

6.3 Receive External Auditor report

Item 6.4

6.4 CIL update report

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Leisure Committee verbal update
- 7.2 All Purposes Committee verbal update

8. Consultation: Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Circulated 29 September to Cllrs, deadline 28 November 2018 via email or, http://lancashire-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/r19?pointId=3187902

9. Review Complaint Procedure

Review current procedure a) against template procedure b), amendments and adopt

Item 9a&b

10. Matters for information

Receive or update on the 'Fault Reports Log'

Item 10

Notify the Chair prior to the meeting starts 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.

Full Council meeting dates 2018: 15 November, 20 December.

2019: 17 January, 21 February, 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 19 September, 17 October

Newsletter deadlines 5 November 2018 for December issue.

5 February 2019 for March issue; 2 May 2019 for June issue, 1 August 2019 for September issue;

D. Plat

Published: 10/10/18

PLANNING REPORT

Date, Valid, Ref	Description/Location (click to be directed to www)	Comment/Recommendation
18/00878/PDE 99 Princess Way	Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth, with eaves height of 2.25m and a maximum height of 3.46m	
18/00870/PDE 4 Springfield Gardens Prior Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m in dept, with eaves height of 2.43m and a maximum height of 3.32m		
18/00851/FULHH Oak Lodge Old School	Single storey side extension	
18/00892/TPO 12 Carnoustie Drive	Application for works to protected trees: Chorley BC TPO no. 1 (Euxton) 1996 (nos. refer to submitted plan): T1-Oak: Cut back 35% from North east side, crown thin 20% T2-Oak: Crown thin 20% T3-Oak: Crown raise 20%, crown thin 15% T4-Oak: Crown raise 20%, cut back smaller stem 40% from southwest, crown thin %10 T5-Oak: Crown raise 20%, cut away up to 2 metre clearance from property T6-Oak: Cut back stem leaning towards the building, crown thin 15% T7-T9 Oaks: Crown raise 20%, crown thin 20% T10-Oak: Crown raise 20%, crown thin 20%, cut 25% away from neighbouring property	
18/00877/DIS Land off Westway Speedier Scaffolding	Application to discharge conditions 13 (BREEAM) attached to planning permission 15/00383/FULMAJ - demolition of existing buildings. Erection of a vehicle storage and maintenance workshop and offices. Erection of purpose built offices and storage building for scaffolding business.	
18/00911/FULHH 28 Highways Avenue	First floor side extension and conversion of existing garage (to provide living accommodation)	Asked about quantity of parking needed/available
18/00856/DIS Knowe House Euxton Lane	Application to discharge condition 6 (tree protection plan) of permission ref: 17/01164/FULHH (that was for a two storey side extension and two storey rear extension).	

Time: 13:04

Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 24/09/2018 and 31/10/2018

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
24/09/2018	Amazon	150	14.99	Hardware
24/09/2018	Amazon	151	10.90	Hardware
24/09/2018	B&Q DIY	152	145.87	Hardware
24/09/2018	Amazon	153	14.53	Hardware
24/09/2018	Amazon	154	5.99	Hardware
24/09/2018	TESCO	155	14.00	Hardware
24/09/2018	B&Q DIY	156	8.74	Hardware
24/09/2018	Amazon	153	-14.53	Hardware
24/09/2018	Amazon	153	8.54	Hardware
01/10/2018	Easy Websites	157	76.80	Website/Emails
01/10/2018	British Telecom	158	105.37	Telephones
18/10/2018	Delivered NW	159	312.68	Sept delivery
18/10/2018	Southern Electric	160	105.16	Electricity
18/10/2018	Euxton PC Community Centre	161	180.50	Room rental
18/10/2018	PKF Littlejohn LLP	162	720.00	Ext Audit
18/10/2018	C&W Berry Ltd	163	23.18	Hardware
18/10/2018	Society of Local Council Clerk	164	300.00	Clerk training
18/10/2018	Marmax Recycled Products	165	817.20	Seats Balshaw 4
18/10/2018	Marmax Recycled Products	166	441.72	Seat Greenside Garden
18/10/2018	Water Plus	167	108.38	Water supply
18/10/2018	Various	168	1,539.34	Remuneration Oct 18 E1
18/10/2018	Various	169	848.02	Remuneration Oct 18 E2
18/10/2018	Various	170	859.34	Remuneration Oct 18 E3
18/10/2018	Various	171	866.82	Remuneration Oct 18 E4
18/10/2018	HMRC	172	760.17	Tax & NI Oct18
18/10/2018	Atlas Business Finance	173	130.32	Photocopies 22Jun-9Oct18

Total Payments

8,404.03

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/10/2018 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

Bank Statement Account	Name (s) Statement Date	Page No	Balances
RBS Current Account	01/10/2018	135	557.56
RBS High Interest	01/10/2018	83	31,700.84
TSB - Current	01/10/2018	7	417.18
Coop - Current	29/06/2018	27	973.09
Barclays Current	31/07/2018		65.00
Santander	02/10/2018	102018	75,693.12
RBS Debt Card	28/09/2018	36	4,000.00
TSB - Savings	01/10/2018	6	49,007.65
Coop - Savings	21/08/2018	7	45,000.00
Barclays Savings	14/09/2018		75,077.70
Public Sector Deposit Fund		5	100,171.63
		_	382,663.77
Unpresented Cheques (M	inus)	Amount	
16/08/2018 107	LALC	190.00	
20/09/2018 134	Duncan Ross Ltd	8,288.52	
20/09/2018 135	Chorley Borough Council	6.00	
20/09/2018 137	Richard Campey Ltd	7,896.00	
20/09/2018 138	Chorley Borough Council	5,000.00	
20/09/2018 141	SLCC Cheshire	30.00	
20/09/2018 142	Various	1,555.79	
20/09/2018 143	Various	984.02	
20/09/2018 145	Various	841.47	
20/09/2018 146	HMRC	775.61	
20/09/2018 147	Universal Groundworks (NW) Ltd	5,062.00	
18/10/2018 159	Delivered NW	312.68	
8/10/2018 160	Southern Electric	105.16	
8/10/2018 161	Euxton PC Community Centre	180.50	
8/10/2018 162	PKF Littlejohn LLP	720.00	
8/10/2018 163	C&W Berry Ltd	23.18	
18/10/2018 164	Society of Local Council Clerk	300.00	
8/10/2018 165	Marmax Recycled Products	817.20	
18/10/2018 166	Marmax Recycled Products	441.72	
18/10/2018 167	Water Plus	108.38	
8/10/2018 168	Various	1,539.34	
18/10/2018 169	Various	848.02	
18/10/2018 170	Various	859.34	
18/10/2018 171	Various	866.82	
18/10/2018 172	HMRC	760.17	
18/10/2018 173	Atlas Business Finance	130.32	
			38,642.24

User: CLERK

344,021.53

Time: 13:03

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Time: 13:03

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/10/2018 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

User: CLERK

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0.00
1.53

Balance per Cash Book is :- 344,021.53

Difference is :- 0.00

13:13

Euxton Parish Council

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Account 09/10/2018

Account Code Report

		Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Budget Variance	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
	Income Detail						
1076	Precept	159,000	0	(159,000)			0.0%
1080	Bank Interest Received	466	0	(466)			0.0%
1090	Income Publicity	575	0	(575)			0.0%
1100	Grants and Donations RCVD	41,709	0	(41,709)			0.0%
1540	Income All Purposes Committee	1,000	0	(1,000)			0.0%
1570	Income RRM	1,680	0	(1,680)			0.0%
1620	Income CIL	130,103	0	(130,103)			0.0%
	Total Income	334,532		(334,532)		-	0.0%
	Expenditure Detail						
515	VAT on Payments	(25,329)	0	25,329		25,329	0.0%
4000	Employees	32,761	73,000	40,239		40,239	44.9%
4010	Payroll Services	300	1,100	800		800	27.3%
4070	Mileage	1,036	1,900	864		864	54.5%
4075	Employee Training	280	1,200	920		920	23.3%
4080	General Office	1,498	2,000	502		502	74.9%
4090	Publicity	3,066	3,842	776		776	79.8%
4100	Insurance	1,796	1,800	4		4	99.8%
4110	Subscriptions	0	200	200		200	0.0%
4120	Audit	890	1,250	360		360	71.2%
4130	Legal Fees/Planning Investig	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%
4160	Website Maintenance	448	800	352		352	56.0%
4180	Room Hire	0	600	600		600	0.0%
4211	Training/conference fees Counc	190	150	(40)		(40)	126.7%
4220	Elections and Parish Poll Fund	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%
4250	Grants	507	3,500	2,993		2,993	14.5%
4260	Christmas Celebrations	35	2,000	1,965		1,965	1.8%
4300	Euxton Gala	1,092	1,000	(92)		(92)	109.2%
4310	Speed Indicator Device	0	1,150	1,150		1,150	0.0%
4340	Increase Public Involvement	0	250	250		250	0.0%
4350	Finance Software	0	125	125		125	0.0%
4380	Heritage/Sign Project	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%
4390	Defibrillator Project	1,515	1,500	(15)		(15)	101.0%
4430	Millennium Green Pond Project	3,267	3,267	0		0	100.0%
4500	Utilities	327	1,150	823		823	28.5%
4510	Gardens/Planting/Competitions	3,269	18,000	14,731		14,731	18.2%
4530	Millennium Green	155	10,000	9,845		9,845	1.6%
4540	All Purpose Committee	716	2,500	1,784		1,784	28.6%
4570	Amenity/Open Space RRM	22,199	35,656	13,457		13,457	62.3%
4590	Bowling/Boules Project	13,828	10,730	(3,098)		(3,098)	128.9%

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Account 09/10/2018

Account Code Report

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Budget Variance	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
9320 EMR Emergency Fund	436	23,000	22,564		22,564	1.9%
9330 EMR Land Fund	0	65,000	65,000		65,000	0.0%
9340 EMR Street Machines	0	4,009	4,009		4,009	0.0%
9350 EMR Ransnap Brook	0	279	279		279	0.0%
9360 EMR EMR ELF	23	35	12		12	65.7%
9370 EMR CIL	7,712	45,226	37,514		37,514	17.1%
Total Overhead	77,018	327,719	250,701	0	250,701	23.5%
Total Income	334,532	0	(334,532)			0.0%
Total Expenditure	77,018	327,719	250,701	0	250,701	23.5%
Net Income over Expenditure	257,514	(327,719)	(585,233)			
plus Transfer From EMR	8,171					
less Transfer From EMR	130,103					



Mrs Debra Platt Euxton Parish Council 9 Ambleside Avenue Our ref LA0075 Your ref SB03114

Euxton Chorley PR7 6NX Email sba@pkf-littlejohn.com

25 September 2018

Dear Mrs Platt

Euxton Parish Council

Completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2018

We have completed our review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for Euxton Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018. Please find the external auditor report and certificate (Section 3 of the AGAR Part 3) included for your attention as another attachment to the email containing this letter along with a copy of Sections 1 and 2, on which our report is based.

The external auditor report and certificate detail any matters arising from the review. The smaller authority must consider these matters and decide what, if any, action is required.

Action you are required to take at the conclusion of the review

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) set out what you must do at the conclusion of the review. In summary, you are required to:

- Prepare a "Notice of conclusion of audit" which details the rights of inspection, in line with the statutory requirements. We attach a pro forma notice you may use for this purpose.
- Publish the "Notice" along with the certified AGAR (Sections 1, 2 & 3) before 30 September, which must include publication on the smaller authority's website.
- Keep copies of the AGAR available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum.
- Ensure that Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the published AGAR remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of publication.

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Fee

We enclose our fee note for the review, which is in accordance with the fee scales set by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. Please arrange for this to be paid at the earliest opportunity.

Please return the remittance advice with your payment, which should be sent to: PKF Littlejohn LLP, Ref: Credit control (SBA), 2nd Floor, 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4HD. Please include the reference LA0075 or Euxton Parish Council as a reference when paying by BACS.

Timetable for 2018/19

Next year we plan to set a submission deadline for the return of the completed AGAR Part 3 and associated documents (or Certificate of Exemption) in the usual way and this is expected to be no earlier than Monday 10 June 2019, i.e. 10 weeks after the year end.

It is anticipated that the instructions will be sent out during March 2019 in line with current practice, subject to arrangements for the 2018/19 AGARs and Certificates of Exemption being finalised by SAAA. Our instructions will cover any changes about which smaller authorities need to be aware.

In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015:

- The smaller authority must inform the electorate of a single period of 30 working days during which
 public rights may be exercised. This information must be published at least the day before the
 inspection period commences;
- The inspection period <u>must</u> include the first 10 working days of July 2019, i.e. 1 to 12 July inclusive. In practice this means that public rights may be exercised:
 - \circ at the earliest, between Monday 3 June and Friday 12 July 2019; and \circ at the latest, between Monday 1 July and Friday 9 August 2019.

If there are any changes to the above arising from updates to the statutory requirements, you will be notified in good time.

In order to assist you in this process, we plan to include a pro forma template notice with a suggested inspection period on our website, as in previous years. On submitting your AGAR and associated documentation, as was the case for this year, we will need you to either confirm that the suggested dates have been adopted or inform us of the alternative dates selected.

Yours sincerely

PKF Littlejohn LLP

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Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

Euxton Parish Council LA0075

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2018; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance

	not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.	(UK
2 External auditor	r report 2017/18	
Except for the matters reported in our opinion the information in	d below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (At in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our cern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.	GAR),
The AGAR was not accurately does not agree to the prior year	v completed before submission for review. The figures in Section 2, Box 3 of the prior year comparative colur ear final signed Annual Return. Box 3 of the prior year should read £82,701	mn
Other matters not affecting our	r opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:	
None	opinion which we draw to the attention of the additing.	
We certify that we have o	r certificate 2017/18 completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended	31
We certify that we have on Return, and discharged of	completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended	31
We certify that we have on Return, and discharged on March 2018.	completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability	31

Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor

Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Item 6.4

	EUXTON PAR	ISH COUNCIL	
CIL Monies Report (Projection)	Financial Year:	1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018	As at 12/07/2018
CIL Income Breakdown Report		CIL Expenditure Breakdown Report	
Date Location 04/05/18 17/00356/REMMAJ Pear Tree Green 140 houses 15/01230/FUL Euxton Mill 6 cottages 15/01230/FUL LPI as above late pay charge 16/01184/FUL Pear Tree Farm 3 houses 28/10/18 17/00356/REMMAJ Pear Tree Green 140 houses 17/00356/REMMAJ Pear Tree Green 140 LPI 16/01184/FUL Pear Tree Farm 3 houses 15/01259/FUL Dwelling betwn 42/44 The Croft	£ ✓ £121,155.64 £8,029.77 £45.40 ✓ £871.77 130,102.58 ✓ £40,385.21 ✓ £29.88 ✓ £871.77 £2,703.01 43,989.87	Date Description/location 21/06/18 LancsWT/Millennium Green Pond 19/07/18 Two seats for Balshaw Villa POS	£ 6,900.47 812.00
CIL Reconciliation Total CIL brought forward from 2017/2018 Total CIL receipts during 2018/2019	£ 45,226.18 174,092.45	CIL Balances CIL fund carry forward to 2019/2020	£ 211,606.16
Total Expenditure for 2018/2019 Total CIL repaid following notice Total CIL retained at year end	7,712.47 0.00 211,606.16		211,606.16

Report to Euxton Parish Council for 2018/19 ½ Year (April to September)

Community Infrastructure Levy

Overview of how to allocate CIL receipts to Local Communities / Parishes / Town Councils

Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, and they will decide what infrastructure is needed. The levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development.

The table below is a quick guide on how the CIL is allocated to Parish / Town Councils, or how it is allocated in the event of no Parish / Town Council.

Parish Council ✓	Parish Council 🗸
Neighbourhood Plan ✓	Neighbourhood Plan X
= 25% uncapped, paid to Parish	= 15% capped at £100/dwelling, paid to Parish
Parish Council X	Parish Council X
Neighbourhood Plan ✓	Neighbourhood Plan X
= 25% uncapped, local authority consults with community	= 15% capped at £100/dwelling, local authority consults with community

Follow the link below for details on CIL allocations:

Spending the Levy

CIL Overview

Civil Parishes:	28 Oct Total Payment Actual	28 April Total Payment Forecast
Euxton	£43,989.87	£0.00

CIL Breakdown

		Amount Received	Amount Rec'd	
CP Area	Planning App Ref	1 Apr - 30 Sept	1 Oct - 31 Mar	
		PAID	To be paid by 20 Apr	
Euxton	17/00356/REMMAJ	£40,385.21	£0.00	
Euxton	16/01184/FUL	£871.77	£0.00	
Euxton	17/00356/REMMAJ LPI	£29.87	£0.00	
Euxton	15/01259/FUL	£2,703.01	£0.00	

LPI = Late payment Interest. Late payment Interest against a development is only calculated once payment for CIL is actually cleared.

Please note:

- 1) A Manual Payment Voucher for the total amount of CIL (if any) due will be raised by no later than 28 October 2018.
- 2) Regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy, this report details monies to be paid and monies forecast. However, the forecast may change dependent upon instalments being defaulted / appeals / or developments notifying us of commencement / Late Payment Interest being applied etc.

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

- 1. If a complaint cannot be satisfied in full immediately, the complainant shall be asked to put the complaint in writing to the Clerk of the Council, or the Chairman if they indicate they would prefer not to submit it to the Clerk.
 - If the complaint is regarding Council business or an employee, it should be directed to the Chairman for their consideration and discussion with the Complainant.
 - If a complaint regarding an employee is unresolved by the Chairman, the Chairman will refer the complaint to the Personnel Committee.
 - If the complaint is about a Councillor and his/her conduct, the complainant and the complaint will be referred directly to the Monitoring Officer at Chorley Council.
- 2. On receipt of a written complaint, the Clerk and the Chairman, shall (except where the complaint is about his own actions) try to settle the complaint directly with the complainant. If the complaint is in respect of a complaint about the behaviour of an employee of the Council, then it shall not be settled without first notifying the employee complained of and giving them an opportunity to comment on the manner in which it is intended to attempt to settle the complaint. Where the Clerk to the Council or Chairman receives a written complaint about his own actions, they shall immediately refer the complaint to the Personnel Committee.
- 3. The Clerk/or Chairman shall report to the next meeting of the Council any written complaint disposed of by direct action with a complainant.
- 4. The Clerk/or Chairman shall bring any written complaint which has not been settled to the next meeting of the Council, and the Clerk to the Council shall notify the complainant of the date on which the complaint will be considered.
- 5. The Council shall consider the complaint and make its decision about a course of action to be taken.
 - 5.1 If, the Council decides the circumstances of any complaint warrant the matter being discussed in the absence of the press and the public then it will exclude these from the meeting and quoting the exemption clause.
 - 5.2 If the matter is a complaint of such that the Council believes the matter may lead to a disciplinary hearing then the matter must be heard with the press and public excluded. In this event, if the complaint is about an employee, even if the matter is being dealt with initially out of the context of a formal disciplinary hearing, then the employee is entitled to be able to attend and have a representative present/or to act (as set out in the Employment Relations Act 1999 s.10). The matter before the council in this case will be to establish whether there is a factual basis to the complaint and the route or action that should then be taken. The proceedings at this stage cannot be a formal disciplinary hearing, which must be convened on a separate occasion in the proper manner.
 - 5.3 If legal, procedural or other advice is needed before deciding, this will be sought and the complaint heard at the next meeting following receipt of the advice.
- 6. The decision of the Parish Council will be notified in writing to the complainant as soon as is practicably possible, a letter will be sent to explain if there will be a delay.
- 7. In the event of serial facetious, vexatious or malicious complaints from a member of the public the Council should consider taking legal advice before writing any letters to the complainant.
- 8. The Parish Council will not reconsider a complaint, which it has already investigated, and for which no new information or factors are submitted.

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ADVICE NOTE: Complaints Handling and Model Complaints Procedure

Clear guidance on handling complaints has been produced by the Local Government Ombudsman and can be accessed from the publications page of the LGO website (www.lgo.org.uk). Although directed at principal councils in England, parish and community councils may also find this guidance helpful. In addition, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has published general guidance (including *Principles of Good Administration* and *Principles for Remedy*).

It is important that the council's response to a complaint is "proportionate and timely". The LGO guidance for principal councils suggests that most complaints should be resolved within twelve weeks of receipt of the complaint. In many cases, resolution may be possible within a much shorter timescale. Often an acknowledgement that something has gone wrong and an apology are all that the complainant wants.

Not all complaints are justified or well-founded. Sometimes councils may find themselves being called upon to respond repeatedly to an individual or group of individuals where that council has already investigated the matter under complaint (or something very similar) and has concluded that the complaint is without substance. In these cases, the LGO's 'Guidance note on management of unreasonable complainant behaviour' offers useful suggestions for the approach which may be taken and is readily applied to first-tier councils.

The following text forms the basis for a model complaints procedure which can be adapted by parish and community councils to suit their own particular circumstances. All complaints policies require regular reviews and a review every two years might be thought suitable. This enables the council to take account of structural and legal changes such as changes to the standards regime in England brought about by the coming into force of provisions in the Localism Act 2011.

[Insert Name of Parish or Community Council] Complaints Procedure Adopted on [insert date]

1. ****** Parish / Community Council is committed to providing a quality service for the benefit of the people who live or work in its area or are visitors to the locality. If you are dissatisfied with the standard of service you have received from this council, or are unhappy about an action or lack of action by this council, this Complaints Procedure sets out how you may complain to the council and how we shall try to resolve your complaint.

- 2. This Complaints Procedure applies to complaints about council administration and procedures and may include complaints about how council employees have dealt with your concerns.
- 3. This Complaints Procedure does not apply to:

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- 3.1. complaints by one council employee against another council employee, or between a council employee and the council as employer. These matters are dealt with under the council's disciplinary and grievance procedures.
- 3.2. complaints against councillors. Complaints against councillors are covered by the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by the Council on [insert date] and, if a complaint against a councillor is received by the council, it will be referred to the Standards Committee of [insert the name of the principal] Council. Further information on the process of dealing with complaints against councillors may be obtained from the Monitoring Officer of [insert the name of the principal] Council.
- 4. The appropriate time for influencing Council decision-making is by raising your concerns before the Council debates and votes on a matter. You may do this by writing to the Council in advance of the meeting at which the item is to be discussed. There may also be the opportunity to raise your concerns in the public participation section of Council meetings. If you are unhappy with a Council decision, you may raise your concerns with the Council, but Standing Orders prevent the Council from re-opening issues for six months from the date of the decision, unless there are exceptional grounds to consider this necessary and the special process set out in the Standing Orders is followed.
- 5. You may make your complaint about the council's procedures or administration to the Clerk. You may do this in person, by phone, or by writing to or emailing the Clerk. The addresses and numbers are set out below.
- 6. Wherever possible, the Clerk will try to resolve your complaint immediately. If this is not possible, the Clerk will normally try to acknowledge your complaint within five working days.
- 7. If you do not wish to report your complaint to the Clerk, you may make your complaint directly to the Chairman of the Council who will report your complaint to the Complaints Committee of the Council [or whichever committee has this responsibility] or to the Council (as appropriate).
- 8. The Clerk or the Complaints Committee of the Council or the Council (as appropriate) will investigate each complaint, obtaining further information as necessary from you and/or from staff or members of the Council.
- 9. The Clerk or the Chairman of the Council will notify you within 20 working days of the outcome of your complaint and of what action (if any) the Council proposes to take as a result of your complaint. (In exceptional cases the twenty working days timescale may have to be extended. If it is, you will be kept informed.)
- 10. If you are dissatisfied with the response to your complaint, you may ask for your complaint to be referred to the Complaints Committee of the Parish / Community Council or to the full Council (as appropriate) and (usually within eight weeks) you will be notified in writing of the outcome of the review of your original complaint.

Insert contact names and addresses

Fault reports and progress Item 10

Date	Auth'ty	STATUS	Location	Problem	Initial Actions	Further Actions/Follow up/chase	Action/ Requests to others
14/02/2018	LCC		Sunken and broken tarmac, next to very raised	Hawkshead Avenue, opposite to 71 in	LCC report 305254,	Reported again 19/4/18 - this has been wiped off. Reported	
19/4/18			grid and trip hazard, flood	pavement	new report 354584	again 11/9/18 354584	
15/02/2018	LCC		Blocked grid	Top of Bank Lane	LCC report 306020	System says, works ordered - still, checked 11/9	
16/03/2018	LCC		Path left unsafe after NR works, dug up sides	PROW 18 from Village Croft to Oak	Acknowledged	Reported again 19/4/18	
19/4/18			not reinstated	Avenue			
23/03/2018	CBC		Street Name plates damaged	Balshaw Avenue, Regency Gardens,	CBC various	Reported again 10/4/18 - some still outstanding ie, Balshaw	
				Chiltern Avenue		Ave missing. 11/9 reported Balshaw Avenue still missing.	
						Balshaw Ave chased again 2/10/18	
12/06/2018	LCC		Road markings at junction requested due to	Bredon with Cotswold			BC DP,
			cars not stopping		340889		
12/06/2018	LCC		Centre road line to prevent try to prevent	Blind corner Cotwold Ave at Chiltern			BC DP,
			oncoming collition	junction	340879		
24/06/2018	LCC		PROW 32	Totally overgrown and impassable	342640		AO
24/06/2018	LCC		PROW 32	Broken stile	342643		AO
07/07/2018	CBC		Tree fallen across path, and rest of tree	Ransnap Woods		Cleared branch over path, not yet cleared dangerous tree -	BC DP,
			dangerous			chased 12/7 for the rest of the tree to be dealt with	
19/07/2018	CBC		Name plate damaged	Opposite 45 Milestone Mdw	346529		MW
30/08/2018	CBC		Overflowing litter bin	Outside Spar, Runshaw Lane	CAS-566690-3XRMCX	Asking for larger bins - monitoring	
30/08/2018	CBC		Overflowing litter bin	Highways Av nearest chip shop	CAS-566691-5KLSQZ	Asking for larger bins - monitoring	
17/09/2018	CBC	18/09/18	Dog mess	All down Primrose Hill Road and Yew Tree		Cleared and monitoring	
				Avenue	CAS-569398-Y72W4R		
28/09/2018	CBC	01/10/18	Fly tipping	Ransnap Brook, not far from schools	CAS-571045-ZW230K		
28/09/2018	CBC	01/10/18	Litter bin knocked over needs cementing	Bank Lane, opposite school entrances	CAS-571049-92K3R9		
02/10/2018	BT Bus		Red Telephone box in need of clean and paint	Corner of Balshaw Lane and Talbot Drive	LC2FHY92 BT		
08/10/2018	LCC		Trees blocking roundabout signs in both	Railway bridge, Balshaw Lane			
			directions	, ,	358366		
09/10/2018	CBC		Hedges and bushes overgrown and need	Yarrow Valley Car Park, Southport Road			
			cutting back		CAS-572428-N56205		
09/10/2018	CBC		Street sweeping needed to clear away leaves	Southport Road/Balshaw Lane			
			and acorns blocking drains		CAS-572431-QRFHWC		