

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 21 March 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 S Walker
	Cllr M Bamber	Cllr T Reed	Cllr B Williamson
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr A Riggott	Cllr J Williamson
	Cllr C Jones	Cllr D Rigg	Cllr M Wilmot
	Cllr E Jones	Cllr H Tune	
	Cllr A Oddy		

Members of the public 6

1. Apologies Cllr G Sharples.
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21 February 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

- 4.1 Councillor Vacancy – Chair declared a vacant seat in Euxton North East due to non-attendance, this will be advertised for election on the noticeboards as normal.

Resolved: Council agreed for the co-option procedure voting to be in the form of a paper ballot.

- 4.2 Councillor vacancy co-option – member voted on the applicants for the vacant seat. There were 8 candidates, one had withdrawn so 7 were voted upon.

Resolved: Council voted to co-opt Mr Mervyn Thornhill on to the Council and he joined the meeting.

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

Members considered the planning reports.

Resolved: 19/00144/OUT – Euxton Mills car park site - The Parish Council objects to elements of this application and the space left for the pub car park. LCC has identified that the pub will have a shortage of spaces and, the property has 5 bedrooms and not enough car parking besides having a poor access and no visibility to get out of the property to be built.

Resolved: 19/00137/REMMAJ Group 1 Euxton Lane - confirm if there are trees to be removed in this application that they are not TPO trees or connected to the Ancient Woodland area.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

A resident agreed with the Council to protect against the loss of trees on the Group 1 area.

A resident identified flooding problems on Pear Tree Lane.

A resident raised again the hedges on Washington Lane which he had reported and flooding problems there.

A resident said that it was pleasing to see a high number of applicants for the vacant Councillor seat.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve Expenditures on report, and any submitted later (see list below)

Resolved: Council approved the expenditure report and the later submitted items.

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

Clerk updated Council on a discrepancy showing on the Summary sheet which was for £49.95 and the remedial action taken for its correction.

Resolved: Council received the reports.

6.3 Review of Effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit

Resolved: Council reviewed the reports and approved.

6.4 Audit Asset Register

Resolved: Council revised the report and approved.

6.5 Appointment/confirmation of Internal Auditor

The Clerk updated that the Auditor chosen has reported he can't now do the audit due to sickness, the replacement he appointed required all the reports to be sent to them or scanned in and emailed, which would cause too much work. Clerk presented a revised quotation from an Auditor considered when we first appointed a new auditor.

Resolved: Council agreed to move the Audit to JDH Auditing for a cost of £289 + vat.

7. Committee Reports

All Purposes Committee – update on ROF Heritage project and consider additional items.

Resolved: Council agreed to approve the new art board cost of £68.90 and renovation of a water pump at £350 for the ROF Heritage project.

Bowling season has begun and works on the green have been done by the bowling volunteers, the Club is now in 4 leagues, on first day for open practice there were approx. 16/17 people attending.

Planning Training was attended by four Councillors and the Clerk, it was reported to interesting as the subject was enforcement.

An update was given on the Cannon garden roundabout progress. Cannon has been delivered and a contractor is now needed for installation.

An update was asked about the Balshaw Villa corner garden. Clerk updated this was in the hands of Solicitors and despite chasing was not moving forward.

Leisure Committee – the All Weather planning application is progressing but Sport England have become involved and the queries they raise will need responding to, the Police are supporting the application.

Chair reported on attendance of the Chorley Liaison meeting with a number of subjects which she will write up a report on to circulate.

8. Standing Orders Working Group

This item was not circulated, it will be on the next agenda.

9. Matters for information

'Fault Reports Log' was not updated for the meeting.

An update was given on the comment from the last meeting from a resident who had heard that tickets had been revoked which were given around Primrose Hill Road – this was not accurate, no tickets had been revoked LCC confirmed.

Holland House Way – dog foul signs were requested.

Annual Parish Meeting of Electors – date requested.

Millennium Green signs asking people to keep dogs out of the pond for the wildlife to establish, it was suggested a second pond could be built for dogs – this subject will be discussed at the Leisure Committee.

An update on the Allotment site was requested, this will be given later.

Flooding on Pear Tree Lane/Farm area was discussed and possible reasons for the flooding – this will be reported but any photos would be useful if someone has any.

The issues with the fence and access through private land, considered to be dangerous, was discussed, the caretakers have been mending the fence lines and signs are being put up often. This is being monitored.

A request was made to make the new access from the PROW in to the Millennium Green official – this will need to be researched.

Chair and Vice Chair had met with the Leader of Chorley Council regarding the Parish Council's long-standing request for the Allotment land, off Euxton Lane. The reasons for not gifting the land were put forward and the lease offered to the Council was re-affirmed and it was suggested its length be extended to 30 years. The conversation also went on to Milestone Meadow play area and this needs to be discussed further. Members thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for them meeting with Chorley and progressing this project.

The Allotment Working Group needs to meet as soon as possible to discuss the terms of a lease.

Members asked again for the ROF Cannon's to be returned to Euxton.

Members discussed when the latest vacancy will be filled and this will be covered on the April agenda.

Members were asked to request to go on the Allotment Working Group if they are not already on it.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

