

**MINUTES** of Euxton Parish Council ANNUAL council meeting held on 18 May 2023 from 7.15pm at Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present: Cllr K Reed (Chairman) Cllr A Oddy Cllr V Thornhill  
Cllr B Duckworth Cllr C Parker Cllr S Walker  
Cllr N Hall Cllr D Rigg Cllr B Williamson  
Cllr E Jones Cllr A Riggott Cllr J Williamson  
Cllr P Morton Cllr H Tune

Clerk: D Platt, L Hardman  
Members of the public: 0

1. Election of Council Chairman

**Resolved:** Cllr Katrina Reed was nominated and voted as Chair for the coming year and signed the declarations of acceptance of office as Chairman.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

**Resolved:** Cllr Eric Jones was nominated and voted as Vice Chair for the coming year.

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

Members volunteered for the various committees. Cllr Rigg will continue as lead member for planning.

4. Apologies

Cllr P Fellows, Cllr I Hamer, S Hoyle, R Peers.

5. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

Cllr Thornhill declared an interest in a planning application.

6. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Full Council of 20 April 2023 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Public Participation

Cllr Thornhill had declared an interest in a planning application but explained it was incorrectly addressed to his property when it belonged to the developer.

8. Statutory Business

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

360 - The access for emergency interventions (ambulances etc.) appears to be inadequate. Considering this is ancillary accommodation, the statement appears to indicate that it may be changed in the future. The suitability of access should lead to a rejection of this application.

Members discussed TPO applications and what happened to replacement trees. Chair requested information to take this to the Liaison Meeting and Clerk to request CBC do planning training on the issue.

Members heard that the DXC appeal had been upheld and 108 houses would be built on Euxton Lane. Clerk to query why this was not communicated.

367 – standard Tree A1 & A2A responses

**Resolved:** Members agreed with the responses and required actions detailed above.

8.1 Assistance offered to the Wymott Action Group and confirm Councillor representative

**Resolved:** Members agreed Cllr Thornhill to be the liaison representative on the Ulnes Walton (Wymott) Action Group.

9. Financial Items

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

**Resolved:** Council approved the listed expenditures (see Appendix 2).

9.2 Receive financial reports

**Resolved:** Council approved the reports.

10. Consultation: Notification of Balshaw Lane Primary converting to Academy circulated to Councillors 2 May 2023

**Resolved:** Council had no comments.

11. Policy Review: Communications policy

**Resolved:** Council reviewed and agreed the amended policy.

12. Policy Review: Retention policy

**Resolved:** Council reviewed and agreed the amended policy.

13. Consultation: Chorley Council – Chorley Housing Assistance Policy circulated 4 May 2023 circulated to Councillors 4 May 2023

**Resolved:** Council had no comments.

14. Complaint to be considered in accordance with the Council's complaint policy

Council considered at length, all the points of the letters received from a resident on one subject.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the complaint that the Council spent £30,000 on land at Chapel Brook was not upheld.

A recorded vote was requested. For: Cllrs B Williamson, J Williamson, Walker, Oddy, Rigg, Morton, Tune, Jones, Reed, Hall, Riggott, Thornhill, Duckworth. No: 0. Abstain: Cllr Parker.

15. Matters for information

Request for the Safe Trader Scheme and Euxton Gala Committee to be put in contact with each other, as the Team may wish to attend Gala.

PRIVATE, PART II ITEMS

Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Part 1 s1-10 (*specifically for this item 1*). It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business (*specifically for this item: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) ).*

16. Personnel Committee

**Resolved:** Council received the update report from the Personnel Committee of 27 April on:

- Uplift in the hourly rates for the Village Caretakers
- Offer an opportunity of employment of an Apprentice

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

9.15pm

APPENDIX 1 to Minutes of 18 May 2023

9.1 Approve Expenditures for this month

						<b>Item 9.1</b>
<b>Euxton Parish Council</b>						Payments for May 2023
Date	Supplier	Method ref	Budget	£.	Description	
28/03/2023	Water Plus	DD	17	15.57	Water	
01/04/2023	Post Office	Debit	18	136.00	Stamps	
03/04/2023	Euxton PC Comm Cnt	U	19	157.50	Room hire	
17/04/2023	ASC Timber	Debit	20	24.14	Hardware	
18/04/2023	Nuts	Debit	21	1.98	Hardware	
20/04/2023	Water Plus	DD	22	15.57	Water	
20/04/2023	Water Plus	DD	23	290.71	Water	
24/04/2023	ICO	DD	24	35.00	License	
25/04/2023	Euxton St Mary's PTFA	U	25	5000.00	Grant	
25/04/2023	Buckshaw Scouts	U	26	500.00	Grant	
25/04/2023	Euxton PC Comm Cnt	U	27	157.50	Room hire	
28/04/2023	Plusnet	DD	28	7.49	Mobile	
30/04/2023	BT	DD	29	113.94	Telephony	
02/05/2023	CBTC	DD	30	402.00	May office rent	
02/05/2023	Easywebsites	DD	31	98.40	Website/emails	
02/05/2023	EE	DD	32	93.34	Telephony	
10/05/2023	Peoples Pension	DD	33	222.82	Pension contributions	
18/05/2023	CBTC	DD	34	84.00	Office rent balance	
18/05/2023	Proludic	U	35	14966.40	Play equipment	
18/05/2023	Studholme Bell	U	36	264.00	Salary services	
18/05/2023	Burt Wesley & Sons	U	37	336.00	Waste removal	
18/05/2023	Sutcliffe Play	U	38	34.35	Play parts	
18/05/2023	Defib Store	U	39	3615.30	2x public access defib site equipment	
18/05/2023	Tesco	U	40	25.00	Fuel	
18/05/2023	Hotline	U	41	4548.00	Gala materials	
18/05/2023	Edge IT Systems	U	42	223.20	Allotment IT	
18/05/2023	Euxton Canoe Club	U	43	500.00	Grant	
18/05/2023	RBS	DD	44	3.50	Bank charges	
18/05/2023	Plusnet	U	45	7.49	Mobile	
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