

MINUTES of Euxton Parish Council full council meeting held on 16 November 2023 from 7.15pm at Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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

Clerks: D Platt, L Hardman
Members of the public: 1

1. Apologies

Cllrs A Oddy, B Williamson. Non attending P Fellows

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 19 October 2023 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

5. Statutory Business

5.1 Councillor casual vacancy

Cllr Neil Hall had submitted his resignation taking effect after this meeting, Neil spoke about how the work on the Council is valuable and thanked the Committee Chairs, Council Chair Katrina for all her guidance and support and the officers for their assistance.

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

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Cllr VT declared a personal interest in application 940.

Applications 875, 881, 940 will all be responded to with a standard paragraph (A1) The Parish Council is anxious to maintain and improve the health and extent of the tree population in the Parish and objects to any proposals for unnecessary works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order. The Council requests that this application should not be permitted without an inspection by the Chorley Borough Council arboriculturist who should confirm the need for the works.

956 – comment to request that the building should not become a separate property or be lived in and remain ancillary to the application property.

857 – request the remaining three mature Beech trees have a TPO placed on them to retain them from loss, as three trees are already being lost.

Cllr KR declared an interest in the below comment.

Cty Cllr updated members on a drain and planning issue with the School Lane housing site – the approved plans are for the water run off to go South but it appears they are attempting to send it North in to a 'Red' flood zone. Cty Cllr is following up with LCC and CBC on this break from permission and will up date when more is know.

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

6. Financial Items

Councillor asked on progress of visiting both Primrose and Balshaw primaries for a cheque presentation for the ECO Challenge. Clerk will chase.

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

Clerk reported the addition of three further payments.

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

6.2 Receive reports (income, bank reconciliation, budgets)

Resolved: Council received the reports.

6.3 To approve a new signatory on the bank accounts

Resolved: Council agreed that Councillor Steve Walker would become signatory on all the bank accounts, replacing Cllr Neil Hall.

7. Local boundaries and representation, draft article – VT

Resolved: Council agreed the draft article, with one alteration of inserting a ward name, would go in to the March newsletter.

8. Policy Review: Social Media Policy

Resolved: Council agreed, with some minor alterations, for this policy to be adopted and published.

9. Policy Review: Dignity at Work Policy (replacing Bullying & Harassment Policy)

Resolved: Council agreed, with some minor alterations on page 5 to insert 'vice chairs', for this policy to be adopted and published.

10. Policy Review: Policy List for reference on progress

Report was received. Councillors requested for the Committee terms of reference to be reviewed, this will be on February agenda.

11. Footpaths report from PNFS local inspector – consider the report and any actions, support or response from the Council

Resolved: Council agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss this report with the member of public.

Council will ask LCC or Parish Champion about LCCs relationship with PNFS.

Members agreed to set up a Working Group to:

- Help with the Councils walkers map revamp
- Form a strategic plan stemming from the PNFS report considered at this meeting
- Maintenance on paths, priority ordering and
- Programming major works
- Forming volunteer walks and maintenance groups

- Consider affiliate membership of PNFS (£22.50py) to access grants PNFS offer

Resolved: Council agreed to restore standing orders.

12. Matters for Information

The Allotment site won an 'Outstanding' placement in the North West In Bloom Neighbourhood Awards, which was collected by Cllr EJ and two Allotment Society members.

A member informed of a new phone app he had found called 'Clear Waste' – Clerk will ask LCC if they interact with this app.

Clerk raised that the Council has recently received 6 letters from residents, one about traffic problems at the junction of Balshaw Lane and Wigan Road and 5 about speeding traffic on Runshaw Lane. All have been sent to the County Councillor and he updated that these were being looked in to by LCC. Further speed monitoring will be done on Runshaw Lane in the next 8 weeks to assess any differences to the baseline monitoring it carried out prior to the new average speed check stretch was installed on the A581.

A member informed of the Canon fault, where it appears to have drooped – Clerk informed that it seems someone has sat on it and it has bent – this will be repaired when we can find someone who is able to bend the metal straight.

A member had received a request for more large poppies in Euxton, following Remembrance period. Clerk informed there were 20 up in Euxton from A49/Balshaw Lane junction through to Runshaw/Euxton Lane/A49 junction. This will be referred to the Committee to consider purchasing more.

A member queried the loss of two trees on the grass verge on Runshaw Lane – Clerk informed that 2 of the 3 trees the Parish Council had planted had failed and they were on order.

A member queried a report that the doggy bag dispenser on the Millennium Green had been reported empty – Clerk updated that a short supply issue had occurred which is now solved.

A member raised that the Prison Public Inquiry was to be re-opened in March 2024, concentrated on traffic issues, an update report is in the December newsletter.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

8.47pm

APPENDIX 1 to Minutes of 16 November 2023

6.1 Approve Expenditures for this month

List of Payments made between 20/10/2023 and 30/11/2023

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
20/10/2023	Water Plus	193	51.13		Water
20/10/2023	Water Plus	194	32.77		Water
20/10/2023	RBS Bank	199	3.15		Bank chgs
20/10/2023	Water Plus	202	290.79		Water
20/10/2023	Water Plus	203	51.13		Water
24/10/2023	Euro Digital Systems	204	159.54		Photocopier
25/10/2023	SoloPress Printers	205	1,081.35		APC Calendar
31/10/2023	Southern Electric	206	82.54		Electric S'port Rd
01/11/2023	Plusnet	208	7.49		Mobile
01/11/2023	Easy Websites	209	98.40		Website & Emails
01/11/2023	Chorley Business & Technology	210	444.00		Office
16/11/2023	Stage Systems	211	1,296.37		Grant Singers
16/11/2023	PFA Consulting	212	1,200.00		Grant Prison fight
16/11/2023	DCM Surfaces	213	1,320.00		Wetpour repair G'side
16/11/2023	Eccleston Electrical	214	896.40		Defib fit/light at allots
16/11/2023	Sports Direct	215	59.99		Boots
16/11/2023	Peoples Pension	216	241.87		Pensions
16/11/2023	RBS Bank	217	0.70		Charge
16/11/2023	Various	218	7,350.33		Salaries Nov23
16/11/2023	HMRC	219	2,058.11		Tax & NI Nov23
16/11/2023	TESCO	220	28.78		Fuel
16/11/2023	TESCO	221	105.00		Tokens calendar/remembrance
16/11/2023	The Print Quarter	222	18.00		Printing
16/11/2023	Origin Amenity Solutions	223	1,485.94		Bowling green chemicals
20/11/2023	Water Plus	202A	-0.09		Water
Total Payments			18,363.69		