

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 19 February 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Bamber (Vice Chair)	Cllr C Jones	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)
	Cllr M Bamber	Cllr E Jones	Cllr A Riggott
	Cllr H T Cook	Cllr J Matson	Cllr V Thornhill
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr M Parr	Cllr S Wellerd
	Cllr M Jarnell	Cllr A Platt	
	Cllr A Reed joined after item 4.2		9 members of the public

1. Apologies Cllrs A Caughey, J Caughey, J Prayle.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a pecuniary interest in items forming part of agenda items 6.1, as a relative of an employee.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15 January 2015 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman with an amendment to the present list and clarification of interest declared.

4. Statutory Business

4.1 Planning - considered applications in report from Lead Member for Planning.

Aldi application 15/00089/FULMAJ

Resolved: Council supports the application in principle, of a large store with divisible units.

Cllrs Riggott and Jarnell declared a personal interest in this item when referring to the management fee charged to residents, as they are residents and pay the fee.

Resolved: Council reserves its position on the subsidiary issue of the Community Centre until it finds out more information on the needs of Euxton.

Appeals for 31 Washington Lane land and Fir Tree Farm – representations will be sent in, along the lines of the objections to the planning applications. Cllr Thornhill will compose, Cllr M Bamber will check and Clerk will send.

Councillor J Bamber assumed the Chair for this next item, Cllr Reed stepped down.

4.2 Casual Councillor Vacancy Co-option

Resolved: Council elected by ballot Mr Anthony Reed to the casual vacancy.

Mr Reed signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Residents attended and discussed the bus shelter which Chorley Council is proposing for Runshaw Lane, the possibility of a crossing on Runshaw Lane and a situation on Culbeck Lane.

The Borough Councillor attended to report he had attended the last neighbourhood meeting where priorities were put forward. Last year a planting scheme for Euxton Lane was agreed and this now has been ordered and may be in by the end of March near to Milestone Meadow/East Terrace and new schemes for the coming year are Balshaw Lane Ponds, outdoor classroom for Primrose Hill Primary and wildflower schemes for Astley Village.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

The Chair informed the residents that the Council had supported the consultation for a bus shelter on Runshaw Lane. The request for crossing was taken by the Borough Councillor and the Culbeck Lane issue was passed to them also.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve requests for payment made to the Council

Resolved: Council agreed the itemised requests for payment be approved for payments on report 2 which had been checked by a Councillor prior.

Creditor	Description	Total £
Lancashire Best Kept Village	Competition entry	25.00
Royal Mail	Freepost fee	112.80
United Utilities	Waste water and water	46.64
Lancashire County Training Partnership	Two training places	50.00
Chorley Silver Band	Christmas	125.00
Heaton Street Gardening	Millennium Green shrub beds	480.00
Employee 1	Reimbursements	16.98
Employee 2	Reimbursements	35.00
Employee 3	Reimbursements	35.25
Employee 4	Reimbursements	22.75
Employee 1	Salary Feb	1431.66
Employee 2	Salary Feb	764.59
Employee 3	Salary Feb	720.86
Employee 4	Salary Feb	707.91
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Feb 15	569.94
Cash	Petty cash fund reimbursement	258.24

6.2 Receive financial monitoring reports.

Resolved: Council received the financial monitoring statements.

6.3 Consider creating a Chairman's Budget, as per the report.

Resolved: Council agreed a Chairman's budget would be created of £100.

7. Committee/Working Group Reports

7.1 LDF Working Group - Cllr J Bamber informed the decision of the Inspector were awaited.

7.2 All Purposes Committee - Cllr Riggott reported that the minutes for the meetings were available. A questionnaire will be in the upcoming newsletter asking views on the newsletter, website, twitter and facebook. A working group will continue for the newsletter to gather articles and chase pieces such as the Cllr Profiles. Site for a new noticeboard will be put to Tesco, Committee hopes to meet again before the end of April.

7.3 Bowling & Boules Committee - Cllr J Bamber informed that the items from the committee had been send to ECC, they met last night, so awaiting their responses.

Resolved: Council agreed the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

8. Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit

Resolved: Council received the review, adjusted the wording for item 3 and agreed the document.

Council returned to item 4.1, issue of the trees by the railway line and referred to the information supplied with the agenda.

Resolved: Council agreed to write to Network Rail regarding the issues and questions raised in the information. Cllr Thornhill will forward the queries to the Clerk to send.

9.05 Cllr Parr left

9. Internal Audit Plan and appoint an Internal Auditor

9.45 Cllr Wellerd left

Resolved: Council reviewed the plan, made changes to three of the sections and approved the document.

Councillors discussed if the Internal Auditor should be met by a Councillor during the process or handover of the books.

Resolved: Council appointed Mr Lawson as Internal Auditor for the accounts year ending 31 March 2015.

10. Asset List for Audit

Resolved: Council reviewed the asset list for audit and it was approved.

11. Financial Risk Assessment

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved: Council approved an extension to the meeting to deal with some of the outstanding agenda items and referred 14 and 16.

12. Business Continuity Plan

This item was referred back to the Personnel Committee again.

13. New Scheme in place of the Quality Council Scheme

Councillors discussed the scheme, it was raised that Council had decided not to join NALC and this was a NALC scheme, it would cost money and could not see any benefits and felt gained no benefits from the original Quality Scheme. A vote to apply to the Gold Standard of the new scheme was defeated.

15. Consultations

Primrose Hill Primary School extension

Resolved: Council raised issues regarding the parking and traffic issues the increased numbers would create and if the scheme could look for an alternative routes and access points, maybe through land to the side.

Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document – Councillors should pass their comments on this consultation to the Clerk to collate and submit.

17. Matters for Information

A Councillor requested numerous items for a future agenda, minutes, budget process, desk in library, reviewing of policies.

Chair requested item for a Finance Committee formation.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.