

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 21 July 2016 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 A Reed
	Cllr A Caughey	Cllr J Matson	Cllr A Riggott
	Cllr J Caughey	Cllr M Parr	Cllr G Rypel (from item 4)
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr A Platt	Cllr V Thornhill
	Cllr M Jarnell	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)	Members of the public 60+

1. Apologies Cllrs M Bamber, H T Cook, E Jones, S Wellerd.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a pecuniary interest in items forming part of agenda items 7, 8.1 as a relative of an employee.

Cllrs K Reed, T Reed declared an interest in item 6 as they live next to the land.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 June 2016 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

Councillor Vacancy

Resolved: Council voted to co-opt Gemma Rypel to the casual Councillor vacancy.

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

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Many residents attended to discuss and object to the planning application from Gladman on land south of School Lane. Residents asked the Council for assistance to help pay for a planning specialist to look into the details of the application to form a professional response and towards materials to raise attention with residents of the application. There were many questions and discussions.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

Councillor Rypel declared a personal interest in item 6.

6. Gladman Housing Proposal

Councillors discussed the proposals for assistance towards a planning specialist and materials.

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

Residents added further information and responses to queries.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

6.1. Consider engaging the services of a Planning Consultant to assist in the producing of objections on behalf of Euxton Residents/Euxton Parish Council should a planning application be submitted to develop "safeguarded" land (Pear Tree Lane, Euxton) as currently being formulated by "Gladman Developments".

There were various proposals for differing amounts. Two proposals were eventually decided to be voted upon, first for £5000 and a counter proposal for £1500. The counter proposal was voted for first.

Resolved: Council agreed to cover the expense of the planning consultant up to £1500 initially, up to the planning application coming before the development control committee when this will be reviewed, in case attendance is required:

Voted for: Cllrs J Caughey, A Caughey, Thornhill, C Jones, Matson, Riggott, Platt.

Against: Cllrs Parr, Fellows, J Bamber, Jarnell

Did not vote: Cllrs K Reed, T Reed, G Rypel.

Carried.

6.2. The reimbursement of the costs of leaflets or other advertising items already produced and distributed plus any other further production/costs in connection with current/future proposed major developments in Euxton.

There were various proposals with differing details.

Resolved: Council agreed to cover expenses brought to the Council under budget 02-7 paid against physical invoices in the Council's name:

Voted for: Cllrs J Caughey, A Caughey, Thornhill, Fellows, C Jones, J Bamber, M Jarnell, Riggott, Platt.

Abstain: Cllr Matson.

Did not vote: Cllrs K Reed, T Reed, G Rypel, M Parr.

Carried.

Resolved: Council agreed to set up a Working Group for this matter, Councillor volunteers were: Cllrs K Reed, Rypel, Riggott, Jarnell, Parr, Matson.

Resident volunteers were: A Jenkinson, G Guy, B Bryce, L Hollerton, S Masterson, J Carter.

Clerk will inform the planning consultant that the Council is to cover the cost of this quoted work so the Working Group can proceed instructing him.

7. Authorise Sealing of Documents

True Bearing Contract

Resolved: Council agreed that the Chairman and Cllr A Caughey will sign this document for and on behalf of the Council.

8. Financial Items

8.1 Approve Expenditure

Resolved: Council approved the expenditures in report 1.

Resolved: Council approved the additional expenditure items on the presented report of three grants, also an invoice for printing, and an invoice for a service which arrived in the post this afternoon.

Creditor	Description	Total £
Easy Web-Sites	SO for website	24.00
Paper Rabbit Print Ltd	Printing of July newsletter	857.00
Metal Formations Ltd	Ornamental new sign	540.00
DWG NW Ltd	Weed killer	32.50
CA Traffic Ltd	SPID repair	324.60
Euxton PC Comm Cnt	Room rentals	142.50
C & W Berry Ltd	Hardware purchases	75.69
Plantscape Ltd	Basket trees, tubs	2318.40

United Utilities	Water/waste at pavilion	16.59
RHF Turf	Turf	44.40
Duncan Ross Ltd	Vertidrain football pitches	3684.00
Atlas Business Finance	Photocopies 8/3/16-12/7/16	250.56
Cash	Petty cash fund reimbursement	277.99
Employee 1	Salary/expenses July 2016	1561.13
Employee 2	Salary/expenses July 2016	985.37
Employee 3	Salary/expenses July 2016	799.90
Employee 4	Salary/expenses July 2016	888.32
HMRC	Tax & NI July 2016	640.50
Employee 1	Salary/expenses August 2016	1501.06
Employee 2	Salary/expenses August 2016	871.67
Employee 3	Salary/expenses August 2016	705.77
Employee 4	Salary/expenses August 2016	710.37
HMRC	Tax & NI August 2016	460.15
Euxton CE PTFA	Grant for reading chair	1000.00
Euxton Villa FC	Defibrillator grant	4000.00
NW Ambulance NHS Trust	Defibrillator grant	2000.00
Studholme Bell	Salary service	240.00
Galaxy Print	Printing for planning Gladman	179.00
		<u>25131.47</u>

8.2 Receive financial reports 1, 3 & 4

Resolved: Reports were received.

8.3 Receive and approve the Annual Return and report from the External Auditor

This item was withdrawn as the Audit had not arrived back from the External Auditor.

8.4 Approve the opening of a Barclays Bank account and nominated signatures

Resolved: Council agreed to:

- Open a Business Premium Account at Barclays Bank
- Signatories for this account to be: Cllrs K Reed and A Caughey and Clerk
- Approve the figure of £75,000 to be transferred in to the account from the RBS current account

9. Committee/Working Group Reports and Recommendations

9.1 Leisure Committee – verbal feedback from meeting on 28 June 2016 was given and Council was asked to consider the recommendations:

9.1.1 It is recommended to Full Council that £15,000 from the CIL money be allocated to the Millennium Green path renovation and creation project.

Resolved: Council approved this budget virement as proposed.

9.1.2 It is recommended to Full Council that £5,000 from the CIL money be allocated to the Millennium Green path project to create a new ramped incline for disabled and wheeled access to the area.

Resolved: Council approved this budget virement as proposed.

9.2 All Purposes Committee – verbal feedback from meeting on 14 July 2016

Chair gave an update of the meeting items and it was noted to Council that it had not received any updates for feedback from the Euxton War Memorial Group regarding the remedial work on the memorial and to the question of the work being guaranteed. The group will be chased.

Cllr Riggott reported on a Neighbourhood Meeting he had attended at Chorley Council – he informed the meeting that a seat had been installed near to the duck

pond in Buckshaw Village, the meeting reported that the skate park safety measures had been successfully delivered. Councillors were asked to consider new projects for this committee for the next round of applications.

9.3 Finance Committee – verbal feedback from meeting on 18 July 2016

The Vice Chair reported that the committee had deferred considering the External Auditors report, reviewed the risk document which will be on a future Council agenda, reviewed the insurance quotations and will make a recommendation to Council at the next agenda, reviewed some financial regulation items and these will be proposed to Council for inclusion.

Chair of the Bowling Committee reported that the planning application had been submitted on 4th July, Clerk updated that it will be validated from when it was submitted but it needs to go to the August development control committee, because Chorley Council has an interest in the land.

Chair reported on attending the Chorley Liaison meeting which discussed Chorley's new management structure, LCC assets consultation, highway verge cutting and gully cleaning.

It was noted that Euxton Library will not have other functions or services running from it, except its Library function and this may put it at risk in future rounds of service cuts as other buildings often have more than one service operating from it.

10. Chorley A&E Function

JC Proposal to send a letter to Lancashire Health Authority to show our concerns over the closure of the 24 hour A&E cover at Chorley & South Ribble Hospital.

Resolved: Council agreed to write a letter regarding its concerns and requesting reinstatement of the services as soon as possible to mitigate further risks to our residents.

11. LCR Magazine

Council considered the proposal and costing to subscribe to the LCR Magazine and will review this request if it becomes no longer available for free online.

12. Matters

Former Councillor Prayle had been presented with a service certificate by the Chair.

LCC had done a tremendous tar and chipping project in Euxton recently and are now on to restoring all the white lines.

Cllr Platt raised an issue to Councillors which had happened at the May meeting where the bank reconciliation for April was discussed. The lengthy debate resulted in him making a proposal to amend 9.2a to read financial year ending 31 March 2016, but as demonstrated by the balances the report was factually correct and he apologised to the Clerk and fellow Councillors.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.