

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 16 June 2016 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Present</u> | Cllr J Bamber (Vice Chair) | Cllr C Jones           | Cllr A Riggott   |
|                | Cllr M Bamber              | Cllr E Jones           | Cllr V Thornhill |
|                | Cllr A Caughey             | Cllr A Platt           | Cllr S Wellerd   |
|                | Cllr J Caughey             | Cllr K Reed (Chairman) |                  |
|                | Cllr H T Cook              | Cllr A Reed            |                  |

Members of the public 4

1. Apologies Cllrs Fellows, Jarnell, Matson.

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.

Cllrs K Reed, T Reed declared an interest in item 13 as they live next to the land.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council Meeting on 19 May 2016 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

Councillor Vacancy - Council was informed the Councillor vacancy notice had been displayed and no election was called. All the noticeboards now display a co-option vacancy notice and the newsletter carried the vacancy advertisement.

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

The response regarding the Gladman consultation proposal had been submitted.

Members discussed the Chorley Rugby Club site public consultation information, with the addition of a care home at the loss of recreation space. The event is on the 25 June.

**Resolved:** Agreed that the Lead Member would draft a letter to the consultation in line with members' comments:

- Loss of recreation space
- Contrary to Local Plan as it replaces recreation space with residential space
- Amount of pitch space on original planning approvals reduced
- Increased development in Euxton not itemised in Local Plan
- Access on to Westway (a clearway road) to the proposed care home
- Allowing the change, against the Local Plan, will be a further bad precedent for the Plans integrity
- Request withdrawal of the proposal

It was noted that the Storey Homes workshop on the Camelot site was on the 25 June, no representative from the Council will attend.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

**Resolved:** Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

A resident attended in response to receiving a letter regarding the Gladman outline planning application.

It was noted that the Gladman application did not include in its statements the response from the Parish Council which gave a bad impression and the Council should ask for this omission to be corrected. The application is programmed to be considered by the Development Control Committee mid September.

**Resolved:** Council resolved to restore standing orders.

Lead Member for Planning will draft a letter regarding the Gladman statements being incorrect and ask for the statements to be withdrawn, corrected and re-submitted and for the consultation time to be adjusted in line with this delay.

Councillors agreed to bring forward item 13a) and b).

13. Gladman Housing Proposal

a. 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".

Members discussed this proposal at length. It was not known if the residents had, or were, to engage a consultant, or the costs. The residents had a meeting arranged next week to discuss the application and actions.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to defer a decision on 13a) to await information from the resident meeting.

Recorded vote: For, Cllrs Platt, Riggott, E Jones, Wellerd, J Caughey, A Caughey, M Bamber, Cook, Thornhill, C Jones, J Bamber. (Cllrs K Reed and T Reed did not take part in this vote).

b. 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.

Members discussed this proposal at length and made a number of proposals to offer assistance of various values but, there was no indication as to what the costs would be for, or for how much they would be.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to defer a decision on 13b) to await information to be supplied from the resident meeting of specific figures against items in good time for the Council's July meeting (by 11<sup>th</sup> July).

Recorded vote: For, Cllrs J Caughey, A Caughey, M Bamber, Cook, Thornhill, C Jones, E Jones, Riggott, Platt. Against, Cllrs Wellerd, J Bamber. (Cllrs K Reed and T Reed did not take part in this vote).

4. Statutory Business

Gladman outline planning proposal - A number of points were discussed further in the Gladman proposal.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to restate its original objections to the Gladman proposal.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve Expenditure (report 1)

Questions raised on Pennine repair to equipment, if this could go through the insurance; invoice for the trees – delivery on Monday.

**Resolved:** Council approved the expenditures in report 1.

| <b>Creditor</b>     | <b>Description</b>              | <b>Total £</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Easy Web-Sites      | SO for website                  | 24.00          |
| C & W Berrys        | Hardware purchases              | 11.57          |
| Viking Direct       | Stationery                      | 232.48         |
| Hotline             | Gala bags, keyrings             | 604.88         |
| Hotline             | Pens                            | 118.56         |
| G & A Marskell      | Planters bedding                | 1500.00        |
| RHF Turf Growers    | Soil                            | 70.75          |
| E-On                | Electricity at pavilion         | 45.27          |
| ARK Welding         | Posts for signs                 | 36.00          |
| ARK Welding         | Repairs to play area gates      | 90.00          |
| Pennine Playgrounds | Repairs to equipment            | 1710.00        |
| Survey Operations   | Topographic survey              | 270.00         |
| Newsquest           | Delivery June newsletter        | 76.16          |
| J A Jones & Sons    | 5 trees for primary schools     | 588.00         |
| Employee 1          | Salary/expenses June 2016       | 1497.60        |
| Employee 2          | Salary/expenses June 2016       | 937.97         |
| Employee 3          | Salary/expenses June 2016       | 771.05         |
| Employee 4          | Salary/expenses June 2016       | 908.16         |
| HMRC                | Tax & NI June 2016              | 654.29         |
| Engrave Cut & Copy  | 5 tree plaques for school trees | 150.00         |
| Cash                | Petty cash fund reimbursement   | 170.92         |
|                     |                                 | 10467.66       |

## 6.2 Receive financial reports 1, 3 & 4

**Resolved:** Reports were received.

The CIL receipt will be moved to a new budget, reference 08-3. The bank compensations were queried – these are for upheld complaints.

## 7. Committee/Working Group Reports and Recommendations

### 7.1 Finance Committee – verbal feedback from meeting on 2 June 2016

Chair reported the programmed meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> July will be moved.

### 7.2 Personnel Committee – verbal feedback from meeting on 15 June 2016

Chair gave a verbal update of several items from the Personnel Committee the day before.

### 7.3 All Purposes Committee

A report on the Email system insurance enquiry response had been circulated with the agenda. This would be considered within the forthcoming review of insurance cover.

Chair reported: The two new wayside seats had been installed off Pear Tree Lane and beside the duck pond in Buckshaw Village.

The PACT meeting system was to be changed to roving meetings in the three locations covered by the Police neighbourhood team, Euxton, Buckshaw and Astley Village.

The next volunteer litter pick event is Saturday, 10.00am to 12.30pm from Buckshaw Tesco car park.

An update on the ROF Lamp Post and Defibrillator projects were requested – the lamp post was subject to an approval by LCC on a road layout and could not proceed until this was finalised, the defibrillator is on the next agenda, 14 July, and there is a Councillor progressing the project.

8. Millennium Green Improvements

Members considered the detailed report, proposals for improvements and recommendations for budget transfers to enable the improvement works.

The use of CIL monies to be confirmed in connection with this project.

**Resolved:** Council accepted the recommendations of the report:

- a) Council allocates a sum of £9500 to the improvements to the existing pathway to be transferred from the following items:

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| MG Main Plan Survey        | £4000        |
| MG grass cuts, maintenance | £2000        |
| Amenity/open space RRM     | <u>£3500</u> |
| Total                      | £9500        |

- b) Council allocates a sum of £9000 for a new north south pathway the sum to be transferred from Land Fund/amenity in the current financial year.
- c) Council notes the proposals for future works on Millennium Green.

9. Time Credits

Members considered the information in the presentation and recommendation for Euxton Parish Council to sign up to the scheme.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to the scheme, which was referred to the All Purposes Committee for it to administer.

10. LCR Magazine

Consider the proposal and costing to subscribe to the LCR Magazine. Clerk to check if the magazine is free online. Defer this decision to the next meeting.

11. Financial Regulations

Members considered to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations with minor amendments to:

- 5.7 delete repeated words
- 11.1b) delete words in brackets
- 11.1c) delete words in brackets
- 6.7 delete last sentence

HTC leave 8.50

12. Consultation for Balshaw Lane school expansion

Councillors discussed the school expansion consultation information and it was noted.

14. Matters

An objection letter to the planning application 16/00380, has been copied to the Council by a resident, it is available for Councillors to read.

Gala Day is on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the Clerk will circulate a volunteer list so we have Councillors on the stall all day.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.