



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Thursday, 19 November 2020, 7.15 pm start

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any interest in respect of any matters contained or brought up at any point in this meeting, in accordance with the current Code of Conduct. Council will consider dispensation requests.
3. Minutes of Council Meetings
Approve the signing as a correct record, Full Council of 15 October 2020
4. Public Participation
Matters brought to the Parish Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.
5. Statutory Business
Planning - Consider planning reports circulated from, approve any responses and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines.
6. Financial Items – as circulated
 - 6.1 Approve expenditures circulated with the agenda
 - 6.2 Receive updated financial reports (Items: a Income, b Reconciliation, c Budgets)
 - 6.3 Receive External Auditor report
 - 6.4 Banking – Clerk to apply for electronic banking for the RBS accounts
 - 6.5 Budget headings and transfers of funds report
7. Land for sale
Consider an update report on the land for sale on Wigan Road
8. Improvements to the footpath network in the Parish
Report attached by Cllr Thornhill for discussion and decisions
9. Parish Online Mapping

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10. Matters for information

Notify the Chair prior to the meeting starts of any item to be brought up under this section. Only items of information, referral to another authority, or matters offered for consideration at a future meeting can be raised. No legal decisions can be taken.

End of meeting


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<p>20/01217/FULHH 1 Pennine Avenue</p>	<p><u>Erection of a detached garage</u></p>	
<p>20/01203/MNMA 22 Anderton Road</p>	<p><u>Minor non material amendment to planning permission 20/00582/FULHH (Single storey side and rear extension) to change the walls of elevations from brickwork to white render</u></p>	

Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 16/10/2020 and 30/11/2020

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
16/10/2020	Unity Trust Bank	165	18.00		Service charge
19/10/2020	Pole Green Nurseries	155	42.14		Gardening
20/10/2020	North West Flags	156	48.93		Flags
20/10/2020	Xamax	157	122.27		Workwear
21/10/2020	C&W Berry Ltd	158	87.24		Hardware
26/10/2020	B&Q DIY	159	42.22		Hardware
26/10/2020	ASC Timber Supplies Ltd	160	19.98		Hardware
26/10/2020	Pole Green Nurseries	161	11.00		Gardening
26/10/2020	Southern Electric	162	28.78		Southport Road
29/10/2020	Safety Signs & Notices	163	9.04		Safety Signs & Notices
30/10/2020	British Telecom	164	120.60		Telephony
01/11/2020	Easy Websites	167	80.40		Website/emails
03/11/2020	Easy Websites	168	360.00		Website rebuild
12/11/2020	Southern Electric	154	95.20		Pavilion electricity
15/11/2020	Peoples Pension	166	172.41		Pensions
19/11/2020	Site Supply Group	170	166.49		Workwear
19/11/2020	Eccleston Electrical	171	220.46		Elec repairs
19/11/2020	EE Mobile & Broadband	172	40.60		Mobile
19/11/2020	Royal British Legion	173	200.00		Wreaths
19/11/2020	Euxton PC Community Centre	174	2,400.00		Grant
19/11/2020	TESCO	175	20.00		Fuel
19/11/2020	C&W Berry Ltd	176	283.56		Hardware
19/11/2020	Rialtas Business Solutions	177	148.80		Acctng package
19/11/2020	DWG (NW) Ltd	178	2,055.00		Gardening
19/11/2020	Pole Green Nurseries	179	41.97		Gardening
19/11/2020	Chorley Borough Council	180	256.00		Planning application
19/11/2020	Studholme Bell Ltd	181	180.00		Salary Svs
19/11/2020	B&Q DIY	182	6.00		Hardware
19/11/2020	Various	184	1,615.90		Remuneration Nov 20 E1
19/11/2020	Various	185	735.58		Remuneration Nov 20 E2
19/11/2020	Various	183	777.35		Remuneration Nov 20 E2
19/11/2020	Various	186	906.49		Remuneration Nov 20 E4
19/11/2020	Various	187	649.39		Remuneration Nov 20 E5
19/11/2020	Various	188	609.25		Remuneration Nov 20 E6
19/11/2020	Various	189	140.80		Remuneration Nov 20 E7
19/11/2020	HMRC	190	1,018.96		Tax & NI Nov20
19/11/2020	RHF Turf Growers	191	240.00		Bark Balshaw
19/11/2020	Nicholas A J Frost	192	75.00		IT repairs
19/11/2020	Telltale Signs	193	50.40		Sign
19/11/2020	Baker Ross	194	156.45		Bird/Bug project
19/11/2020	B&D Printers	195	860.00		Printing Dec20 newsletter
19/11/2020	Poundstretcher	196	0.98		Stationery
19/11/2020	C&W Berry Ltd	197	17.77		Hardcore
19/11/2020	Poundstretcher	196B	2.00		Stationery
20/11/2020	Water Plus	169	21.68		Water at pavilion
Total Payments			15,155.09		

Current Bank A/c

Receipts received between 16/10/2020 and 30/11/2020

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
	Banked: 30/10/2020	0.70						
	RBS	0.70			1080	220	0.70	Interest
	Banked: 30/10/2020	1,800.00						
	Westchurch Homes	1,800.00			1100	200	1,800.00	Inv 001
	Total Receipts:	1,800.70	0.00	0.00			1,800.70	

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/11/2020
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
RBS Current Account	30/10/2020	180	549.41
RBS High Interest	30/10/2020	108	85,046.55
TSB - Current	02/02/2020	10	417.18
Coop - Current	22/05/2020		45,973.09
Barclays Current	16/09/2020		65.00
Santander	02/11/2020	112020	51,406.37
RBS Debit Card	30/10/2020	73	4,000.00
TSB - Savings	01/11/2020	31	19,712.30
Coop - Savings	31/03/2020	14	5,038.21
Barclays Savings	16/09/2020		30,270.17
Public Sector Deposit Fund	31/10/2020	30	252,132.33
Unity Trust (Current)	30/10/2020	20	2,363.47
Unity Trust (Saver)	30/10/2020	16	12,585.64
			509,559.72

<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>			<u>Amount</u>
16/04/2020	8	ICO	35.00
17/09/2020	112	TESCO	3.50
15/10/2020	153	District Valuation Office	360.00
01/11/2020	167	Easy Websites	80.40
03/11/2020	168	Easy Websites	360.00
19/11/2020	170	Site Supply Group	166.49
19/11/2020	171	Eccleston Electrical	220.46
19/11/2020	172	EE Mobile & Broadband	40.60
19/11/2020	173	Royal British Legion	200.00
19/11/2020	174	Euxton PC Community Centre	2,400.00
19/11/2020	175	TESCO	20.00
19/11/2020	176	C&W Berry Ltd	283.56
19/11/2020	177	Rialtas Business Solutions	148.80
19/11/2020	178	DWG (NW) Ltd	2,055.00
19/11/2020	179	Pole Green Nurseries	41.97
19/11/2020	180	Chorley Borough Council	256.00
19/11/2020	181	Studholme Bell Ltd	180.00
19/11/2020	182	B&Q DIY	6.00
19/11/2020	184	Various	1,615.90
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19/11/2020	189	Various	140.80
19/11/2020	190	HMRC	1,018.96
19/11/2020	191	RHF Turf Growers	240.00
19/11/2020	192	Nicholas A J Frost	75.00
20/11/2020	169	Water Plus	21.68

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/11/2020
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	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balances</u>
		13,648.18
		<u>495,911.54</u>
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>		
	0.00	
		<u>0.00</u>
		495,911.54
	Balance per Cash Book is :-	495,911.54
	Difference Excluding Adjustments is :-	0.00
<u>Adjustments to Reconciliation</u>		
17/09/2020 112 TESCO	0.00	
		<u>0.00</u>
	Unreconciled Difference is :-	0.00

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Account 12/11/2020

Council Detail Report

	Actual Year to Date	Current Annual Bud	Budget Variance	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available
<u>Expenditure Detail</u>					
4000 Employees	50,926	90,000	39,074		39,074
4010 Payroll Services	365	1,200	835		835
4070 Mileage	1,290	3,000	1,710		1,710
4075 Employee Training	0	3,000	3,000		3,000
4080 General Office	2,392	5,200	2,808		2,808
4081 Covid Response	75	10,000	9,925		9,925
4090 Communications	2,434	4,100	1,666		1,666
4100 Insurance	3,115	3,500	385		385
4120 Audit	(491)	1,250	1,741		1,741
4130 Legal Fees/Planning Investig	0	5,000	5,000		5,000
4211 Councillor Training	0	250	250		250
4250 Grants	2,600	6,000	3,400		3,400
4260 Christmas Celebrations	0	3,000	3,000		3,000
4300 Euxton Gala	0	1,500	1,500		1,500
4310 Road Safety/SPID	0	2,500	2,500		2,500
4320 Footways/Cycleways	0	250	250		250
4340 Community Engagement	9	250	241		241
4350 ECO Projects	0	8,000	8,000		8,000
4380 Heritage Projects	1,660	3,000	1,340		1,340
4390 Defibrillator Project	0	4,000	4,000		4,000
4410 Monarch Passing	8	500	492		492
4500 Utilities	619	1,400	781		781
4510 Gardens/Planting/Competitions	2,368	10,000	7,632		7,632
4520 Allotments	3,707	17,000	13,293		13,293
4530 Millennium Green	368	10,000	9,632		9,632
4540 All Purpose Committee	0	2,500	2,500		2,500
4560 Multi/All Weather Greenside (n	0	1,500	1,500		1,500
4570 Amenity/Open Space RRM	3,460	35,000	31,540		31,540
4581 War Memorial	236	500	264		264
9330 EMR Land Fund	300	0	(300)		(300)
Total Overhead	75,442	233,400	157,958	0	157,958
Total Income	0	0	0		
Total Expenditure	75,442	233,400	157,958	0	157,958
Net Income over Expenditure	(75,442)	(233,400)	(157,958)		
plus Transfer From EMR	0				
less Transfer From EMR	0				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(75,442)				

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Agenda Item 6.5 Report

6.5 Budget headings and transfers of funds report

Covid Response Budget

In the last meeting it was agreed for the £10,000 Covid Response grant to be ringfenced for 'Covid' response items and this would include items of equipment or software to aid Councillors better respond to now having virtual meetings.

Ratify that £10,000 to be put in a budget named Covid Response.

Schools Project Fund

At the last meeting it was discussed at the CIL funding item to set up a Schools Project Fund. This would not require a budget heading and via of funds as it would be taken directly from the already ring-fenced CIL budget line.

What it does need is clarification of the rules for the fund bids, before I communicate with the schools, eg, how they bid, upper limit, types of bid etc

- Each request is considered as it comes in for funding with no guidance – but the risk here is that the project bids might be for a whole project costing a lot of money which we could not satisfy and it would seem disappointing to the school
- Schools are asked for the full costings of its project and how much they are short/require to make the project happen
- Set a maximum grant bid amount so all schools can access up to the maximum amount eg, £5,000, £10,000 or more/less
- Guidance for the types of bids ie, eco, nature, health improvement related projects – but the money given has to be stressed is for infra-structure only ie, no designers, salaries, must be for physical infra-structure items eg, paths, purchases, etc
- A grant cannot go to any structures/processes of the school itself (eg. Repair of a roof or funding a teacher) as this outside a Parish Council's scope so should be for additional supportive items not provided by the School/LA
- How long this Project fund is available for ie, 1 year, 2, 3 years to give schools the ability to work up a project to submit which they have been thinking about – not all schools will have 'off the shelf' planned and costed projects but may well have an idea which they think they have no way of funding
- Any other parameters required for the process

Agenda Item 6.5 Report

Agenda Item 8 Report

Improvements to the footpath network in the Parish

1. Introduction

1.1 The “Great Euxton Survey”

The survey of last Winter and Spring identified two major issues that were of concern and/or of interest to residents of the Parish. One, inevitably, was over-development and the other was the network of footpaths - its strengths and weaknesses, the opportunities it gives - or could give and its importance for the health and wellbeing of the Parish.

1.2 Euxton has a good network of public footpaths.

These are shown on the Parish Council’s “Walkers Guide” (Fig 1). The map is also, more clearly, on the Council’s website. The Ordnance Survey maps and the LCC Public Right of Way (PROW) maps also show these paths. The network could, however, be so much better and make Euxton’s attractive and interesting countryside more accessible to regular walkers by giving more alternatives and better penetration. It could also be more accessible for short distance strollers/dog walkers/pram pushers/families, disabled/wheelchair users and more, who don’t use it because it is difficult to get into. Cllr Andy Oddy is also very interested in this topic and, between us we have identified a number of issues with the current footpath network and made proposals for making it more accessible.

2 Issue A - The footpath network between the village and the M6 has poor connections across Chapel Brook and, south of the Brook is not well connected to the village.

2.1 Footpaths 43, 44, 45 and 46 (see Fig 1) are an attractive series of footpaths. Although close to the village, the paths, except for FP 43, are not well used because they are poorly connected to other paths and the village. FP45 is a good solid and level track and could be used by people of limited mobility if it was possible to access it. FP44/46 is a lovely path (currently in dangerous condition) but links badly with the rest of the network, making it difficult to include in longer walks. These paths have potential but do not make the contribution they could make to residents’ enjoyment of the village or their health even though the new footpath across the middle of the Millennium Green to FP43 has made the latter much more accessible.



FP 43 entry from Millennium Green

2.2 Three enhancements would make a major difference.

a) A connection between FPs 44/46 and FP 25 must once have existed, even if not as a Public Footpath. The remains of a track and a derelict bridge across Chapel Brook are still present. Its reinstatement (Fig 1 ref A), and the right to use it, would make sense of this part of the local footpath network by offering a well-connected crossing of Chapel Brook.

b) FP 45 is a good quality track but the general public only have rights to access it through FP 44 and from Dawbers Lane. These connections are rough and often very muddy. The connection from Dawbers Lane is frequently “by passed” using a nearby track - with no public rights of way and FP 44 passes through a field often full of lively young horses. The good quality track section of FP 45, once it ceases to be a public footpath, continues eastwards from FP 45 towards the village. Part way towards the village it is blocked (quite legally - this is private land and there is no public right of way) and overgrown, eventually joining Euxton Hall Gardens (and the village) at a locked gate (Fig 1 ref B). The right to use this section, suitably improved, would immediately make the footpath network available to the village, including to residents who do not readily have access to the countryside.



FP 45 is a lovely avenue of mainly oak trees

c) The new estate at Gleadhill House Gardens (although it was strongly opposed by the Council) created a new route connecting FP 43, through the estate, across Dawbers lane into Armetriding Reaches and then to FP 9 along the river. Many residents have already appreciated the opportunity this offers but, even if the two roads become public highways, the connection between Gleadhill Gardens and FP 43 remains available only at the goodwill of the landowner. The Council should seek for this length to be made into a PROW. Furthermore, at present, a connection is developing between FP 43 and FP 45 using a good quality track alongside the stables. The landowner displays some mixed messages with regard to public access. Signs warn that there is no public right of way (which is true) but send a rather different message from the ones asking dog owners to pick up dog waste. Perhaps the landowner might be receptive to a request for this path to be clearly made available to the public.

2.3 New approach

I believe that the PC has previously and unsuccessfully contacted the then landowner to request them to allow the public to use these routes. I propose that Council should make a new approach and, if Council endorses this proposal, I would prepare a draft for approval at a future meeting. The draft would ask the landowner to either dedicate the paths as PROWs or, with reasonable guarantees, make the paths available for public use but retain some form of control over them (eg by formally closing them once per year). I further suggest that the Council should offer to make a “substantial contribution” to the cost of providing and maintaining necessary new infrastructure. This would include a footbridge crossing of Chapel Brook, possibly fencing to separate paths from horses, clearing of fallen trees and undergrowth and construction of lengths of paths, steps etc.

3) Issue B - One of Euxton’s best footpaths is the loop (Fig 1 ref C) off FP22 that runs down and alongside the River Yarrow before returning to FP22. There are three concerns with this path.

3.1 FP22 status is unclear.

Although a waymark at one end indicates it to be a public footpath, it is not shown on the LCC PROW maps. It is shown on maps of Chorley Borough Council’s Yarrow Valley Park (YVP) but is not, except for a very short length, on land owned and controlled by CBC, unlike many paths elsewhere in YVP (Dob Brow Pastures and Duxbury Woods). I do not know what arrangement for public access CBC have with landowners. Public right of access to a path along the river needs to be confirmed, preferably by making the path a PROW if it is not one already.

3.2 FP22 is a fine path

(subject to 3.3 below) and excellent for walks starting in and returning to Euxton by Balshaw Lane, but it does not lend itself to longer walks as it rejoins FP 22 only 150m after it left, after a walk of only 1.4km. An unofficial “short cut” (Fig 1 ref D) has developed giving better (and easier) progress for longer distance walkers, rejoining FP 22 somewhat further west towards Common Bank.

3.3 FP22 path is in terrible condition.

It is difficult for all and impassable for many. At one time some considerable expense was incurred in creating this path but the various footbridges, boardwalks etc have been allowed to decay badly.



FP 22 - One of several boardwalks stood up in fresh air with mud at either end

3.4 Suggested action

I suggest that we press CBC and LCC to explain the status of the path and to confirm that public right of access to it is not under risk. I have attached (Annex 1) a draft e-mail that I propose the Clerk should send to LCC and CBC. If we cannot secure such assurance, or even if we can, we should ask LCC to seek to make it a PROW and CBC to support our request. At the same time, we should ask LCC to take steps to also make the “short cut” footpath (see 3.2) into a public footpath.

4 Issue C - The lack of footpath access to the vulnerable countryside in the east of the parish

4.1 FP19 and 21

There is a fragile remnant of “countryside” in the east of the Parish, surrounded by development but offering very little footpath access. FP 19, (see Fig 1) is now in the middle of a housing estate and the Gladman site, if it reaches fruition, will further extend the developed area. FP 21 remains as a rural footpath across fields and Pear Tree Lane and Whinney Lane are very quiet roads which link with FP 21 to give quiet pedestrian access into and through this area. However, should the Gladman development go ahead it is likely that it will generate a sufficient increase in vehicle usage of Pear Tree Lane such that pedestrians will not be able to use it comfortably as at present.

4.2. Possible solutions

I have no proposed solution for this issue, partly because I seldom walk there and am not familiar with the opportunities it offers to make this small area available to the development that surrounds it. I do, however, have one suggestion to make that could form a basis for development of a footpath network in this area. Whinney Lane has, or ought to have, no highway function for vehicles except to service the few fronting properties. It should not carry through traffic which would be better accommodated on Euxton Lane and Westway. If it was closed to vehicular traffic, except as a private means of access, it would offer an attractive pedestrian and cycle route through this area. I see possibilities of extending the lane into and through the Fire Service Land, giving connections to/from Astley Village, Astley Park etc.

5 Another missing link in the north of the Parish.

Cllr Andy Oddy is hoping to prepare a guide to Euxton’s footpaths, perhaps including circular footpath routes around the Parish. One glaring omission in any circular route occurs in the north of Euxton where there is no connection convenient for Euxton between the A49 and the footpath network in Buckshaw. This rather makes FP 14, on the west side of the A49 look like a “spare part” as anyone using it must commit to a long walk along A49 to connect to footpaths elsewhere. A connection across from the A49, just to the north of Shawbrook, (see E on Fig 1) would quickly link into the Buckshaw network which, although not made up of PROWs, appears to have become established and secure.

6 FP 27 (Runshaw Lane area west of the motorway)

Cllr Oddy also highlights an oddity in the area proposed for the Tarmac sand and gravel quarry. FP 27 would need to be closed if and when the quarry starts work and the various legal measures put in place after the public inquiry many years ago included for a diversion of the path. The diversion was constructed (and is shown on the EPC

Walker's Guide, with FP 27 closed). The path is, however, closed with a locked gate and the landowner asserts that the diversion does not come into operation until the Tarmac works commence. We suggest that the Clerk should ask LCC for clarification (this issue could be added to the e mail concerning FP 22 - see Annex 1). If the landowner is correct, the Walker's Guide is misleading.

7 A Risk

A risk with all of these proposals is that affected landowners, rather than accepting our suggestions, will react against them and take steps to restrain public access. This does not apply where a footpath already and unambiguously has PROW status. There are, however, instances in the discussion above, of existing or proposed pedestrian routes that do not have such status, but where the landowner does not appear to take steps to prevent their use. A suggestion from the Parish Council that such use be formalised, or additional usage sought, might be sufficient to persuade the landowner to take steps to prevent the unofficial usage. Councillors should decide whether or not to support some or all of these proposals or whether it is better not to "rock the boat"

Annex 1 - Draft e-mail to LCC and CBC re the Loop Path off FP 22

To: PROW@lancashire.gov.uk; Lindsay.Blackstock@chorley.gov.uk

Footpath in the Yarrow Valley at Euxton

A very attractive footpath forms a loop off FP 22 in Euxton. It drops down to and then follows the River Yarrow before returning uphill to rejoin FP 22 a short distance from the point of departure. The status of this path is not clear. There is a waymark where the path leaves FP 22, indicating that it is a public footpath. The PROW maps on the LCC website do not, however, show the loop, suggesting that it is not a PROW.

The loop also appears on pamphlets, maps etc showing the Yarrow Valley Park, suggesting that it is part of the Park infrastructure. When first constructed it must have been an expensive footpath facility, with footbridges, boardwalks, steps etc although these are currently in a poor and dangerous state, impassable for anyone not fully fit and able. The Park is the responsibility of Chorley BC (CBC), but only a very small part of the land over which the path passes is owned by CBC. (see CBC My Map).

Euxton Parish Council is keen to improve the public footpath facilities in the Parish and, in view of the above, is concerned about the future of this footpath which offers one of the best facilities that residents have for enjoying the surrounding countryside.

Could you please answer the following questions each as appropriate or combine to produce a coordinated reply.

- 1) Is the path a PROW?
- 2) Who is the authority responsible for offering and ensuring public access on the path?
- 3) If this is CBC, what is the nature of the agreement that ensures public access into the future?
- 4) If the path is not a PROW, would it be to the public advantage for it to become one?
- 5) Who is responsible for its maintenance?
- 6) Are there current proposals to restore the path to a condition that would make it usable by the general public and, if not, why not?

The path leaves and rejoins FP 22 after a walk of about 1.4km at a point only just over 100m away from the point of leaving. Whilst this is fine for local walks starting and returning to Euxton by Balshaw Lane, it does not lend itself to longer walks (for example the round walk from Euxton via Common Bank and German Lane). An informal path has developed which rejoins FP 22 somewhat further to the south, making much better progress on a longer walk and avoiding the steep climb of the original path. The Parish Council does not know the ownership of the land crossed by the informal path, although part of it was once occupied by an old sewage works, so it may be United Utilities.

- 7) Could the informal path be made into a PROW or otherwise made available for public use?

I would appreciate a prompt reply which I will report back to the Parish Council.

Agenda Item 9 Report

9. Parish Online Mapping

Councillors were sent a link to a video of how Parish Online mapping system works.

The suggestion is that this system could be helpful for Euxton in its mapping needs, help with background information to better inform Councillors on planning applications, asset management and plotting, layers include parish boundaries, addresses, listed buildings and flood zones, noise zones and much more.

This system could also be useful in plotting and mapping any new facilities such as an allotment site.

You Tube example video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB5iv1WSsR8&t=26s&ab_channel=ParishOnline

Features can be seen here: <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/features>

The system is a cloud based, log in system, and membership is an annual cost.

Euxton has been quoted for the Parish Online package:

Euxton subscription is £350 per year excluding VAT.

We were also offered 20% discount if we signed up to a trial first

There appears only to be 2 systems on the market for Parish Council for digital mapping and the other is Pear Technology

<https://www.peartechnology.co.uk/products/ptmapper/>

this appears not to be Cloud based and a download onto a computer. The cost is higher either £575 up to £895 but, Pear Technology and Parish Online formed a partnership in January 2018 to;

- Parish Online provides a common infrastructure for the visualisation, analysis and recording of geographic data, as well as a means of sharing and aggregating data between Local Councils
- PEAR Technology provides add-on services such as cemetery mapping, training, tree surveys and asset collection.