

**MINUTES** of Euxton Parish Council full council meeting held on 16 January 2025 from 7.15pm at Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Present: Cllr K Reed (Chairman) Cllr P Morton Cllr V Thornhill  
Cllr S Baines Cllr A Oddy Cllr H Tune  
Cllr E Jones (Vice Chair) Cllr R Peers Cllr S Walker  
Cllr B Duckworth Cllr A Riggott Cllr B Williamson  
Cllr I Hamer Cllr D Rigg Cllr J Williamson  
Cllr J Duncan after 5.1

Clerk: D Platt, L Hardman  
Members of the public: Cllr A Platt

1. Apologies

Cllrs Fellows, Vickers

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

Cllr Riggott declared an interest in a planning application 01054/FULHH

Cllr Rigg declared an interest in a planning application 01038/DIS

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 November 2024 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

Mr Parker from Ulnes Walton Action Group attended to update Council on the Appeal and decision by the Secretary of State to approve the application for the 3<sup>rd</sup> prison. A submission will be made to appeal the decision as an 'unlawful decision' and the Planning Barrister is working pro-bono and the costs for the group will be capped at £10,000 as they are a non-constituted group.

5. Statutory Business

5.1 Co-option

**Resolved:** Council agreed to co-opt Janice Duncan on to the Council.

Cllr Duncan signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took her seat.

5.2 Planning – Consider planning report circulated with the papers from the Lead Member for Planning, approve and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines.

Clerk to chase Chorley Council regarding the TPO requests submitted some years ago (*approx. 2020*) in light of the application of 24/01009/TPO.

25/00031/FULHH – the building should be conditioned to not become living accommodation.

It was suggested for a standard sentence of response to be formed for additional outbuildings to be conditioned so they are not turned into living accommodation – Cllr Rigg will write.

**Resolved:** Members agreed with the responses made for the December 2024 and the additional items detailed above.

6. Financial Items

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

**Resolved:** Council approved the listed expenditures and six additional items added to the list (see appendix 1).

6.2 Receive finance reports circulated

**Resolved:** Council received the reports.

6.3 Receive an updated CIL Report

**Resolved:** Council received the updated CIL report

6.4 Consider the Precept budget paper circulated and agree the precept

**Resolved:** Council approved the Precept Budget for 2025 – 2026 as £37.71 per band D property, £190,655 which is a 2% increase.

7. Register of Interests

7a Register of Interest form

7b Guidance notes on completing the register of interests

**Resolved:** Council agreed the new register and took one each to complete and return as soon as possible.

8. Matters for Information

24/00086/FULMAJ concerns were raised about the conditions EPC requested and which were imposed on this application were never implemented and the site is now empty – Clerk will enquire.

Packsaddle Bridge property was raised that the outbuildings (garages) were no longer garages – chase Planning Enforcement.

Street name plate missing on Pincock Bridge.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

8.12 pm

APPENDIX 1 – Expenditure list (item 6.1)

Draft budget report for 2024/2025 and draft Precept report for 2025/2026

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Budget heads	Description	Budget 24/2025	Spend	Income	Balance	Est. Committed expenditure to end Mar25	Budget Balance	Carry Fwd	PRECEPT 2025 /2026	Notes on 'Committed' items
4000	Employees	110,000	94,276	3,500	19,224	15,000	4,224		150,000	
4010	Payroll Services	1,000	728		272	195	77		1,250	
4020	Office Premises	5,000	3,498		1,502	770	732		5,000	
4070	Mileage	3,500	1,910		1,590	4,500 -	2,910		3,500	
4075	Employee Training	3,000	1,131		1,869	125	1,744		3,000	
4080	General Office Expenditures	5,500	6,347		- 847	900 -	1,747		8,000	
4090	Communications	6,000	5,015	490	1,475		1,475		6,000	
4100	Insurance	7,000	6,783		217		217		7,250	
4120	Audit	1,500	1,258		242		242		1,700	
4130	Legal Fees/Planning Investig	3,000	641		2,359		2,359		3,000	
4211	Councillor Training	500	-		500	70	430		500	
4250	Grants	6,000	5,400		600	500	100		6,000	
4260	Christmas Celebrations	2,500	2,225		275		275		2,500	
4300	Euxton Gala	1,500	-		1,500		1,500		1,500	
4360	Road Safety/SPID	1,000	1,006		- 6	-	6		1,000	
4340	Community Engagement (inc Calendar)	2,500	30		2,470		2,470		2,500	
4350	ECO/Trees/Foot/Cycle	10,000	-		10,000	3,000	7,000		10,000	
4380	Heritage Projects	7,000	7,990		- 990	-	990		1,000	
4390	Defibrillators	1,000	1,199		- 199	-	199		1,000	
4410	Major events (prev Coronation)	1,000			1,000		1,000		1,000	
4500	Utilities	3,000	3,299		- 299	660 -	959		4,500	
4510	Gardens/Planting	10,000	1,174		8,826	200	8,626		2,500	
4520	Allotments	15,071	3,119	3,583	15,535	350	15,185	15,185		
4540	All Purpose Committee	3,000	842		2,158	250	1,908		3,000	
4570	Amenity/Open Space RRM	45,000	13,595		31,405	15,850	15,555		45,000	
4580	Street Machines	2,000	-		2,000		2,000		2,000	
4581	War Memorial	500	-		500		500		500	
4600	Environmental Spaces/Improvements	36,000	8,201		27,799	6,500	21,299		10,000	
						<b>48,870</b>		<b>15,185</b>	<b>283,200</b>	
<b>Earmarked Reserved Funds</b>										
320	Emergency Fund	25,000			25,000		25,000	25,000		
321	Unspent Grants (inc tree,Covid)	3,816			3,816		3,816	3,816		
330	Land Fund	80,000			80,000		80,000	80,000		
350	Ransnap Brook	279			279		279	279		
360	Elections and Parish Poll Fund	10,000			10,000		10,000	10,000		
370	CIL	52,939	66,000	122,297	109,236		109,236	109,236		
380	Balshaw Villa	6,132			6,132		6,132	6,132		
390	Greenside Parking Fund	5,400			5,400		5,400	5,400		
								<b>239,863</b>	<b>-</b>	
								<b>255,048</b>	<b>283,200</b>	

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Calculations		Explanations
Bank	<b>373,483</b>	This is the balance of money in the bank
Less estimated spend to end March 2024	<b>48,870</b>	Projected spend to the end of this financial year
Less carry forwards/EMR Funds	<b>255,048</b>	All EMR funds and allocated funds/orders
Cash in hand	<b>69,565</b>	Balance of non-allocated funds
Draft budget request	<b>283,200</b>	Precept 2024/2025 column
Projected income to 31 March 2024	<b>1,980</b>	Bank interest, contracts etc
Projected income 2024/2025	<b>21,000</b>	Bank interest, contracts
Less the Cash in hand	<b>69,565</b>	Calculation from above, bank balance less spend/carry fwds etc
	<b>190,655</b>	Proposed precept amount

Previous years comparisons	Annual Council Tax					
<u>Band D equivalent Calculations</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>Precept figure</u>	<u>Resident pays</u>	<u>% +/- paid by residents</u>	<u>Top Up</u>
2009 / 2010	3327.80		112340	£33.76		
2010 / 2011	3409.80		113200	£33.20	-1.66%	down 1.7% for residents
2011 / 2012	3527.20		107,990	£30.62	-7.78%	down 7.8% for residents
2012 / 2013	3656.90		104,270	£28.51	-6.87%	down 6.9% for residents
2013 / 2014	3597.38		101,171	£28.12	-1.37%	down 1.4% for residents
2014 / 2015	3759.46	162.08	104,817	£27.88	-0.86%	down nearly 1% for residents
2015 / 2016	3992.53	233.07	107,816	£27.00	-3.25%	down over 3% for residents
2016 / 2017	4116.64	124.11	100,323	£24.37	-9.74%	down over 9%
2017 / 2018	4295.49	178.85	150,944	£35.14	44.10%	raised over 44%
2018 / 2019	4437.48	141.99	159,000	£35.83	2%	rise of 2%
2019 / 2020	4674.28	236.80	165,190	£35.34	↓	
2020 / 2021	4709.96	35.68	165,411	£34.85	↓	
2021 / 2022	4791.80	81.84	174,291	£34.52	↓	
2022 / 2023	4914.50	122.70	174,291	£35.46	↑	rise 2.75%
2023 / 2024	4927.60	13.10	178,158	£36.16	↑	rise of 2%
2024 / 2025	5019.72	92.12	185,579	£36.97	↑	rise of 2.25%
2025 / 2026	5055.81	36.09	190,655	£37.71	↑	rise of 2%

Example percentage rises	
£36.71 is a 2% rise for residents or 74p extra per year	↑
£37.80 2.25% or 83p per year	↑
£37.89 2.5% or 92p per year	↑
£38.09 3% or £1.11 per year	↑