

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Leisure Committee Meeting Meeting arrangements:

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Euxton PC Community Centre,

Wigan Road, Euxton

Tuesday, 25 June 2019, 7.30 pm

AGENDA

- 1. **Election of Chairman**
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman
- 3. **Apologies**
- 4. Minutes of the last meeting, 21 November 2018

Public participation

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5.	Skate park lighting update and quotations to decide upon	Item 5
6.	Greenside all-weather play area update and tasks to follow up	
7.	Greenside site update	
8.	Primrose Hill play area update and recommended purchases	Item 8
9.	Request to consider other areas in Euxton which are owned/managed by Chorley Council	Item 9
10.	Millennium Green update on pond and recommended works	Item 10
11.	Millennium Green suggested health walk ideas for consideration	Item 11
12.	Balshaw Lane perimeter fence	Item 12

13. Other items for this Committee to take forward in the future

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1	Katrina Reed
2	Patricia Fellows
	Vyn Thornhill
	Steve Walker
	Mark Wilmot
	Helen Tune
	Andy Oddy

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10. Millennium Green update on pond and recommended works

Lancashire Wildlife Trust has carried out marginal pond planting and the pond is beginning to fill more now with pond plants and this in turn is limiting where the dogs can get in and swish around and so reducing the amount of churn in the water. It is looking better.

Not many of the planted trees were lost in the end and many are sprouting above their protective plastic jackets.

The LWT has supplied an Annual Maintenance Schedule which will need to be considered soon and works programmed in as they suggest.

The wildflower meadow has been seeded, so we will monitor its success this year.

The Green could do with two more 'recycled' plastic picnic benches as the old wooden ones are now gone – this would bring the total up to 4 picnic benches on the whole site.

Cost for two delivered is £844

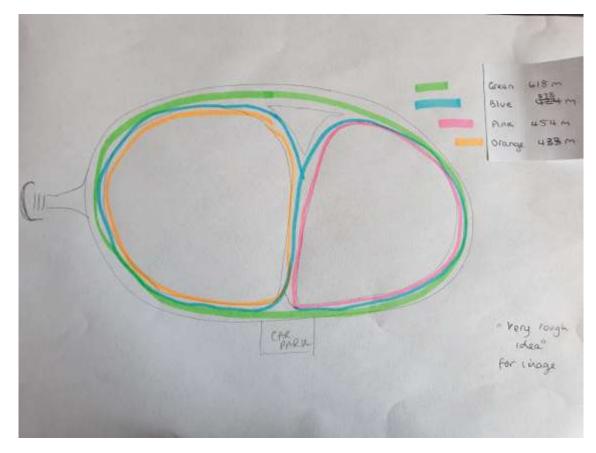


11. Millennium Green suggested health walk ideas for consideration

I have met a few people down on the Millennium Green in conversation and seen many people using the area for exercise and wondered about creating an information board with measurements on so people could track their exercise.

I have measured up the routes and a simple colourful route map board could be created showing the measurements for each coloured route ie, full round route figures of 8 route left side route, right side route

This can be depicted in Metres and Miles and a suggested route to do certain distances ie, 1,2,3 miles or 1200 metres etc



12. Balshaw Lane perimeter fence

The perimeter fence along Balshaw Lane play area, along the road side needs to be replaced. For a number of years we have been doing running repairs, have meshed it to stop small children getting out and dogs getting in but now too many of the posts are rotten and need replacing and the mesh has recently been vandalised.

For an indication I have a quotation from one supplier for an option:

Bow top fencing 1.2m, galvanised to match inside fencing and taking away old fence items

£5075

I have asked for further quotes but they have not arrived yet.

Picture of current fence, but now it has had some vandalism and the mesh is missing

in the first section.



Below is the current fencing through the play area and example of mesh fencing as used at schools





8. Primrose Hill play area update and recommended purchases

The play area currently has an equipment list of below, there could be more made with the space on this site:

4 seat springer
Climbing frame
Large climbing frame
Swing unit (one flat, one cradle)
Spacewhirl roundabout
Four bench seats

The swing unit has signs of rot in the wooden legs and although not critical, this may be the opportune year to replace as last year we re-vamped Greenside and the years before Balshaw Lane.

This would be a 'repair and maintenance' item and the area size could fit a new swing unit which has a two bay toddler set and a basket swing alongside for interest to the older children see over the page, cost would be £

Also a 'repair and maintenance' item would be the Springer which shows sign of rust on the main spring and if this is to be moved to the opposite side of where it is, another piece of interest could be introduced. Cost if this work done with the install of new swing £557

A new piece of equipment could be introduced where the springer is moved from and may be a climbing cone such as the example over the page. Costings for a new piece of equipment would be £ plus site costs of £660.

If all three items were done all together the total is £12,580.

Also, the seats are metal, painted and they were picked up on the inspection reports with having some rust issues but also no end caps. As we have done on Balshaw Lane play area these could be replaced with recycled plastic seating and the cost for these is £681 delivered for four rainbow coloured benches and/or a Buddy Bench in rainbow colours (we have one on Greenside Garden section) delivered £359



Item 8



9. Request to consider other areas in Euxton which are owned/managed by Chorley Council

The Committee has been referred the question of whether the Council would be interested in taking over, from Chorley, two play areas:

Milestone Meadow play area and land The Cherries play area

The Milestone Meadow play area has always been under valued and poorly stocked with equipment and there is land to its rear which could be put to use with another facility.

Chorley came to us recently to put into the newsletter a consultation for residents of the area on the Milestone Mdw play area to ask what they wanted on the area. But, Chorley will only spend up to the s106 monies amount they have collected on the area which may not provide much.

This consultation was postponed because Chorley thought that the parish would put money in to this area but I clarified the inference has always been that the parish would only put money in to a play area if it was under the parish's control and Chorley is asking if EPC wish to take over the play area.

The Committee is asked if, in principle, it thinks that the adoption of the Milestone Meadow Play Area is an option to pursue with CBC and to put a recommendation to the Full Council to adopt this idea. This would have to come with the s106 monies collected and possibly a suggested donation from CBC to assist EPC in its future refurbishment and upkeep.

Recently I was discussing new ideas with a play company and remembered someone had suggested a bmx track as being an option for the Milestone Mdw area and he had just done one and here are some photos as an idea

