

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: Leisure Committee Meeting

Thursday, 14th December 2023 at **7.00 pm**

Euxton Council offices, unit 16 CBTC, East Terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Public participation
3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 23 October 2023
4. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and action
5. Millennium Green
 - Memorial audit update and changes to agree
 - Works report
6. Balshaw Lane picnic seating location and type to order
7. Nature trail ideas (DP & CP)
8. Budget setting
9. Any other items which need attention or research
10. Date for next meeting

Leisure Committee (quorum 3)

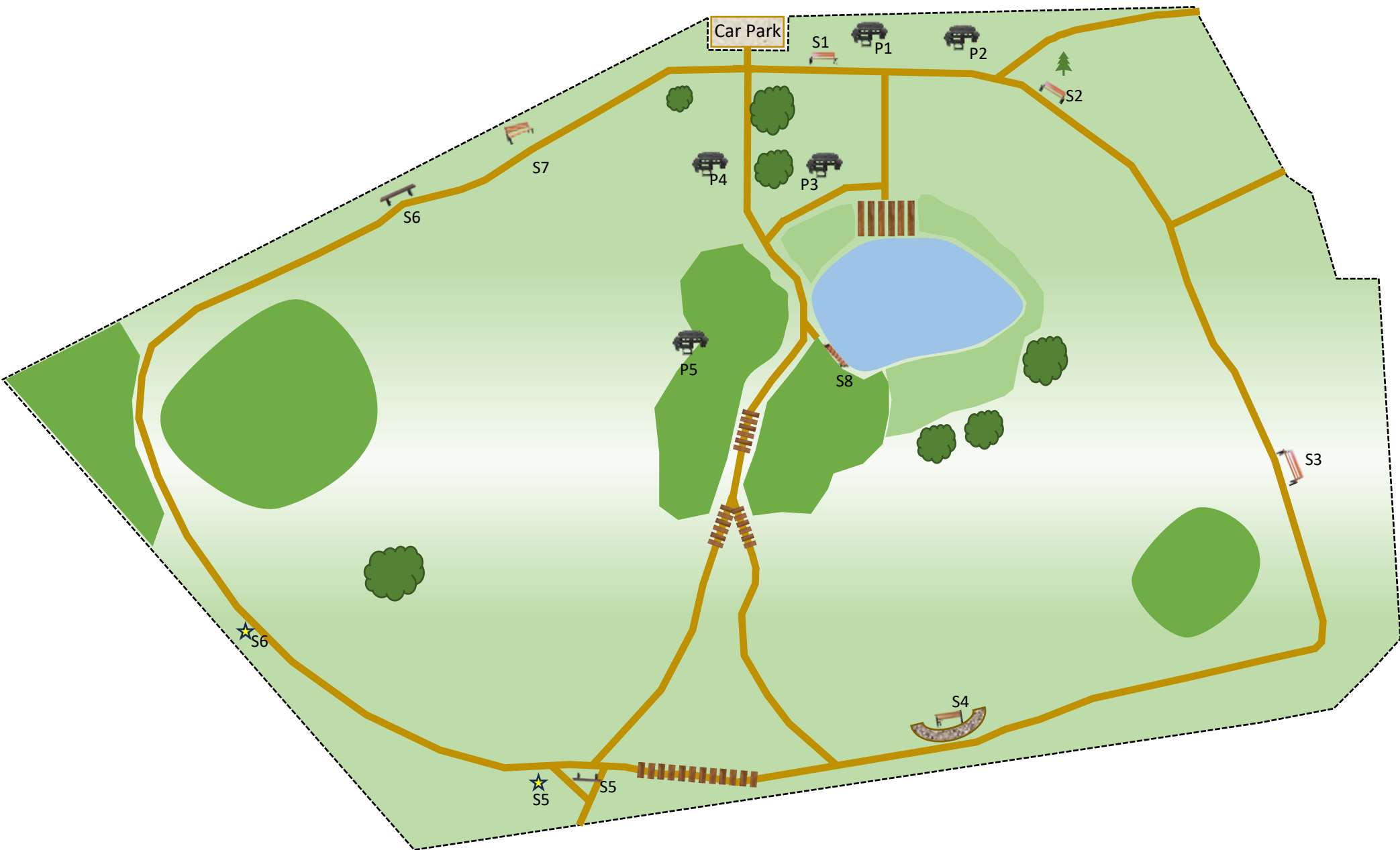
Vyn Thornhill
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Rebecca Peers
Steve Walker
Paul Morton

D. Platt
CLERK

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Millennium Green seating audit

Type	Ref	Description (maker, model, colour, material, style)	Plaque Dedication	Plaque Option	Needs Replacement	Plaque Option
Seat	S1	Earth Anchors Moulded brown recycled plastic with back	✓			
	S2	Earth Anchors Moulded brown recycled plastic with back	✓			
	S3	Earth Anchors Moulded brown recycled plastic with back	x	✓		
	S4	Marmax Witton brown recycled plastic with back and arms	x	x		
	S5	Wooden bench	x	x	✓	✓
	S6	Wooden bench	x	x	✓	✓
	S7	Wooden with back and arms	✓			
	S8	Earth Anchors Moulded brown recycled plastic with back	✓			
	S9	Furnitures bench brown recycled plastic	x	x		
	S10	Furnitures bench brown recycled plastic	x	x		
Picnic	P1	TBR Products round table brown recycled plastic 8 seater	✓			
	P2	TBR Products round table brown recycled plastic 8 seater	x	x		
	P3	Brown recycled round plastic table 8 seater	x	x		
	P4	Earth Anchors octagonal table wheelchair accessible black recycled plastic table 7 seats	✓			
	P5	Brown recycled round plastic table 8 seater	x	x		



Euxton Parish Council

**Proposed Environmental Improvement Works –
Millennium Green and Chapel Brook Woods**

1 Euxton Parish Council intends to enhance the environmental diversity of some of the Parish's open spaces. focussing primarily on the Millennium Green and Chapel Brook.

2 **The Millennium Green** is an attractive open area much used by the community. It has several large mature oak trees, copses of younger mixed woodland planted about 25 years ago and is bordered on three sides by mixed woodland. There is an attractive balance of trees and open grassland together with a large pond, of natural appearance, installed about 6 years ago. Open areas are regularly mown (except for an area of wildflower meadow), which is consistent with their use for casual exercise and relaxation and which also enhances views across the Green. Otherwise, it is managed to be sympathetic to the needs of wildlife and the Council now wishes to improve its environmental diversity and to encourage wildlife in its various forms.

3 **Chapel Brook Woods** is a wooded area between the Parish Church and Chapel Brook. Although the Council intends to improve access to the Woods it wishes to ensure that this piece of land, in the very heart of the village, remains undeveloped and of natural appearance. Again, the Council wishes to improve the Wood's environmental diversity and encourage wildlife.

4 The Council wishes to undertake a project at these two sites. The objectives of the project are:

Objective 1 To improve environmental diversity and encourage wildlife in its various forms at The Millennium Green and Chapel Brook Woods

Objective 2 To ensure that the appearance and character of the two sites is not damaged and, if possible, is enhanced by the works.

5 The Council invites suitable organisations to put forward a priced proposal for meeting these objectives. The Council wishes for the following options to be considered but the tenderer is welcome to suggest variations, additions or alternatives to these.

- 1) Bird/animal nest boxes/houses etc. The Council would wish to see a variety of boxes/houses installed to increase both the variety and the number of species at the sites. The Council expects the tenderer to propose a particular type of facility only if there is a reasonable chance of it being occupied. Any such facilities should be robust with an expected life in excess of 20 years (details should be submitted with the tender). Facilities on both sites should not be readily visible or readily accessible from the ground. The Council initially considered that some 60 (in total) such boxes etc should be provided but would be open to a better informed proposal.

- 2) Insect fences (linear bug hotel etc) The Council has identified two locations, one at Millennium Green and one at Chapel Brook Woods where it would wish to see insect fences constructed. The two locations would offer opportunities for fences of xm length (Millennium Green) and ym length (Chapel Brook Woods). The Council would wish to see the basic framework constructed using imported stakes and other basic materials with the filling for the fences constructed using material available on the site or readily available from outside. If there is insufficient material available to build the fences to their full potential length and height then available material should be used to fill the length of the fence but not the height. The Council will “top up” the fence using material as and when it becomes available
 - 3) Standard oak trees. Several large mature oak trees are a major feature of the Green and oak trees are the most advantageous trees for environmental diversity. Two of these trees have been lost in the past 10 years and others will doubtless be lost in future years. There are few replacement trees currently growing that will ensure that mature oaks continue to be a dominant element in the Green’s environmental and landscape attractions into the future. The Council does not wish to see small saplings with plastic sleeves, which would detract from the Green’s appearance, but would prefer to see standard trees which have some positive impact from the time of planting onwards. The Council considers that ten such trees, carefully sited, could make suitable provision.
 - 4) One of the copses of young (c 20years old) trees on the green was comprised mainly of ash trees which contracted Ash Die Back and which have been removed. The remaining copse comprises a few tall, sparse trees in an untidy area of rough grassland and tree stumps. Saplings, primarily of Field Maple, are showing but are likely to be taken by rabbits etc. Proposals for the regeneration, or alternative treatment of this area are invited.
 - 5) Chapel Brook Woods is a natural area with many mature trees and a variety of plant life. However, it is under pressure from invasive species such as Himalayan Balsom and Goat Willow. Proposals are invited for an initial project to treat invasive species and “re - set” the Woods for a more diverse
- 5 The tenderer should submit a single price for items 1,2 and 3 together for the project as outlined above and/or for their suggested preferred alternative proposal covering these items. Separate prices should be submitted for items 4 and 5 together with a description and brief justification of the proposal. The tenderer is free to describe and cost alternative approaches for these items.

CLlr Thornhill

Broxap Bellshill Picnic Bench

From **£762.00**

Dimensions 2100mm x 2100mm x 700mm



Marmax Octobrunch Picnic Benches

From: £527.00

Dimensions: 206 x 206 x 70 cm



Buddy Benches

From: £439

220 x 43 x 90 cm



Costcutters UK.com

Heavy Duty Recycled Outdoor Plastic Public Picnic Bench -6 Seater-Rainbow

£570.53

1500mm(l) x 1300mm(w) x 780mm(h)



Earth Anchors
Rainbow Octagonal Picnic Table
SKU 1220-MULTI

£828.20

- **Table top diameter :** 120cm
- **Seat width :** 90cm,
- **Seat height :** 45cm

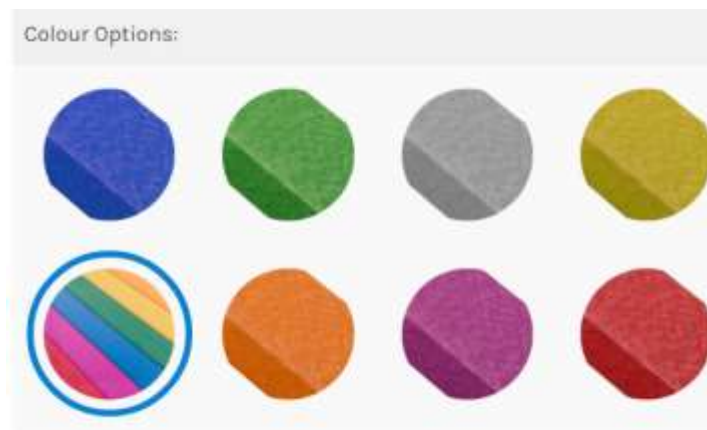


Earth Anchors
Rainbow Round Picnic Table
SKU 1224-MULTI

£828.00

Dimensions

Table top diameter : 120cm**Seat width :** 90cm,**Se:**



NATURE 'treasure' TRAIL

Aimed at young people (0 to 11+ yrs) – through schools or organised groups ie, Brownies/Cubs

Ask children what animals/insects/birds/nature to be on the signs through a vote/suggestion process – this will promote interest before the activity.

Make up signage – correx colour boards containing the chosen nature subjects

Put signage up around the village ie, woodland walks, buildings, Euxton local spots etc encouraging walking and seeking during the summer holidays.



Card supplied through schools, groups and locations (ie, library) to fill in locations of where they have seen the Signs




Post in entry boxes in schools and prominent places ie, Library

Prizes for complete entries or, most filled out.


Age bracketed: under 5s; 6,7,8 yrs olds; 9,10,11+ yrs.


Every entry could get an entry prize.


A Prize could be given to group ie, brownies, a school which has the most nominations





When you find your plaque, write in the box where you located it












Left main

Bronze, Silver & Gold
level finds – write in location and code seen on the plaque



Remember: the Bronze, Silver & Gold plaques will be very difficult to find – so if you find one keep the information to yourself as it may make yours the winning entry.

Front Page (right main)

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NATURE 'treasure' TRAIL



Search around the village to
find and log the plaques.
Complete as many as possible
and post your entry into the
submission boxes for an entry
prize or a winners prize.

Full completion not necessary.

Back Page (middle main)

NATURE 'treasure' TRAIL

Don't worry if you couldn't find all the
plaques, enter anyway. We have made it
difficult for everyone to find all of them!
This trail would not be the fun if it were too
easy! The challenge of searching is the fun!

Entry form
Entrants full name: _____

Contact number: _____

This can be your parents number, what is
their name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _ _ _ _ _


Entrants age group: ☐ Under 5 years old
☐ 6, 7, or 8 years old ☐ 9, 10 11+ years old

Where did you pick up the entry form, or
group you nominate for a cash prize:
School, group eg Cubs/Brownies, Library:

Full name of group/school required for prizegiving

Rules: This forms needs to be fully completed for an
entry to be entered in the competition. Must live in
Euxton or attend Euxton school/group.

Prizes: All entries will receive a prize Winners: ****
*** Nominated group: **



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BUDGET

2024 / 2025 BUDGET SETTING**Suggested**

	PRECEPT 23/24	PRECEPT 24/25	
Millennium Green	8,000	10,000	Inc. boxes project and trees
Chapel Brook land project	20,000	5,000	£15K Moved to CIL request
Amenity/Open Space RRM	40,000	42,000	
Yarrow Valley path system	5,000		Moved to CIL request

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Primrose replacements	65,000
Southport Road New Area	150,000
Yarrow Valley path system	20,000
Chapel Brook land project	15,000
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