

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: Leisure Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 10th January 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 8 November 2022
4. Balshaw Lane play area (area 3) – tender responses and decision (to follow)
5. Greenside All Weather play surfaced area – tender responses and decisions (to follow)
6. Millennium Green updates (verbal)
7. Chapel Brook land report for the project to be considered and approved to be able to gather costings
8. Budget
9. Any other items which need attention or research
10. Date for next meeting

Leisure Committee (quorum 3)

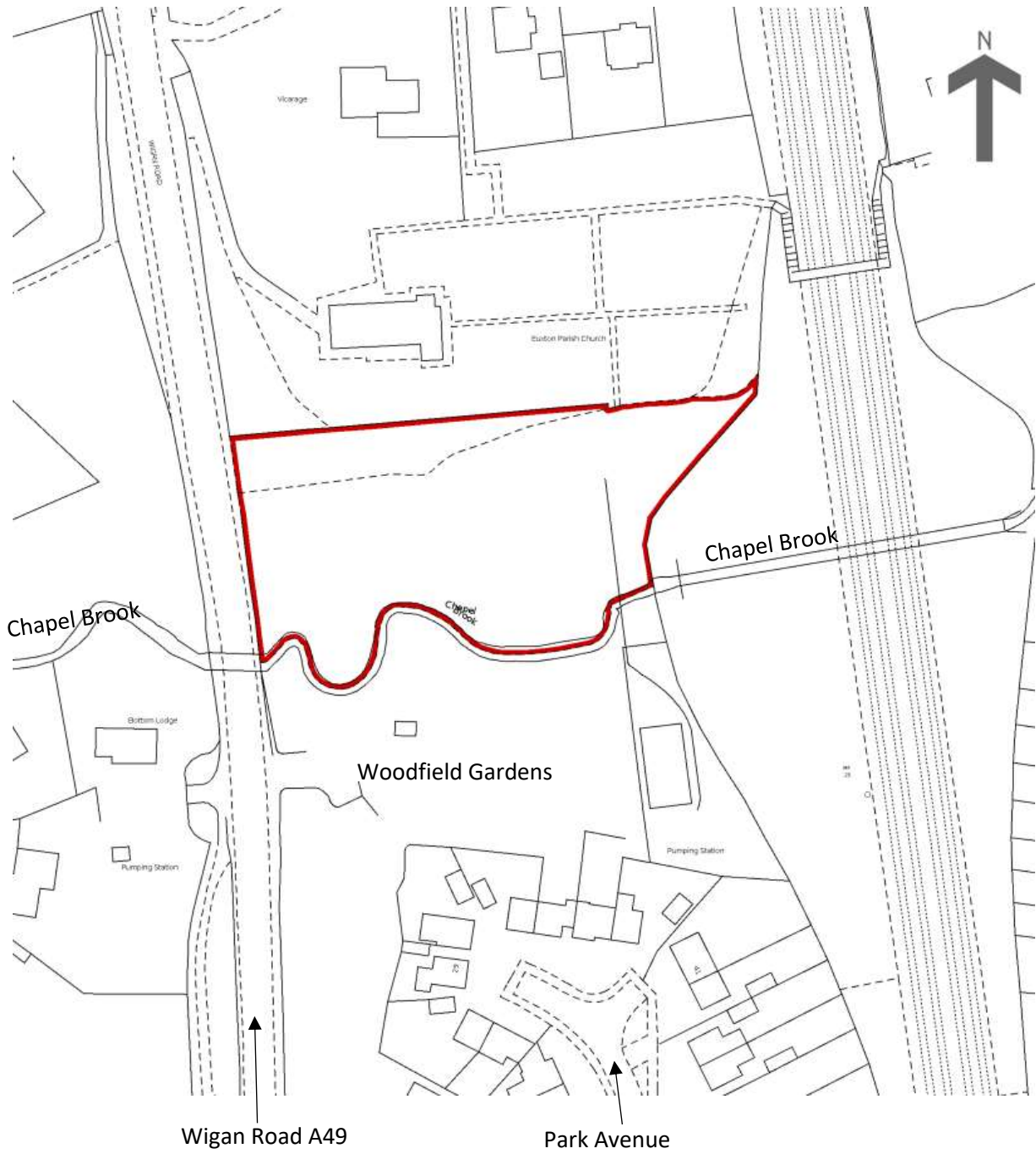
Vyn Thornhill
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Land at Chapel Brook, Euxton

1. Euxton Parish Council has purchased an area of land (approx. 4.325m²) close to the centre of the village, between the Parish Church and Chapel Brook. The land has many mature trees and wild flowers but also has invasive species, such as goat willow and himalayan balsam, which are spreading. On its northern side, it slopes steeply from north to south but is relatively flat adjacent to the brook. A public right of way runs through the northern edge of the land but does not give access to the remainder and, because of the steep gradients, this path cannot be made accessible for infirm or disabled users.
2. The Council is considering how best to manage this land for the benefit of the Parish and intends to implement a project for which the following main objectives have been set. The land must:
 - a) remain undeveloped and of a generally natural appearance.
 - b) provide an opportunity, in the centre of the village, for residents relax in and enjoy an attractive natural environment.
3. The following matters should be taken into account when considering how best to meet these objectives.
 - a) The Council would suggest that a footpath which penetrates the full extent of the flatter part of the land, with access from Wigan Road and connections to the public footpath, could be an integral part of any design. As much as possible of the footpath network should be accessible for infirm and disabled users, prams etc.
 - b) A footpath network would introduce public access to areas where there is none at present and to the rear/side of properties immediately on the opposite side of the Brook. The Council would not wish to see noisy, antisocial or other adverse behaviour occurring on the land or for the neighbours to be unduly disturbed. For this reason, any land forms or facilities that would encourage users to form groups should be in areas readily visible from the adjacent Wigan Road. Proposals should be made for such facilities.
 - c) The site offers opportunities, which are not available at present, for users to see and to access parts of Chapel Brook. However, proposals to take these opportunities should have regard to b) above.
4. A design should be prepared for the land and a cost estimate provided. In addition to works to provide any paths, facilities etc proposals should be made and costed for the treatment of the land to best control invasive plants and encourage naturally occurring plants. It is considered that this would require a survey of the site's natural assets during the spring months.
5. A management plan should be provided to advise the Council of any works that would be necessary in the years following initial implementation of the project, particularly with respect to the continuing control of invasive species.



BUDGET

2022 / 2023 BUDGET SETTING

	PRECEPT 22/23	
Millennium Green	10000	
Chapel Brook land project	50000	
Amenity/Open Space RRM	35000	21/22 can be used for below
Balshaw Lane Play Area 3	18000	
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	CIL Monies	
Balshaw Lane Play Area 3	42000	
Greenside All Weather	90000	
Yarrow Valley Walk	20000	
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	152000	Coming in is £62K + £144K