

# EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: Leisure Committee Meeting

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023
4. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and action
5. Environmental Project – Millennium Green & Chapel Brook
6. Primrose Hill Play Area  
Suggested site layouts and pricing from three play companies  
See link to information here: [2024 Re-Development](#)
7. Any other items which need attention or research
8. Date for next meeting

### Leisure Committee (quorum 3)

Vyn Thornhill
Cheryl Parker
Helen Tune
Katrina Reed
Andy Oddy
Eric Jones
Rebecca Peers
Steve Walker
Paul Morton

*D. Platt*  
CLERK

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**MINUTES** of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 14 December 2024 at CBTC East Terrace, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr E Jones (Chair)  
Cllr P Morton (Vice Chair)  
Cllr A Oddy

Cllr R Peers  
Cllr K Reed

Cllr V Thornhill  
Cllr S Walker

Officers present: D Platt, L Hardman

Residents:

1. Apologies Cllrs C Parker, H Tune,
2. Public participation

Members of the Bowling Club attended to discuss the maintenance of the Bowling Green and answer queries.

3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 23 October 2023

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting held 23 October 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and action

Clerk updated on discussions with Chorley Council, still awaiting its response.

5. Millennium Green

- Memorial audit update and changes to agree

**Resolved:** The map audit was agreed with 2 places for replacement seats and one addition position.

Clerk also to research alternative options with multiple plate positions available and bring back to a future meeting.

- Works report

The works document will be re-written by Cllr VT as a design validation concept and specification.

6. Balshaw Lane picnic seating location and type to order

The different options presented were considered, Cllr CP to recommend the preference.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed the purchase of a picnic seat costing approx. between £530 and £830.

7. Nature trail ideas (DP & CP)

Members considered a concept from the Clerk and the ideas from Cllr CP. Clerk to work with Cllr CP with a small, initial project for the Millennium Green with approximately 10 examples (pic, name, description), sheet will be available to download, use relevant animal examples.

8. Budget setting

**Resolved:** Committee agreed the budget request to the precept meeting will be £90,000 and £250K request for CIL spending, see Annex 1 for breakdown.

9. Any other items which need attention or research

10. Date for next meeting

Next meeting was agreed for 8 February 2024.

Chairman closed the meeting.

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Annex 1

Budget breakdown

The previous headings are to be merged in to two separate items:

Environmental Improvements £45K

*(which includes projects, spaces etc)*

Repair, Replace & Maintenance budget £45K

*(which includes all the amenity, leisure spaces)*

CIL request £250K

*(Southport Road, Primrose Hill, Environmental projects)*

## **Euxton Parish Council**

The Parish Council invites the Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) to submit a quotation for the preparation of an environmental report as described below.

### **Proposed Environmental Project – Millennium Green and Chapel Brook Woods – Environmental Report.**

#### ***Chapel Brook Woods Footpath etc***

- 1 Euxton Parish Council intends to enhance the environmental diversity of two areas of land which it owns or leases, the Millennium Green and Chapel Brook Woods.
- 2 **The Millennium Green** is an attractive open area much used by the community. It has several large mature oak trees, areas of younger mixed woodland planted about 25 years ago and an area of wildflower planting. It 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 the 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 wildlife and the Council now wishes to improve its environmental diversity and 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:
  - 4.1 To improve environmental diversity and encourage wildlife, in its various forms, at The Millennium Green and Chapel Brook Woods
  - 4.2 To ensure that the appearance and character of the two sites is not damaged and, if possible, is enhanced by the project.
- 5 The Council requires an Environmental Report which Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) is invited to provide. This report should:
  - a) Give a short account of the environmental status of the two sites, setting out their positives and negatives and giving an assessment of the benefits that might be achievable with the project
  - b) Consider various options for achieving these benefits. The appendix to this invitation describes a number of measures which the Council wishes to be considered together with other comments that the Council wishes to be taken

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into account. However, LWT is welcome to consider alternative options instead of, or as well as those suggested by the Council.

- c) Recommend a project comprising works for which the Council can invite quotations from suitable contractors. The Council's budget for these works is £30,000
6. LWT will be one of the contractors invited to submit a quotation. However, to avoid unfair competition, no products or works should be proposed that would offer any advantage to LWT.
7. In course of preparing the report representatives of the Council would wish to meet with the responsible LWT personnel at the two sites to ensure that the Council's concerns and aspirations for the sites are fully understood.
8. *In addition to the Environmental Works the Council may wish to provide footpath and other facilities at Chapel Brook Woods. LWT is invited to submit an outline design and estimate for these works. The annex to this invitation specifies the Council's requirements. Two cost estimates should be provided, the first assuming that the footpath works will be carried out together with the Environmental Project and the second assuming that the footpath works will be constructed separately from the Environmental project.*

## Appendix

- 1) **Bird/animal nest boxes/houses etc.** The Council would wish to see a variety of boxes/houses installed to increase both the variety of species and the number of birds at the sites. The Council would wish to provide 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. Facilities on both sites should not be readily accessible from the ground.
- 2) **Insect fences/linear bug hotel/dead hedge** 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 mature 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.

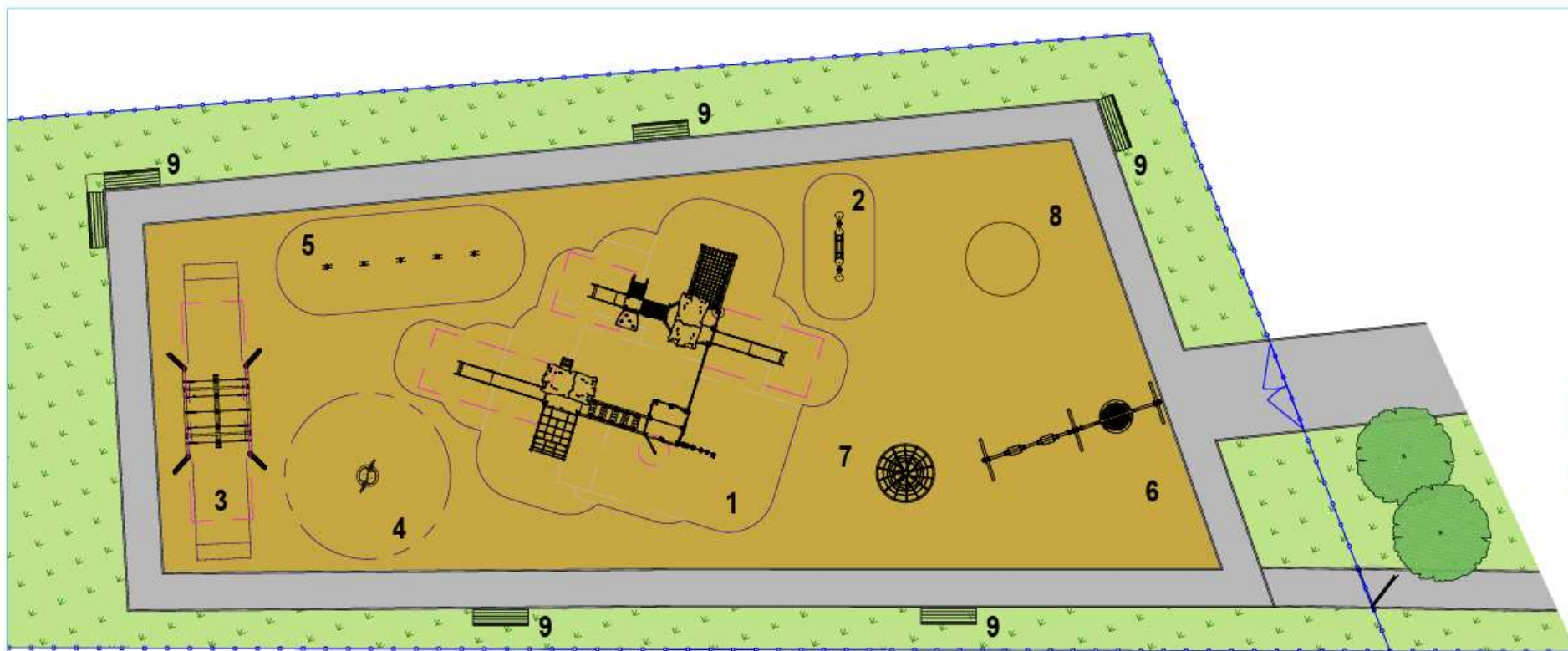
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**Chapel Brook, Euxton  
Footpath etc proposal**

- 1 *Euxton Parish Council has purchased an area of land (approx. 4.325m<sup>2</sup>) close to the centre of the village, between the Parish Church and Chapel Brook. On its northern side, it slopes steeply from north to south but is relatively flat adjacent to the brook, A public footpath 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 loop 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 *An outline design should be prepared for the land and a cost estimate provided*



**ITEMS LIST**

**Play Equipment**  
 1. Diabolo Adventure Ref: J3855A  
 2. Four Seat Spring Seesaw Ref: J853A  
 3. Metal Rope End Swing Ref: J442A-M  
 4. Rodeoboard Ref: J3901A  
 5. Junior Metal Leapfrog Ref: JP516A-J-M

**Existing Play Equipment**  
 6. 2-bay Swing  
 7. Cone Climber  
 8. Roundabout

**Existing Ancillaries**  
 9. Seat

**Safety Surfacing**  
 New equipment to be installed in to existing loosefill pit. Top up of loosefill surfacing to the required depth is the responsibility of the client.

**Removals**  
 • Dig out and dispose of existing 4-way Springer and 2no. Multipay Units.

**Miscellaneous**  
 • Existing 20m<sup>2</sup> loosefill to be removed from area during installation of equipment and re-spread once complete (38m<sup>2</sup> total)  
 • Prisms  
 • Post Installation

*Top up of loosefill surfacing to the required depth is the responsibility of the client.*

*Provision has been included within your quotation, these equate to site setup, safety fencing, safety signage, welfare, offloading of equipment, storage & waste removal.*

*All pathways, furniture, planting, mounding and any other soft landscaping works not mentioned above are to be done by others.*

*Some images shown are for illustrative purposes only. The quote and items list will show the exact equipment used.*



**PRODUCT KEY**

	Existing Grass		Existing Fencing
	Existing Loosefill		Free Space
	Existing Tarmac		Post Installation

**Primrose Hill Play Area**

Euxton Parish Council

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REV: - DB: KA CB: JPS

SCALE: 1:100 @ A2





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