

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT A PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council is a body of eligible volunteer Councillors with a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The number of Councillors is reviewed by The Boundary Committee for England which is a committee of The Electoral Commission for England - Euxton has 18 Councillors.

The Parish of Euxton is divided into 3 wards – Euxton, Euxton Buckshaw and Euxton South, these are served by a total of 18 parish councillors.

The population of Euxton, taken from the 2021 census is 14,058, this is still growing and has grown much in the last 20 years [2011 census was 9,993, 2001 census 8,318].

The electorate for the village is 10,428 as at August 2022 – these are residents of 18 years and over who are registered on the voters role here.

Euxton covers an acreage of 2,915, which is 1,177 hectares which is 11.78km².

There were, at the last count, 6,134 (August 2022) occupied properties in Euxton, so a full total would be higher and is constantly rising due to the building and completing of new homes in the village.

The village is split by wards, as below.

Euxton ward covers most of the central part of Euxton and has 11 parish councillors

Euxton Buckshaw ward covers the Buckshaw Village element of Euxton and has 5 councillors

Euxton South ward takes in the south part of Euxton and has 2 parish councillors.

The whole Council is subject to an election every 4 years approx, the last being in May 2022, the next will be 2026.

The Parish Council obtains its funding from the local element of residents' council tax which is listed separately on residents bills.

The Council is a body and is distinct from its members (either as individuals or collectively) and its' acts, assets and liabilities are its own and not those of its members.

Councillors are volunteers and as such receive no payment. They give their time freely to attend meetings. There are programmed full council meetings which are held one each month, on the third Thursday beginning at 7.15 pm (except August and December).

The Parish Council depends on its members being able to make time to attend the meetings and there is a clause within the Standing Orders which sets a limit to the number of consecutive meetings you may miss before being replaced. *(Standing Orders are the rules a Parish Council adhere to besides The National Code of Local Government Conduct)*

Besides the full Council meetings there may be other meetings such as Extra Ordinary or Committee meetings.

The business of the Council is managed by the Clerk (an employee of the Council). The Clerk is not a Councillor and does not make decisions for the Council but does advise of developments, law, requirements etc. The Clerk manages the Council business such as financial matters, employee supervision, minutes, meeting arrangements, paperwork, agendas, notice boards, continuous projects, council assets, emergency repairs, equipment, supplies, land etc.

The Parish Council is responsible for the amenities it provides such as its own seats, notice boards, open space, play areas etc. Responsibility for other items such as public footpaths, street lighting, litter bins etc lie with the Borough or County Councils.

The Parish Council has input into matters which effect the village such as planning applications, these are controlled by the planning authority, which is Chorley Borough Council. The Parish is informed of planning applications and decisions and asked for its comments or recommendation.

The Parish Council is not party political. It is solely involved in issues, items and developments for the benefit of the village and its residents.

All decisions are decided by vote. Each Councillor has one vote with the Chairman of the Council having one vote, but also one casting vote, if needed.

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