



2026 Annual Town Meeting – Thursday 21 May 2026 at 5:45pm

Good Evening everyone, and welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Town.

### **Chairman's Report**

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for attending this evening — representatives from local organisations and charities, members of community groups, and residents of our town. Your presence here reflects the strong sense of community spirit that continues to make our town a special place.

Over the past year, it is fair to say that it has been a challenging time for many. Households, businesses, charities, community organisations and local authorities have all faced increasing pressures, whether financial, operational or social. The Town Council has also experienced its own pressures and has had to carefully balance the needs of the community with the resources available.

Despite these pressures, the Council has continued to work hard to support the town, maintain services and facilities, and respond to the needs of residents wherever possible. This work would not have been achievable without the dedication of those who serve the Council and the wider community.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to the Clerk for their continued professionalism, guidance and commitment throughout the year. I would also like to thank our Grounds Maintenance staff for the excellent service they provide. Their hard work, often carried out behind the scenes, ensures that our public spaces and amenities are maintained to a high standard for everyone to enjoy. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for the time they freely give in serving and supporting our town.

This year, the Council agreed a precept increase of 10.23%. For a Band D property, this equates to an increase of £19.80 per annum. This was not a decision taken lightly, but one made to help ensure that the Council can continue to provide essential services, maintain community assets, and support projects and initiatives that benefit residents across the town.

We were also delighted to see £1 million awarded to Tuxford through Levelling Up Funding. We are already seeing a significant improvement in the appearance and environment of the town, and the Council continues to work closely with Bassetlaw District Council to explore and deliver additional enhancements that will benefit residents and visitors alike.

At Clark Lane Play Park additional play equipment has been installed, thanks to the generous support of Richard Walker, Retford Rotary Club and Retford Lions, together with the remaining funding coming from the Levelling Up Funding. These improvements have

enhanced the play area and provided more opportunities for local families and young people to enjoy the space.

The Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On event was a great success, bringing residents and visitors together to celebrate the festive season. We are hoping to expand on the event this year – scheduled for Sunday 29 November 2026. Events such as these continue to play an important role in strengthening community spirit and supporting local businesses.

The Council remains committed to working alongside local organisations, charities and residents to support community projects and encourage opportunities that strengthen our town. We recognise the enormous contribution made by volunteers and community groups, whose time and dedication make a meaningful difference to so many people.

As we look ahead, there will undoubtedly be further demands to navigate, but also opportunities to build on the strengths of our community. By continuing to work together, supporting one another and maintaining pride in our town, we can ensure it remains a place where people feel connected, supported and proud to live.

Thank you once again for attending this evening and for the role each of you plays in helping our town thrive.

**Joan Moorhouse**  
Chair to Tuxford Town Council

Financial Summary Year Ending 2025-26

Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £
1	Balances brought fwd	89,502.75	118,724.50
2	Annual precept	149,900.00	160,582.00
3	Total other receipts	98,547.47	66,474.27
4	Staff Costs	135,435.97	153,971.18
5	Loan interest/capital repayment	9,257.56	9,257.56
6	Total other payments	74,532.19	72,151.63
7	Balances carried forward	118,724.50	110,400.40
8	Total Cash and Short Term Inve	118,724.50	110,400.40
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Ter	382,338.50	401,419.33
10	Total Borrowings	156,737.43	153,436.00