

Selflessness, Integrity, Accountability, Objectiveness, Openness, Honesty, Leadership

Minutes of Full Council Meeting

**Held in THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on
Thursday 16 March 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Moorhouse (Chair of the meeting) E Bett, P Downing, G Frost, M Harris, I Nicholls, R Patman, M Richards, S Richardson, K Rutherford

IN ATTENDANCE; Lynda Ogilvie (Locum Clerk) Cllr J Ogle (NCC) (Part), and 4 members of the public

Chair welcomed everyone and reminded those present to turn their phones to silent, and that Councillors must speak through the Chair. She then opened the meeting at 7.00 pm

FC233 Inform Members and the Public that the meeting is being recorded

Chair informed those present that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of producing accurate Minutes and the recording would be destroyed once Minutes were approved.

FC234 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Cupit Atkin and Temple, and were accepted

District Councillor Stanniland had also sent apologies. No apologies were received from Cllr Issard

FC235 Declarations of Interest and remind councillors to ensure their Register of Interest information is current and up to date

Cllr Richards declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Item on Tuxford Working Men's Club Car Park.

No other Declarations of Interest were recorded.

FC236 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February 2023

The Minutes of the FC meeting held on 23 February 2023, having been circulated, were accepted as a Correct Record. Proposed Cllr Moorhouse, seconded Cllr Frost, all in favour.

FC237 To ratify decision made by the clerk/Personnel Committee – New Staff Member

Clerk and Personnel Committee recommendation is to appoint Mr Danial Munday as seasonal worker to assist other staff members. Cllr Rutherford proposed approval of the appointment, seconded by Cllr Frost, and all members in agreement.

FC238 Action Update from Previous Meeting

Due to the Clerk's absence through ill health, this information is not available, and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

FC239 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

a) District Council

As Cllr Stanniland was not in attendance there was no District Council Report

b) County Council

Cllr Ogle told members of the County Council's policy of reducing carbon emissions at County Hall, and this has included changing lights to LEDs and installing electric car charging points. He was asked about installing charging points elsewhere, and advised that this would be a commercial or private activity, and would not be funded by NCC.

He was informed by Cllr Betts about an attempted break at his home in by two people in a white car, who subsequently moved to Dunham on Trent, and committed a burglary in that village. It was suggested that this is raised at a Teams police liaison meeting next week.

FC240 Update – Town Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (Cllrs RW/KR)

Cllrs RW and KR updated members on a recent public meeting which they had attended. 5 councillors from Tuxford had been in attendance, as well as 5 from Bassetlaw DC.31 TUXFORD families also attended to give their views on plans for TUXFORD.

On a separate issue Cllr RW noted that there are 94 documents on the newly completed Ashvale estate application and he will undertake to go through them all and report back to Council reporting any issues.

This will be included in a future Agenda.

FC241 Finance

10.1 To approve invoices for payment – to be presented at Council

Payments totalling £7052.63 gross, having been circulated, were approved.

10.2 Bank reconciliation and variance report

Noted and approved

FC242 Council Code of Conduct

Chair reminded members of the requirements of the Tuxford TC's Code of Conduct. Copy to be sent to Cllr Nichols, as he has not yet received one.

FC243 Tuxford Working Men's Club Car Park

(Cllr Richardson had declared an interest in this item.)

Members discussed issues around the use of the TWMC car park and parking in the village generally. It was noted that in some areas there is insufficient residential parking which results in residents using TWMC car park and other free car parks in the village. There is also evidence of people parking all day in the car parks, thus discouraging shoppers because they cannot park.

This topic will be considered under the neighbourhood plan.

FC244 Gilbert Avenue Playing Field

It had been reported previously that TTC's request for a lease extension had been turned down by Bassetlaw DC. However, it now transpires that this is not correct. The confusion arose because information requested by BDC had not been provided therefore the request was automatically 'shelved'.

Therefore TTC need to provide the information requested, which will be in the form of a business case to develop the area as a multi use field.

Cllr Moorhouse's offer to prepare the required information for BDC was approved by members.

FC245 Cash for Communities

Tuxford, together with Harworth & Bircotes is being suggested for a pilot scheme to offer an alternative option for cash withdrawals. This will take the form of liaising with local businesses

to ascertain the need for such a scheme, and how it might operate. Cllr Cupit Atkin has offered to take the lead on this project, and this was accepted by members.

FC245 King's Coronation

The Finance and Services Committee was not able to underwrite activities to commemorate the Coronation due to budget constraints. However, there are activities being planned, including a party for older residents, and other street party-type events. Flags will be flown.

FC246 The Beeches Community Centre

There has been no response yet to TTC's request for information as to running costs of The Beeches. It was agreed that another approach will be made to obtain the necessary information so that TTC can consider options as to taking the building over. Cllr Walker was asked to re-send the request for

information on behalf of TTC and Tuxford Community events and request an early reply.

FC247 Update on Regeneration Group

Cllr KR noted that information is still awaited from the estate agents on the Reeds Trust.

FC248 To receive items for information and future Agenda items

Chair reminded members that any Agenda items proposed must be accompanied by a Report on the topic to be received by the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

As the following Agenda Item was confidential, members of the public were asked to leave.

FC249 Staffing

Members were updated on the situation regarding the Clerk's absence on sick leave. It was noted that the Clerk had agreed to a meeting with two members of the Council (Cllrs JM and MR) and this would be arranged at a suitable time to discuss how to support her return to work.

FC250 Date of next meeting

This will be on 20 April 2023, at 7.00 pm at The Beeches Community Centre

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.23 pm