

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting**

**To be held at THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, commencing at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**, J Moorhouse (Chair), N Birkett, C Cook, E Griffin (7.30 pm – 8.30 pm) I Nicholls, M Richards, K Rutherford, R Walker,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk (L Donaldson),

**FC159 Inform Members and the Public (if any in attendance) that the meeting is being recorded.**

Meetings are recorded for the purpose of accurate minute recording. Recordings are destroyed once the minutes have been approved.

**FC160 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's GF (holiday), L Page (unable to attend) S Richardson (Bassetlaw Meeting), J Temple (funeral)

**RESOLVED:** Reasons for apologies were given and accepted for the above Cllrs.

No formal apologies received for Cllr E Atkin

**FC161 Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations declared.

**FC162 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024** (folio ref 2024/126-130) and **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** (folio ref 2024/136-138)

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr KR, seconded by Cllr IN, all in favor that the minutes of the meeting held above, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the chairman as an accurate record.

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December** (folio ref 2024/136-138)

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr RW, seconded by Cllr KR, all in favor that the minutes of the meeting held above, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the chairman as an accurate record.

## **FC163 Action Update from previous meeting**

- 1. Newark Road Car Park** – This has been deferred for a number of reasons. Discussions with the Museum of the Horse about car parking facilities, previously requested the return of the lease of the car park, we only have 8 years left and not likely to get a new lease, issues about what the car park is being used for and a desire to purchase using Government Funding. A proposal was made by Cllr M Richardson that we start to get ready to buy. Clerk advised that the previous action note states that a Valuation has to take place and that potentially Karen Tarburton could assist with funding options. All in favour to take the next step. This to be made a February Agenda Item with a Report to apply for funding of the valuation.
- 2. Pollution Meters** – Successful readings have been completed and are still being taken. We needed to supply one of the meters to a member of the public and Cllr RW to make contact and supply same.
- 3. Funding Options for Tuxford Signs** – Clerk has provided the application with the timelines and the amounts available together with the RFO supplying an example cost of each of the Signs. It was further advised that it would have to be in the next precept year and now likely to be 2026 due to the 'window for funding'. Karen Tarburton believed we could obtain other funding for this albeit that the Signs would be outside of the Town Area, KT believes she can obtain two of the signs and the Clerk should try the Community Fund for another two. Clerk refers to a report required. All would like to proceed with the Signs and it will be a February Agenda Item and a Report submitted.
- 4. To contact Business Owners & Charities in Tuxford re Clark Lane Play Park** – nothing has happened about this matter and Cllr Keith Rutherford and Cllr E Atkin will start to ask.

**ACTION** Clerk is requested to contact the Lions and Rotary.

**FC164 To receive, accept and resolve to approve any recommendations contained within the Minutes of the following meeting, including to ratify action made by the Clerk.**

All members noted the minutes with no further comments

## **FC165 District Councilor and County Councilor Reports**

Cllr Ogle and Staniland are not present. Cllr E Griffin reported that at present she was very busy with flooding issues in another area, the problem with the A1 closed

at night and lorry congestion, to update that the Shop Grant window is now closed. S106 was raised by Cllr RW, Cllr JM noted issues around Bevercotes Lane, and a member of the public has cleaned this for several years. There is a new Flood Officer for Bassetlaw, and we are encouraged to contact her.

**ACTION** Clerk to put the member of public in touch with the new Flood Officer

**FC166 Update – Town Plan and Neighborhood Plan** *The Meeting will adjourn for questions from the Public, then re-convene for the following items.*

There were 3 sums of 50k, Cil and S106 and another 55k. The original S106 was to maintain Play Park Equipment and whilst the owner had agreed to this there was a change of Affordable to Market properties.

The Poverty & Health Report was completed, and Helen for the NP has other work

The Masterplan is complete and ready with minor amendments, and it is

**RESOLVED:** - Proposed by Cllr KR and Seconded by Cllr EG that the plan is accepted, all in favour.

### **FC167 Finance**

All the following paperwork was sent electronically to all members prior to the meeting and paper copies were given to the Chair to authorise in the presence of members and any public present.

- a) *To approve invoices for payment (d)*
  - Payments on the report attached were approved and signed.
  - Bank Transfers totaling: £14,250.65
  - Direct Debits totaling: £5,391.98
  - Debit Card payments totaling: £375.37
  - Cheque payments totaling: £0.00.
  - Income received totaling: - £80.00

The bank account balance of £108,341.73 was approved and authorised.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr MR states he had checked through the above and agreed with the totals. Proposed by Cllr RW, Seconded by KR, all in favor.

b) Bank Reconciliation/Budget variation report

Co-op Saving Account, £24,475.38 Hampshire Trust Bank £37,347.79 and £100.00 Petty Cash float.

The RFO gave all members an up-to-date report on the expenditure, receipts, variances up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 which was sent in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr MR stated he had checked through the above and agreed with the totals. Proposed by Cllr JM and seconded by Cllr RW, all in favour.

a) 2025.26 – Precept Full Council Approval – Final Draft

After discussion by all Councillors, it was agreed to agree on an increase of 7%

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr IN, all in favour to request a precept demand to Bassetlaw District Council of £160,582 - an increase by 7%.

b) Pension Deficit 2020.21 – shortfall from NCC Payroll error

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Cllr KR and Seconded by Cllr RW to repay the shortfall, all in favour

c) Big Planter (rotten) and needs replacing

A discussion took place with a member of the public suggesting an Iron Pole with flowers cascading. It was noted that repairing the Trough would be expensive as would the contents and maintenance. No decision was made, and Cllrs are invited to go away and consider options.

**ACTION** Cllrs to forward their comments/suggestions to the Clerk at the earliest opportunity.

**FC168 To review and approve the following policies:**

- Revised Complaints Policy

**RESOLVED:** - Proposed by Cllr MR and Seconded by Cllr KR to accept the revised complaints policy, all in favour.

- Allotment Health & Safety & Emergency Access Policy

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr KR and Seconded by Cllr RW, all in favour.

**FC169 – Lengthsman Scheme 2025-26** To consider participating for April 25-Mar 26

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Cllr KR and seconded by Cllr IN to continue with the scheme, all in favour.

**FC170 – To Consider 20mph speed restrictions (Cllr RW)**

**RESOLVED:** - Proposed by Cllr KR and Seconded by Cllr JM to conduct a survey of Tuxford residents about imposing a 20mph speed restriction, all in favour.

**FC171 Gilbert Avenue (shelter and access – Cllr MR)**

It is noted that there is a legal requirement for a Disabled/Gate access to the playing field. There appears to be no progress on the Lease for this site. Cllr EG suggested nothing is done and no money is spent until at least the CCTV is installed. It was agreed that the Proposal be deferred.

**ACTION** RFO to write a letter Mr D Armiger at Bassetlaw for an update on the Lease. (JM & RW)

**FC172 Clerk Report**

The report had been read and the contents noted.

**FC173 Receive Items for Information and Future Agenda Items**

We had Karen Tarburton in attendance from Bassetlaw and noted the following. Shopfront Grant, 13 applications and £187,535.46 allocated. This is now closed with an underspend of £312,464.54 and will aid improvements to The Beeches. There is to be a secondary working party set up to deal with the commercial aspects within the next few weeks and this will be a separate subcommittee.

The legal contracts for the Underpass Mural work are done and Tuxford will have a say what the Mural is going to be.

There have been some issues about Street Lighting A6075 as well as overhanging trees Eldon Street and Chancery Walk – this will be looked at.

The Funds that needed to be spent by March 2025 are to be extended and in talks with the Government. Legals about The Beeches are being discussed with the Estates Dept.

Lindon Avenue – improvements into the public area, Bassetlaw can sort and lease Tuxford the land however it must be maintained properly by Tuxford Council, they are simply leasing them the land. Please get on with the Memorial and Karen is to speak to Tim Downes about this matter.

The Clerk highlighted the matter of the two vacant positions on Tuxford Town Council.

**ACTION:** Could we supply the existing full-page advert for Tuxford Chat (RFO)

Cllr IN would like Parking/Neighbourhood Plan onto the next Agenda (It was also agreed that the Cllrs would arrange a NP meeting)

There was a request for a Traffic Warden to the Town and could we recommend the time of their appearance.

**ACTION** To contact Bassetlaw to arrange this.

**FC174 Date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.06 pm

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE..... DATE .....