

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

**To be held at THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on
Thursday 20th February 2025, commencing at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: E Atkin, N Birkett, C Cook, G Frost, E Griffin, I Nicholls, L Page, M Richards, S Richardson, K Rutherford, J Temple,

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk (L Donaldson),

FC175 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.

FC176 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Walker, Cllr J Moorhouse

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

FC178 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations declared.

FC179 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January 2025 (folio ref 2024/145-150)

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr MR, 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. (Cllrs JT & EA did not vote as they were not present)

FC180 Action Update from previous meeting

1. Newark Road Car Park –FC187
2. Pollution Meters - ongoing
3. Business Owners & Charities in TTC for Clark Lane Play Park, Rotary & Lions. We have had a response from the Rotary but they need specific details of the play equipment you require to further this application. Nothing back from the Lions. Recommendation made to contact DH Smith.
4. Bevercotes and Flood Officer – Been done and thanks given from the member of the public
5. Comments on rotten trough – it has been suggested that we pursue some funding from Streetscape, requests made to include the community with regards to bulbs/planting/costs, no decisions have been made. Refer to KT

6. Letter to DA at Bassetlaw re Gilbert Lease – Done but no acknowledgement or response
7. Advert for Cllrs in Tuxford Chat - Done

FC181 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.

- **Planning Committee – 6TH February 2025 (2024/151-153)**

All members noted the minutes with no further comments

FC182 District Councilor and County Councilor Reports – There was no attendance from Cllrs J Ogle and L Staniland.

Emma states that it is fairly quiet currently, there will be an increase in the Council Tax and it will be opposed as Bassetlaw have adequate reserves to run with the costs. There has been a lot of work done with the Flood areas and Emma has now visited all 24 Parishes. There will be 3 to 4 additional tables coming to Tuxford free of charge and Emma will chase these.

FC183 Update – Town Plan and Neighborhood Plan

We received an update from Cllr K Rutherford in the absence of Cllr R Walker. We have the finalised health policy which has gone through Public Health England.

The Meeting will adjourn for questions from the Public, then re-convene for the following items. No questions from the public.

FC184 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: £11,931.34
Direct Debits totaling: £528.92
Debit Card payments totaling: £20.98
Cheque payments totaling: £0.00.
Income received totaling: - £1616.40

The bank account balance of £143,734.43 was approved and authorised.

RESOLVED: Cllr MR states he had checked through the above and agreed with the totals. Proposed by Cllr KR, Seconded by IN, all in favor. 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 12th February 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 KR and seconded by Cllr IN, all in favour.

FC185 To review and approve the following policies:

Revised Cemetery Fees (definition of Resident)

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

FC186 Clerk Report

The report had been read and the contents noted.

FC187 Newark Road Car Park Proposed Purchase

Cllr MR reminds Cllrs that we have 15 years, a 30 year lease was signed in 2010. MR states we should get a Survey, and the price is approximately £1,000 and if it is not good, we will have to give it back to the Brewery at the end of the Term. Cllr KR states that maybe Chevron parking would assist but this is a separate matter outside of the car park. If we went ahead, we would need to make some changes to the car park. It was raised by Cllr SR that we have no baseline cost, we don't know what the valuation is going to be and ultimately, they are probably not going to sell it. Cllr IN states we must have disabled parking and that 6% is the lawful requirement. Where is the money coming from and a suggestion that Streetscape may fund?

RESOLVED: A proposal that we undertake the valuation of up to £1000 and look to obtain a valuation of the land by Cllr MR and Seconded by Cllr KR, all in favour. Cllr GF abstained from the vote.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct a Valuer for the Car Park

FC188 Receive Items for Information and Future Agenda Items

The generator is being removed from future Agenda items as we are now hosting the Christmas Market inside.

The Tuxford Signs will be added to a future agenda once a response to a funding request has been received from National Lottery Community Fund.

Moles in the Cemetery (The Mole Catcher)

Tuxford Plaque – It has been suggested that it be placed on the FingerPost (outside the Deli shop)

Cllr EA advises that she wishes to withdraw her request to install the Robins Structure at the Peace Park and advises this will now be installed with The Walks of Life which will also be under CCTV surveillance. There was a sum of £3000 which Cllr EA obtained from Mr. Richard Walker directly, this currently sits with Tuxford Town Council accounts. Cllr SR commented that it was a fitting place for this work.

A request is made for approval to return the funds for the work above and RFO is requesting permission for the transfer.

Resolved Proposed by Cllr MR that we refund the £3000 and Seconded by Cllr KR, all in favour. (This will be ratified by the Council at our March Full Council Meeting)

ACTION RFO to contact Richard Walker and arrange transfer.

Other items for March Agenda – Community Purchase of The Beeches, Car Parking, Position of the Plaque (MR), VE Day

FC189 Private & Confidential – Town Council Office Location

Cllrs were sent the paper prior to the meeting. The Councillors offered to approach Tuxford Scouts and Guides to see if they could offer them support and make any suggestions.

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Date of next meeting 20th March 2025

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 08.17 PM

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....



DATE

20 MAR 2025