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2025/004

**MINUTES of Tuxford Town Council Planning Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at  
The Beeches Community Centre, Tuxford, commencing 5.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Walker, K Rutherford, G Frost, E Atkin, J Temple, I Nicholls, J Moorhouse

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Lynda Donaldson,

Chair opened the meeting at 5.30 pm.

**P001 Apologies**

There were no absences

**P002 Declaration of Interests**

No declared Interests

*The meeting was adjourned to allow for questions from the public, there were no members of the public present.*

**P003 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (folio ref 2024/151-153)**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meetings held above, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the chairman as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr RW seconded by Cllr KR all in favour. (Cllr JM did not vote as not present at the previous meeting)

***P004 To Ratify Planning Application The Mount, Great North Road, Tuxford – 25/00139/COU***

**RESOLVED:** Having discussed this planning application at the planning committee meeting it was proposed by Cllr RW, seconded by Cllr JT, all members in favour, to support the decision made by councillors, for which the clerk submitted comments under their delegated powers, on behalf of the Planning Committee Members.

***P005 Planning Application***

- ***25/00272/PDN – 9 Eldon Street, Tuxford***
- **RESOLVED** It was PROPOSED by Cllr RW to support this application and SECONDED by Cllr EA, all in favour to support.
- **ACTION** Clerk to notify Bassetlaw District Council of the Town Councils comments on the above planning application
- ***25/00303/RES – Land North of Ollerton Road, Tuxford***
- **RESOLVED** It was PROPOSED by Cllr RW to support this application and SECONDED by Cllr KR, all in favour to support.

**ACTION** Clerk to notify Bassetlaw District Council of the Town Councils comments on the above planning application

Declaration of Interests:

During discussion of the planning application, Cllr JM queried whether Cllr KR should declare an interest due to a known relationship with the applicant. Cllr KR stated that while he knows the applicant, he does not consider the relationship to be relevant to this specific application, which relates to matters of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, and Scale.

The Clerk advised there appeared to be no formal requirement to declare an interest under the Code of Conduct, but would refer the matter to the Responsible Financial Officer for confirmation. Cllr KR requested that the matter also be referred to Notts ALC for further guidance.

**P006 – Discuss a meet with the new Head Of Planning and Place for BDC to discuss the inconsistencies under NPPF guidelines.**

The Committee discussed concerns regarding inconsistencies in planning decisions relating to amenity space requirements under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It was noted that while residential developments in Tuxford have been refused on the basis of lacking amenity space, similar applications in Retford appear to have been approved despite the same issue. Reference was made to both historical and recent planning decisions, including one approved by a newly appointed Planning Officer, where amenity space was not mentioned — raising concern due to its absence in the BDC Local Plan.

As an initial step, the Clerk advised that the approval of the Planning Committee was required to formally nominate Cllr RW to act on behalf of Tuxford Town Council to request a meeting with the new Head of Planning and Place at BDC, to raise and discuss these concerns.

Cllr JM commented that this should be approached as a 'blanket discussion' on the treatment of amenity space across applications, with the outcome potentially serving as a litmus test for future engagement.

**RESOLVED** A proposal by Cllr KR that Cllr RW arranges a meeting/discussion with the Planning Officer to protect future applications in Tuxford and Seconded by Cllr EA, all in favour. (Cllr RW did not take part in the voting process)

**P007 To receive items for information and future agenda items.**

- The first draft of the NP is back from Helen and that will be brought back to the NP group and Planning. First Cllr RW and KR will need to look through and need approximately 10 days. Due to Easter and the Planning Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May it has been decided to call a Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on the 1st May at 6.00 pm.

**ACTION** Clerk to organise with Cllr RW to prepare and send an invite out.

- An update with regard to Land at the end of the Village. It is not certain what is happening currently however this is a matter for Bassetlaw Planning / Enforcement to deal with until we receive a Planning Application.
- There is to be a discussion about the idea of Chevron Parking in The Beeches Car Park and Cllr RW mentioned that he had emailed KT some time ago and had no response.

**Members of the Public have a right to attend Council meetings but not an automatic right of speech**

**P008 Date of Next Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their contributions to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.19 pm

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....

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