

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 November 2018 at The Beeches, Birch Court, Tuxford commencing 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs G Nicholls (in the Chair) E Atkin, J Moorhouse, K Phillips, M Phillips, T Silcock, E Bett

In Attendance: Mrs L Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, Cllr K Isard, BDC and 5 members of the public

Before opening the meeting, Chairman thanked Cllr Atkin in particular, but also others who had been involved in the WW1 commemorations at the primary school. He had received many positive comments from residents in addition to those posted on Tuxford Chat.

He also reported that Tuxford has been awarded a Certification from CPRE at the Best Kept Village Award. This was for Fine use of Street Furniture in the centre of the village. Chairman thanked Martin Pottinger and his team for their efforts in this regard.

FC135/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Richards, and J Robinson. These were approved.

FC136/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

FC137/18 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2018

There were accepted as a correct record and signed.

FC138/18 Matters arising from the Minutes

A question was raised re the installation of CCTV at the former village hall site. Chair reported that a site meeting had taken place and we currently await final confirmation from the installer. It was confirmed that Council had previously approved the quotation for this work, so once the contractor is satisfied with the arrangements the installation can proceed.

Lights in the church supported by North Notts Bid – again confirmation is awaited from the contractor and approval from the church before this can be taken further.

Comments have been received that the poppies placed to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 and Remembrance Sunday were very centralised and it was requested that they be spread out a little further. Noted for next year.

FC139/18 District Council and Council Council reports

BDC – Cllr Isard said that the 5-year land supply for residential properties has not been achieved, but BDC has been informed that they have 7+ years of housing allocation.

Cllr M Phillips asked if BDC would be prepared to sign over recreational land to Tuxford TC in the event that a unitary authority is established in the County. Cllr

Isard said that he could not say what would happen if the County becomes a unitary authority, but it is a matter which could be addressed as BDC prepares its Local Plan. Cllr Isard said that BDC would contribute to the cost of gifts for children to be distributed at the Christmas Fair on 2 December 2018.

County Council – Cllr Ogle had sent his apologies due to a clash of meetings. Cllr Moorhouse raised the issue of policing in Tuxford and wondered what has happened to the local police officer, as he has not been seen recently in the town. Agreed that a police presence be requested at the next full council meeting.

FC140/18 To receive, accept and resolve to approve any recommendations contained within the minutes of the following meetings (if any):

01 Planning Committee (1 November 2018)

This meeting had been abandoned

02 Finance and Services Committee 1 November 2018

Approval of recommendation that handymen be authorised to create different silhouettes for special events throughout the year, such work to be undertaken during the quieter months of the year (winter) and with prior discussion and approval.

03 Personnel Committee 1 November 2018

All matters therein approved.

Locum Clerk reported that the vacancy advert is being circulated, and there have been two expressions of interest so far.

The meeting was adjourned to allow questions from members of the public

Resident asked if a Christmas tree could be erected in the vicinity of Birch Court for the benefit of residents. The residents would decorate the tree. Agreed.

A caravan is being parked on Gilbert Avenue on land not owned by the caravan owner. Locum Clerk to contact enforcement officer at BDC.

Question about the number of children who attended the opening of Clark Lane Play area, and the cost. Answer – cost was £22.50 for sweets. Difficult to determine the actual number of children because they were coming and going.

Other matters reported:

School crossing – this is scheduled for March 2019, but NCC looking at the possibility of it being a ‘ramped’ zebra crossing which might affect the timing of the installation.

Drug wrappers have been found in car park. Cllr Robinson is going to look into getting a solar light for the area.

Complaints about broken glass at former village hall site – difficult for handymen to clear, but Chairman had spoken to BDC and they had sent a sweeper which had done a good job. This was free on this occasion.

Cllr Isard said that BDC would support another CCTV, and Tuxford TC should email him to ask for a contribution. Locum Clerk to action.

Meeting was reconvened

FC141/18 Finance

0.1 To approve invoices for payment

Invoices on Attachment A approved totalling £635.07 and DD's £311.38. Income of £40 (Christmas market stalls) and £400 (Cemetery) were noted.

0.2 To note budget monitoring and balances as per Finance & Service Minutes

So noted.

Seat in Ashvale Road which is broken belongs to Notts CC. Agreed M Pottinger will replace with one from Faraday Road.

Also will replace watering cans in churchyard all of which leak.

FC142/18 Planning Matters

01 To consider following Planning Applications:

Farleys' Farm, Ollerton Road – TTC had already objected to an earlier application. The current application notice had arrived at TTC on 5 November, but was dealt with by BDC Planning committee on 7 November so there had been no time to offer further comments. Cllr Isard reported that the application had been approved by BDC on 7 November.

House naming - 19 Newcastle Street. This was noted.

02 Planning decisions

None received

FC143/18 To review Council Policies

0.1 Disciplinary Policy

Approved

0.2 Grievance Policy

Approved

0.2 Health and Safety Policy

Approved

Staff Handbook will be finalised and issued to staff.

FC144/18 To consider final arrangements for Christmas Fair and Lights Switch on

All stalls have now been taken.

Timings for singers etc need to be worked through and communicated to appropriate persons.

Fliers – locum Clerk to find out when these will be available.

FC145/18 Update on Free Defibrillator courses offered by Retford Lions on 29 November at The Beeches

All arranged for 29 November at 7.00 pm.

Notices up on notice boards, Chili Petals, Co-op, Primary and Senior schools and Working Men's club.

Lions have asked if we can provide defibrillator for the evening? Members were surprised that Lions did not have their own if offering a training course. This will be investigated further.

FC146/18 To consider complaint re speeding in the village

Speed van has been seen in Eldon Street fairly frequently – could be asked to move to other sites in the village.

Other problems include poor parking on the roads, which results in jams when large lorries try to pass. Traffic wardens appear not to operate in Tuxford. It was suggested that the Traffic Working Group be re-established.

FC147/18 To receive items for information and future agenda items

- Christmas lights on Lampposts next year
- First aid and Health and Safety training for staff – Cllr M Phillips offered to arrange this through independent HSE consultant. M Pottinger confirmed that he has First Aid certificate
- Gilbert Avenue – could TTC look at getting North Notts bid money for changing rooms etc. Existing facilities have no electricity or water supply. Would need extension of existing lease to make it viable, and site considered difficult for games due to stones and glass continually rising to the surface. Possibly a more suitable project for Tuxford football club, if they wished.

FC148/18 Date of next meeting 17 January 2019

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed as a correct record

Date