

## **Tuxford Town Council**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17 January 2019 at The Beeches,  
Birch Court, Tuxford, commencing 7.00pm**

### **Present:**

Cllrs G Nicholls (in the Chair), K Phillips, M Phillips, T Silcock, E Bett, D Preece, M Richards

### **In Attendance:**

Mrs L Ogilvie (Locum Clerk), Ms Clare Fox (Clerk Designate) Cllr K Isard (BDC), Cllr J Ogle (NCC) PC Gareth Mitchell, and 4 members of the public

Before commencing the meeting, Chairman introduced and welcomed Clare Fox, who has been appointed Clerk to the Council, and will take up her post in mid-February.

### **FC149/19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr E Atkin (holiday) Cllr E Taylor (holiday) Cllr J Robinson (work) and Cllr J Moorhouse (attending another meeting on behalf of TTC)

Council approved the above apologies.

### **FC150/19 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr K Piliips declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 (Minute FC161/19).

### **FC151/19 Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 15 November 2018**

With a correction to FC141/18 0.2 'churchyard' changed to 'cemetery' the minutes were approved as a correct record and signed.

### **FC152/19 Matters Arising from those minutes**

Cllr M Phillips has a contact who will provide defibrillator training for a donation. Council agreed to follow this up.

### **FC153/19 District Councillor and Council Councillor Reports**

#### **1. District Council**

Cllr Isard was asked whether the District Council would be prepared to either extend the lease of, or gift, the land at Gilbert Avenue. Cllr Isard could not give an answer to this, but suggested that TTC should write formally to BDC to enquire if this would be possible.

Members raised the issue of planning applications and the procedures adopted by BDC which seem regularly to be at odds with TTC's views. Cllr Isard gave the name of an officer at BDC who could be contacted re planning issues.

Cllr Isard confirmed that the Mine of Information is a Company Limited by Guarantee, but could not discuss further aspects of Mol at the town council meeting. He agreed

he would ask other members of Mol if they would be willing to meet with Town Councillors and discuss issues of mutual interest, such as the provision of a village hall. Cllr Isard was also asked about the possibility of provision of recreational facilities near Gilbert Avenue, but he could not give advice on this and suggested that I should be raised with BDC direct.

## 2. County Council

Cllr Ogle reported on the Rural Conference which he had just attended. He said that it would appear that rural areas will take the bulk of development, as areas such as Retford have already been granted permission for developments which will meet their allocation.

Cllr Ogle was asked about Unitary Authority proposals. He explained that TUPE would apply so there should be few redundancies, and that some of the existing buildings owned would need to be disposed of, but others would be retained.

The matter of applying double yellow lines near the cemetery to stop trucks being parked there was raised. TTC to write to Cllr Ogle with details.

Members discussed various traffic problems, and the lack of traffic wardens in the town. It was also noted that there were very few disabled parking spaces in the town, and those were only available during the day, not in the evening.

### **FC154/19 To receive, accept and resolve to approve any recommendations contained within the minutes of the following meeting:**

#### 1. Finance & Services Committee 6 December 2018

It was agreed that Council would not install a second bench, but would instead consider commemorating the RAF's centenary.

The proposal of an event to commemorate a former Chairman of the Council was not approved.

Entrance signs to the village – it was agreed that the existing plaques could be used, but should be placed in or on a raised structure so that they were more visible. 7 are needed, but project could start with the three main entrances to the town.

It was agreed that the Christmas market committee would be disbanded and re-established after the elections in May.

Town Clerk reported that she had investigated the cost of a modern mobile phone, and this would increase current costs by approximately £200 per annum. Agreed that this should be dealt with when new Town Clerk is in post.

*The meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public*

PC Gareth Mitchell was asked about policing in the parish, and he confirmed that it was unlikely that any more police officers would be made available. He covers 17 parishes, and is very happy to respond to emails or telephone calls when he is on duty. Speeding on the A1 slip road into Tuxford was raised as it has been reported that average speeds have been recorded at 39mph. Council asked if PC Mitchell could arrange for a mobile camera unit to be stationed at the site.

The speed sign at Eldon Street is not working correctly. This has been reported by Cllr Ogle, and apparently has been repaired once, but is still not right. Town Clerk will follow this up. The handyman team were thanked for their work in the town over Christmas, and it was noted that the town decorations were a great attraction.

*The meeting reconvened.*

#### **FC155/19 Finance**

1. To approve invoices for payment as per the attached list (Appendix A)  
Invoices were approved
2. To note budget monitoring and balances as presented  
So noted.
3. To consider budget and precept for 2019-20  
Council approved a precept of plus 5% on 2018/19 figure.
4. To consider recipient of Christmas Fair donations  
Town Clerk said that she had not been able to find the donation of £100 made after the Christmas Market 2017, but there is a figure of £95 as individual donations. Thus the Council has £95 from 2017 and £179 from 2018 to disperse. It was agreed that it would be split equally by Forget me Notts and The Scouts and Guides Association in Tuxford.

#### **FC156/19 Planning Matters**

1. To consider Planning Applications  
19/00009/FUL Farleys Farm, Ollerton Road, Tuxford  
Erect Boiler house building, dead bird store, gas tanks etc.  
Council decision: no objection.
2. Planning decisions received  
None received.

#### **FC157/19 To Review Council Policies**

1. Model Publication Policy  
Approved
2. Snow Clearing Policy  
Approved
3. Risk Assessments  
Approved

#### **FC158/19 To consider site for plaque received re Cycle Race**

It was agreed that this would be sited in the market square.

#### **FC159/19 To consider renewal of A1 Grass Cutting contract**

Town Clerk reported that she had been in touch with relevant officer at Bassetlaw and there is no current proposal to change the arrangements. The only change has been is that the contract is paid by Bassetlaw DC now and not A1 housing.

**FC160/19 To consider proposal from Finance and Services Committee for installation of second poppy bench**

See minute FC154/19 above.

Also noted that 2020 would be 75 years since the end of WWII and some commemoration of this event may be appropriate.

**FC160/19 To agree date of Christmas market and lights switch on 2019**

As the usual date of first Sunday in December would clash with another Christmas event at Retford, it was agreed that the date would be **Sunday 8 December 2019** this year.

**FC161/19 To consider letter from Scouts and Guides re joint water supply**

It was agreed that in future Tuxford Town Council would cover the whole water bill as a gesture of support for the work done by the Scouts and Guides in the community. However, an upper limit of £200 would be placed on this, and should the bill exceed this in the future, Tuxford TC reserves the right to reconsider their position.

**FC162/19 To consider May Day event**

Council supports the idea of working with the school on a May Day event, and Cllr Atkin will be asked to discuss with the school to develop the idea.

**FC163/19 To approve Allotment rent for 2019**

Council agreed that there should be no increase this year, and the rent will remain £24, reduced to £16 for over 65's. Town Clerk was asked to make enquires of other allotment providers to see what they charge.

A request to erect a temporary poly tunnel on one of the plots was approved.

**FC164/19 To receive items for information and future agenda items**

Chairman reported that an application for a vacancy on the council had been received, and he undertook to contact the applicant.

Cllr M Phillips reported that a right of way has been blocked by a shed along Orchard Crescent. Town Clerk will report this to appropriate authority.

Cllr Richards asked if the Council could look at finding somewhere which could be turned into a youth centre. Agenda item for next meeting

Cllr Richards also reported that the former Grammar School building was being put up for sale by the Reeds Trust. There has been some interest but there are some obstacles to be overcome.

Cllr K Phillips asked about name tags, which some councillors had. Agreed that this would wait until after elections in May when any new members of the Council could be included in an order for them.

**FC165/19 Date of next meeting: 21 February 2019**

The meeting rose at 9.50 pm.