

Tuxford Town Council
Minutes of Finance and Services Committee meeting
held on Thursday 1 November 2018 at The Beeches

PRESENT: Cllrs G Nicholls, J Robinson, E Betts, M Phillips, K Phillips, E Atkin, M Richards
IN ATTENDANCE: Lynda Ogilvie (Locum Clerk), Cllr K Phillips

FS118 Apologies – acceptance and approval

Apologies were received from Cllr J Moorhouse – accepted and approved.

FS119 Declarations of Interest

There were none

FS120 Approval and signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2018.

These were approved and signed.

FS121 Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

FS122 Finance

01. Invoices for Payment

Invoices totalling £831.16 were approved

02. To begin budget preparation

Members considered the budget for the year 2019-20. Several matters require further consideration, including budgets for the Christmas Fair 2019, the Cemetery, and the training budget

FS123 Town Management and Equipment

Handymen have asked for a trailer. They have been asked to investigate types and prices. Seat on Ashvale Road, which it has been ascertained to belong NCC, requires new slats. Clerk will investigate if this can be done by handymen under the Lengthsman scheme.

FS124 To consider issues in relation to Play Areas

01 Update re Clark Lane Play Area official opening

The event went well, and children enjoyed it. The goal nets have been taken down but can be replaced when required.

FS125 Proposal from Cllr M Phillips

Cllr Phillips requested that consideration be given to authorising the handymen to make silhouettes or other suitable creations to recognise different events, such as reindeer at Christmas, sporting events, Valentine's day, etc. Members were generally supportive of the suggestion provided the proper decision making channels were observed. It was agreed that this should be approved by Full Council.

FS126 Request for additional inscription on existing memorial, and consider giving Clerk authority to approve such.

The new inscription was approved.

Members agreed that in future for non-contentious applications, these could be delegated to the Clerk, together with the Chair and/or Vice Chair as available.

FS127 Update on defibrillator training

This has been arranged on Thursday, 29 November 2018 at The Beeches, at 7.00 pm. Adverts need to be distributed widely to ensure sufficient take-up.

FS128 Update from Councillor on provision of lighting over town centre car park

Cllr Robinson will look at possibilities and bring some information to the next meeting.

FS129 Update on events to mark end of WW1

The event at the school is well underway. Food has been ordered for 60 Adults and 85 children, and the new headmaster has undertaken to get the children singing appropriate songs, and also telling the stories of the 16 men from Tuxford who lost their lives during WW1.

FS130 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

There is little to report as yet, other than Helen Metcalfe, Planning with People, will assist the process in the New Year.

FS131 Update on meeting held at NCC 23 October 2018 re Local Government Re-organisation

Those who had attended this meeting reported on the event. The slides and a resumé of the event prepared by Mrs Ogilvie had been circulated by email.

FS132 To note reports from Working Groups (if any)

01 Christmas Fair – update

Some matters remaining outstanding: there is a need to find someone to be Santa, and to check his route, the timings of some of the afternoon activities must be confirmed.

FS133 Items for next meeting and to note any correspondence received

Cllr Atkin reported on the death of Gary Gray, who had been Chairman of the Council some years ago, and was also a very active member of the community. Members agreed that flowers, a wreath or a donation to the family's preferred charity should be made up to £100. Cllr Atkin will investigate which would be appropriate and arrange.

Cllr M Phillips has established a facebook page for Tuxford Town Council. This will need full approval, including agreement of rules.

CCTV training will be required. Cllr Robinson will arrange to obtain a quote.

Cllr K Phillips requested that as many councillors as possible attend the Remembrance Day parade.

FS134 Date of Next Meeting

6 December 2018

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm