

**MINUTES of a MEETING of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 - 7.30pm, in the Bourne Town Council Offices at the SK Community Point Bourne.**

(Recorded by Deputy Town Clerk)

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	Cllr P Fellows		
<b>Councillors</b>	T Holmes	D Mapp	B Russell
	P Knowles	Mrs H Powell	Mrs P Moisey
	R McKinney	Mrs S Cliffe	Mrs B Johnson
	J Smith	Mrs S Smith	
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Mrs N Jacobs		
<b>Deputy Clerk</b>	I Sismey		

0 members of the public

**1260A APOLOGIES**

*Proposed Cllr D Mapp, seconded Cllr Mrs P Moisey and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** *To approve the reason for apology for absence from Councillors, D Higgs, C Pattison and Cllr Mrs J Kingman*

**1261A DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None Declared

**1262A TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None received prior to the meeting

**1263A INDICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none present

**1264A TO APPROVE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AS A TRUE RECORD**

*Proposed Cllr R McKinney, seconded Cllr Mrs J Smith and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** *To approve the Notes of the above mentioned meeting as amended as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them as the Minutes of the above meeting. (Amendment to minute number 1257A where the word 'retorted' should be replaced by the word 'stated')*

**1265A TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY DISTRICT/COUNTY CLLRS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

**Cllr Mrs H Powell** – CC – Reported that if any members had any comments to make on the issue concerning the running of the libraries these should be made direct to LCC before the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month as this matter goes before the Executive 3 days after this date.

**Cllr Mrs B Johnson- Dyke Village Hall-** Reported that at a meeting of the Village Hall committee the treasurer had resigned and that they were currently looking for a new one.

**Cllr P Knowles** – *Police Panel* – The Police Panel had met on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and reported that the attempt to reduce house burglaries in the last quarter had been achieved. In fact only 1 burglary had been reported. However since the end of the quarter, 3 had been reported. Another priority for the last quarter was vehicle light defects that had not been achieved, therefore the Police's priorities for the current quarter will be:

1) Vehicle light defects, 2) re-emphasis on burglaries, 3) an attempt to reduce the number of shed break in's.

**1266A TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None had been received.

**1267A CEMETERY**

To approve the re-location and associated cost, of the 'Garden of Rest' marker stone in the original Garden of Rest to free up at least 4 plots for Cremated Remains

The Town Clerk reported that it would free up much needed space for further Cremated Remains plots if the marker stone was re-sited towards the left hand edge of the Garden of Rest (1). The Town Clerk stated that the marker installation was not of the required standard and if re-sited would have to meet the standards with the same anchoring system as any headstone. The cost would be approximately £200.00 and would free up at least four plots.

*Proposed Cllr T Holmes, Seconded Cllr Mrs H Powell and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** *To approve the re-location of the Garden of Rest (1) marker stone at a cost of approximately £200.00.*

#### **1268A BOURNE IN BLOOM**

- a. To approve the Deputy's attendance at East Midlands in Bloom Seminar on 19.2.15 at Melton Mowbray – attendance cost £10

*Proposed Cllr D Mapp, Seconded Cllr Mrs J Kingman and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** To allow the Deputy Town Clerk to attend the above event at a cost of £10

- b. To approve liaison with local companies/organisations with regard to roundabout adoption within the Parish, at no cost to Bourne Town Council

*Propose Cllr D Mapp, Seconded Cllr Mrs H Powell and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Council Staff contacting local companies/organisations with regard to roundabout adoption

#### **1269A ALLOTMENTS -To discuss quotations for Allotment mowing**

The Town Clerk had received a new quotation for mowing the Council owned allotments which was £5.00 cheaper per cut than the current supplier.

There was general conversation with regard to this item and the general opinion was that we should ensure that any new supplier can meet our requirements. It was also agreed that we should always check to ensure that we are not tied into any contract with an outgoing supplier.

*Proposed Cllr Mrs H Powell, Seconded Cllr B Russell and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** That as long as the Town Clerk was happy with everything that was stated above then we should contract with the new supplier for the mowing of the allotment site.

#### **1270A CHRISTMAS**

- a) *Santa's Sleigh* - To consider a request by Bourne & District Lions for permission to store Santa's Sleigh trailer at the cemetery adjacent to the bungalow, (if permanent storage cannot be granted would temporary storage be considered)

The Town Clerk reported that this issue was also being advertised in the local press for someone to come forward with a possible site for the sleigh. The only possible place that the Council may have would be the cemetery adjacent to the bungalow.

Cllr B Russell stated that if this was to go ahead it would need to be out of sight.

Cllr Mrs J Smith was of the opinion that if no one else came forward then we should try and help if at all possible.

Cllr T Holmes was concerned with regard to the issue of insurance and liability.

*Proposed Cllr P Fellows, Seconded Cllr B Russell and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** That in the event of no other offers of storage being made then we should try and help the organisation as long as the question of insurance is resolved.

- b) *Anchor Points of the Cross Street Display* –To consider raising a fee and recommend a level of such a fee, for using the anchor points to display banners across North Street, to help cover maintenance and testing cost. The Clerk has had discussions with LCC Highways re some form of a Licence Agreement covering both Authorities, which LCC would welcome. This system is already in place in Stamford

The Town Clerk following her meeting with Kevin Brumfield (LCC Highways) pointed out that we need to cover the cost involved of maintaining the anchor points that we use for the Town Christmas lights cross street display.

Cllr B Russell stated that although we had authority for the lights we should not assume that we can hang banners as well.

Cllr T Holmes suggested that the licence fee should be the anticipated no of users divided into the associated cost.

Cllr Mrs H Powell concurred with this stating that as the installation of the anchor points was paid from the public purse then the additional cost of having them safety checked etc should be covered by the users.

In conclusion it was felt that as people are currently hanging banners from the anchor points then it would seem right and proper that they pay for this service in some way. As the Town Council we can not assume authority to hang banners through our current licence agreements with the Christmas lights and that the points should be properly tested regularly.

*Proposed Cllr Mrs H Powell, Seconded Cllr D Mapp and unanimously*

**RESOLVED:** To contact the two owners of the buildings concerned to obtain way leave before fixing a licence fee.

#### **1271A TO DISCUSS ANY SUCH BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY LEGALLY BRING TO THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION**

There were none

*There being no further items for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.08*