

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 at 7:00PM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>C Pattison</b>			
	<b>Councillors</b>	P Fellows	H Crawford	B Johnson	J Kingman
		P Knowles	A Willis	R Reid	A Kelly
		R McKinney	S Mallett	B Russell	

**1886A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr J Kingman and unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's D Mapp, J Reid and J Smith.

**1887A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

*Cllr B Johnson – Agenda Item 9 – Non-Pecuniary*

**1888A To consider requests for Dispensation**

*As Above*

**1889A To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any intention to speak under any Agenda Items of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of 3 minutes)**

*None Present.*

**1890A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr A Willis,

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

**1891A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

*Cllr P Knowles informed members of the progress regarding 'Special Expense Areas'. He emphasised that before any clear decision was taken the Town Council would have to undertake its own due diligence with regard to the transaction but that the Town Council needs to take a view as to whether they wish negotiations to proceed.*

**1892A To answer questions from Councillors**

*None had been received*

**1893A To receive a report on the town's allotments and cemetery including chapel**

Cllr Pattison gave a report to members.

**Allotments**

The allotments are in good order as now is the main growing season.

It was agreed to increase the rent from 15p per SQM to 19p per SQM.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To increase the annual rents as detailed above.

### **Cemetery**

General overall opinion is good.

Grass is growing at a reasonable rate but is under control.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report

### **1894A To receive an update on the proposed Skatepark for Bourne.**

The clerk reported that whilst all documentation was in order the confirmation from Sport England was still required.

Proposed by Cllr J Kingman, seconded by Cllr R Reid and unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report

### **1895A To Discuss/Consider the Amenities Draft Budget for the year 2022/2023**

The clerk presented the budget to the members which showed very few changes from the previous year.

Various questions were asked by members:

Had consideration been given to the increase in fuel costs?

Did the budget include the possible increase should the approval for the 'Special Expense Area's' go ahead?

The members were happy with the responses given.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr C Pattison,

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Draft Amenities budget for the year 2022/2023..

### **1896A To discuss Cemetery Charges for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

The clerk had made the schedule of charges available for members ahead of the meeting and explained that very little increase had been considered as the charges were in line with other local Councils.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr C Pattison, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the schedule of charges as presented.

### **1897A To receive an update on the proposed upgrade to Pinewoods Close and Northfields play areas.**

The clerk informed members that a start date in early December had been agreed for the installation of the new equipment on the play areas.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update.

**1898A To receive a report on the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Paul Fellows informed members that a meeting had been held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and That progress was being made.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattiosn, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**1899A To receive an update on the Christmas Light Switch on.**

The clerk informed members that all preparations were now complete ready for the light Switch on (27<sup>th</sup> November).

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**1900A To receive further information in connection with the proposed transfer of the 'Special Expense Areas'.**

The clerk informed members that the 'due diligence' process was still being undertaken and that more information would be available at the Finance meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr J Kingman and

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**1901A To update members on Remembrance Sunday.**

The Clerk reminded members that the preparations for Remembrance Sunday had been Completed and that those members taking part should be at the Town Bus Station by 10.00am.

The clerk also informed members that their would also be a small service on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> on the Memorial Garden which would also involve the firing of maroons.

**1902A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention.**

Cllr Fellows wished to thank all members who had supported at his Civic Function on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

*Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20:08hrs.*