

MINUTES of a MEETING of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 03 March 2015 - 7.30pm, in the Bourne Town Council Offices at the SK Community Point Bourne.

(Recorded by Deputy Town Clerk)

Present:

Chairman	Cllr P Fellows		
Councillors	T Holmes (7.33)	D Mapp	B Russell
	P Knowles	Mrs H Powell	Mrs P Moisey
	Mrs S Cliffe	Mrs B Johnson	C Pattison
	Ms J Kingman		
Town Clerk	Mrs N Jacobs		
Deputy Clerk	I Sismey		

2 members of the public

1271A APOLOGIES

Proposed Cllr D Mapp, seconded Cllr Ms J Kingman and unanimously

RESOLVED: *To approve the reason for apology for absence from Councillors, D Higgs, R McKinney, JA Smith and Cllr Mrs J Smith*

1272A DECLARATION OF INTEREST None Declared

1273A TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received prior to the meeting

1274A INDICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were two present but neither wished to speak

1275A TO APPROVE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2015 AS A TRUE RECORD

Proposed Cllr Mrs B Johnson, seconded Cllr Mrs H Powell 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.*

1276A TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY DISTRICT/COUNTY CLLRS OR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

No reports made.

1277A TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

None had been received.

Cllr Trevor Holmes arrived at 7.33pm

1278A ANDREW WHYTE TO PRESENT A LIMITED PRINT OF A PAINTING OF HMS BERYL TO THE MAYOR OF BOURNE (The painting was commissioned by Andrew Whyte and SKDC has given approval that the framed print can be displayed permanently in the Bourne Library)

Cllr Bob Russell welcomed Andrew to the meeting and commented that this was an extremely generous offer and that the turnout for the public showing of the original painting had been very good.

Andrew handed over the print and Cllr Russell thanked him on behalf of the people of Bourne.

Andrew then gave a short account of HMS Beryl's history.

1279A CEMETERY

To discuss continuation with current Cemetery Mowing Contractor.

The Town Clerk reported that the current contractor's quotation was £10.00 more than it had been in previous years but the clerk was hopeful that she could get this reduced following the work recently commissioned to level the second half of the extension which means that there will be less mowing in that part of the cemetery.

The Clerk continued that a quote had been requested from the same contractor for the seeding of the newly levelled area.

Proposed Cllr Mrs P Moisey, Seconded Cllr Mrs S Cliffe and unanimously

RESOLVED: *To approve the continuation of the mowing service from the current contractor.*

1280A TO DISCUSS BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE BOURNE COMMUNITY GROUP/TRADERS

Cllr P Fellows reported that the Traders had become a community group with one of their main events being the Christmas light switch on, they had also held a summer carnival both of which will be repeated this year. Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that the Town Council should be represented on this body.

Cllr Mrs S Cliffe was in agreement with this and commented that the Town Council had always had a representative on the Chamber Board when this was in existence so that they could report back to the Town Council.

There was a general consensus in agreement with this suggestion but the following should be borne in mind:

- *That no Councillor may incur expenditure on the Council's behalf*
- *That there is an issue with regard to insurance cover depending on the role.*

The Town Clerk made it clear that:

- If the Councillor is appointed to represent the interests of the Council, and participates on that basis, the Council's insurance policy operates to protect him/her from any liabilities as may arise.
- If, however, the member is appointed to serve in some management capacity this brings separate obligations which are owed to the outside body. In these instances the Council's insurance will not cover the member's activities.

It follows that a member appointed to serve an outside body in an operational role does this completely without obligation to/from the Council. A member needs to ensure that the outside body has adequate insurance arrangements.

Propose Cllr P Knowles, Seconded Cllr D Mapp and unanimously

RESOLVED: That until new Councillor's have been elected the Chairman of Amenities (in this instance Cllr P Fellows) should represent the Town Council on the community group/traders committee on an operational basis reporting back to the Town Council. In this role there would be no cover from the Council's Insurance.

1281A TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

Royal Horticultural Society-Grass Roots, the RHS Community Update-Issue 20-Winter 2014/15

Proposed Cllr T Holmes, Seconded Cllr Mrs B Johnson and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive the above item

1282A TO RECEIVE/DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING PARTY

There was nothing to report

1283A TO DISCUSS ANY SUCH BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY LEGALLY BRING TO THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION

The Clerk reported that she had received communication from LALC/Stamford Town Council that Councillor training would take place at Stamford Town Hall on the 22nd June 2015, 7-9pm And it is hoped that all Councillors would attend.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.01