

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2021 at 7:00PM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

Present	Chairman	C Pattison			
	Councillors	P Fellows	H Crawford	B Johnson	A Kelly
		R McKinney	P Knowles	J Smith	R Reid
		J Reid	B Russell	S Mallett	A Willis

Cllr Pattison started the meeting by welcoming the two new co-opted members.

1853A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's J Kingman, D Mapp

1854A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Cllr B Johnson – Agenda Item 9 – Non-Pecuniary

1855A To consider requests for Dispensation

As Above

1856A 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.

1857A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22nd June 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford seconded by Cllr J Reid, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22nd June 2021 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

1858A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr R Reid – reported that in Lincoln, COVID had spiked and gone through the roof. He also reported that within Lincolnshire care homes there were around 750 children on the extremely vulnerable list.

1859A To answer questions from Councillors

None had been received

1860A 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.
The sand bin continues to attract internal rubbish and the clerk is organising to get this cleared out.

Members were concerned with regard to the amount of illegal dumping of rubbish and suggestions were made as to a gate with a key code that would only be available to allotmenters. The clerk was to investigate this.

All allotment tenants to be sent a letter with regard to:

- a) Dumping of rubbish.
- b) Bonfires.
- c) Reminding them of their duties and that if not followed eviction could be enforced.

The clerk was also asked to investigate the possible increase of the allotment rents.

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

1861A To receive an update on the proposed Skatepark for Bourne.

Cllr Knowles gave an update on the progress.

He emphasised that the key points were as follows:

- 1) To verify the cost.
- 2) Confirm the situation with regard to the S106 monies.
- 3) Progress the lease between BTC and BUC.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1862A To receive information relating to the proposed new Christmas Lights

The clerk informed members that due to the high cost of new lights he would be progressing the situation by updating the current equipment.

It was suggested that perhaps we could replace one or two motifs on an annual basis.

The light switch on was confirmed as the 27th November and Cllr Fellows emphasised that we should do something that the Town can be really proud of this year.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1863A To receive an update on the proposed upgrade to Pinewoods Close and Northfields play areas.

The clerk informed the members that the expected work on the upgrades to the play areas had faltered due to changed workloads at SKDC. The clerk emphasised that this was only a delay and that he would continue to chase SKDC for a new start date.

Proposed by Cllr B Russell, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1864A To receive the clerks report with regard to the 'In Bloom' judging Day.

The clerk reported to the members that the judging had taken place at short notice during July and the EMIB Judge had appeared impressed. The results will not be known until September.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1865A To receive information from the clerk with regard to the protected 'limes' on the Northern Boundary of the cemetery.

As some members were already aware the 'limes' on the northern boundary of the cemetery were causing concern to some residents. The clerk informed the members that an application had been submitted with regard to reducing the 'limes' but the concern was that this may not remedy the situation.

The clerk to write to the affected residents.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1866A To receive a proposal to upgrade the road and car park facilities at the Town Council Allotment Site.

The clerk informed members that in conjunction with Highways it was proposed to upgrade Road and car park at the South Fen site.

This would be completed during the winter months and would use planings from the Resurfacing of South Fen Road.

The cost would be approximately £4,000.00

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr J Reid and
RESOLVED: The clerk to progress the above initiative.

1867A To set dates for 1) Emergency Planning 2) Cemetery Chapel working parties.

A date of 24th August was set for both.

1868A To receive a debrief on 'Picnic in the Park'

Cllr P Fellows gave a brief report and made special mention of Dave Atter for ensuring the site remained free of litter.

Cllr H Crawford who had provided refreshments at the Darby & Joan Hall, assisted by her daughter, Cllr's J Smith and J Reid, presented a cheque for £215 to the clerk to support the 'In Bloom' campaign.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and,
RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

1869A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Knowles wished to raise the issue of the 'Special Expense areas' as they relate to Bourne. Cllr Knowles was proposing that the Town Council should take over the running of the two areas concerned which are the Dyke Playing Field and the Recreation Ground, Bourne.

It was felt that BTC would be able to offer a better service to the Bourne residents and ensure that the areas remained well maintained.

An informal proposal was agreed that this initiative should be taken forward, Proposed P Knowles Seconded P Fellows.

Cllr Kelly raised the issue of a requirement for additional bins predominately for dog waste. This situation had been highlighted by a local resident who had been taping black refuse Bags at required locations. Cllr Kelly is progressing this matter with the clerk and SKDC.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20:45hrs.