

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd March 2021 at 7:00PM VIA REMOTE LINK USING ZOOM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

Present	Chairman	C Pattison			
	Councillors	P Fellows	H Crawford	B Johnson	A Kelly
		J Kingman	P Knowles	D Mapp	R McKinney
		J Reid	B Russell	R Reid	

1806A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's M Overland and Cllr J Smith

1807A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

<i>Cllr C Pattison</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Items 12 & 13</i>
<i>Cllr P Fellows</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>
<i>Cllr P Knowles</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>
<i>Cllr B Russell</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>

1808A To consider requests for Dispensation

<i>Cllr C Pattison</i>	<i>Items 12 & 13</i>	<i>To Speak and vote</i>
<i>Cllr P Fellows</i>	<i>Item 12</i>	<i>To Speak only</i>

1809A 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.

1810A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Cllr Crawford asked that the notes are amended to record her request for a letter of thanks to the fire service following the flooding at Elsea Park.

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2021 (as amended) as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

1811A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr P Knowles – reported that the SKDC had received two adjustments 1) Minimum wage was to be replaced with living wage. 2) The £100,000 to be held for the Margaret Thatcher statue had been withdrawn from the budget

Cllr H Crawford – reported that after conversations with Paul Stokes, following the withdrawal of SKDC's hanging basket contribution to the Town, the sum of £500.00 had now been offered as compensation. This situation had arisen due to LCC wanting to charge for lamp standard resistance testing.

1812A To answer questions from Councillors

None had been received

1813A To receive a report on the town's allotments and cemetery including chapel

Cllr Pattison gave a detailed report to members.

Allotments

Activity has increased greatly since my last report as the growing season is fast approaching. All in all it is looking on the site although there is an amount of general waste accumulating in one of the bins which the clerk is going to get cleared away.

Cemetery

The Cemetery is in excellent condition at the moment with work being completed in clearing the island roundabout which will be sown to grass seed.

The Chapel appears to be in a stable condition and the roof has not degenerated despite the recent bad weather.

On another note Dave Atter our town centre cleaner continues to do a good job for us.

Proposed by Cllr B Russell, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1814A To consider the proposal to extend the licence on South Street Toilet block for a further year

The clerk informed members that negotiations regarding the South Street toilet block had reached a standstill following the departure of Chris Pike from SKDC. The clerk's proposal was that the Town Council should pursue a further year's licence on the amenity.

Cllr Crawford asked what cost would be incurred in obtaining the licence the clerk responded that it would purely be the cost of servicing the toilets through the summer months, approximately £3,000.00.

Cllr Mapp asked if the licence would be on the same terms as previously ie that all utility costs would be borne by SKDC. The clerk responded that this would be the case.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and

RESOLVED: That the clerk should progress the above proposal

1815A To consider/discuss Christmas 2021 with regard to festive lights and street decorations

The clerk reported that he had progressed this matter by inviting an appropriate contractor to appraise the current situation and offer alternatives. The clerk informed members that it would probably be more cost effective to rent the installations as opposed to purchasing them outright

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr J Reid, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and allow the clerk to proceed as discussed.

1816A To discuss the continuing agreement with LCC with regard to grass cutting and the underlying principle of undertaking work for other authorities that result in a deficit to the Town Council

Cllr Mapp had asked for this matter to be raised to ensure that all Councillors were aware of such situations occurring and that they remain happy that this is the case,

The main contract surrounds the grass cutting of verges previously cut by LCC on a limited basis. It was decided some years ago that for the benefit of the Town the local council would take on this task with a financial contribution being made by LCC.

It was agreed that this situation should be reviewed every 12 months.

Cllr Knowles was of the opinion that they may come a time when we would have to make a considerable increase in our annual precept and if that was the case, we would have to back this up with a press release so that we could show justification for any such increase.

Cllr Mapp was supportive of the comments that had been made.

Cllr Mapp then commented on the special expense areas that had been muted at previous meetings and was of the opinion that nothing should be agreed/accepted until the Town Council is fully aware of the full details and liabilities.

Cllr Knowles responded that although the SEA's were currently being debated he doubted whether Cabinet at SKDC would let them pass to the Town Council because of the work it gave to EnviroSK

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr B Russell and
RESOLVED: To continue as present but with a review every 12 months

1817A To discuss/approve a grant application from BACT

There was much debate with regard to this application but the general feeling was:

- 1) That the Town Council should support the BACT bid for a community grant from SKDC
- 2) The Town Council were unsure of what the grant was going to cover therefore the application needed to be more specific.
- 3) That the Town Council required more up to date accounts.
- 4) It was felt that the idea of installing a stair lift was inappropriate

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and
RESOLVED: To request BACT to provide more up-to-date accounts and be more specific Their request for grant funding.

1818A To discuss/approve a grant application from 1st Bourne Scouts

An application had been received for the development of land situated in the Parish of Morton the clerk informed members that although it may benefit part of the youth of Bourne its physicality was outside of the Parish and that should the project cease the benefit would remain in another Parish.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.
RESOLVED: Due to the projects location a grant would not be awarded.

1819A To consider the lack of bus shelters in the Parish and the possible solutions

The Clerk gave a short report to members informing them he had been contacted by Delaine Bus Company with regard to the lack of bus shelters in the Parish.

Delaine had provided a list of bus stops that deserved a shelter. The clerk had made contact with LCC to assess whether any grant funding was available for such a project and has been told that he will be informed once the budget has been approved.

The members were supportive of the project but wished the clerk to seek justification for the shelter through passenger numbers.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr A Kelly,

RESOLVED: That the clerk should continue to pursue the project and seek the justification data as discussed.

1820A To Receive complaints from residents with regard to unsatisfactory working practices by a grounds maintenance contractor.

The matter had been reported by various residents, that work completed by EnviroSK had been completed in an unsafe manner that could have caused injury to the general public. The work had been conducted on the 'green' at Beaufort Drive and involved flailing the bushes etc without the necessary warning notices nor concern about the local residents.

Although this matter was discussed at length the consensus was that a letter of complaint should be sent to Dr Peter Moseley of SKDC informing him of the Town Council's dissatisfaction with the way the work was carried out.

Proposed by Cllr R Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles,

RESOLVED: That the clerk should send a letter of complaint as detailed above.

1821A To Receive a date for a further meeting with Michael Cross (SKDC) with regard to the 'Lights Project'.

The clerk informed the members that a date of 16th March had been set for a further meeting with Michael Cross.

It was also discussed that a subcommittee should be formed to put together a proposal for an event in Bourne to mark the end of the pandemic.

It was suggested that this subcommittee should be the same subcommittee that met with regard to VE day.

Cllr R Reid asked if he could be added to that group.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr B Johnson,

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1822A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20:35hrs.