

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2022 at 7:00PM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

Present	Chairman	H Crawford			
	Councillors	P Fellows	P Knowles	D Mapp	R McKinney
		S Mallett	J Reid	B Russell	A Willis

1923A To appoint a chair person for the meeting

The clerk explained that due to the absence of the elected chair and voice chair a chair person would have to be elected for the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously
RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr H Crawford as chairperson for the meeting.

1924A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr D Mapp and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's B Johnson, A Kelly, J Kingman, C Pattison, R Reid and J Smith.

1925A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Cllr D Mapp – Agenda Item 9 – Non-Pecuniary

1926A To consider requests for Dispensation

As Above

1927A 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.

1928A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2022 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously
RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2022 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

1929A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr P Fellows ported that he had just attended the latest 'Bourne in Business' meeting at the old Town Hall. The meeting had its main speaker from the Aveland History group who are putting together a stained glass window locally to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

1930A To answer questions from Councillors

None had been received

1931A To receive a report on the town's allotments and cemetery including chapel

Cllr Crawford gave a report to members.

Cemetery

- Grass cutting will start in earnest in the next few weeks.
- Work regarding missing or slipped slates on the Chapel roof is needed but already scheduled.
- The Garden of Contemplations still needs to be completed.
- Major issues with footpaths that are starting to crumble away.
- Part of the wall on the northern side has fallen but has been made safe ready for works to be completed.
- Tree work on the northern side completed with a couple of exceptions.

Allotments

- Overall good appearance.
- Continuing problem with rat infestations.
- Still awaiting the starting of highway works on the South Fen Road to obtain materials for allotment parking area.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1932A To receive an update on the proposed Skatepark for Bourne.

The clerk updated the members that all was moving forward and that a meeting was due to take place on the 16th March at the old Town Hall with the wider group considering the Skatepark.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr A Willis and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1933A To receive information relating to the proposed 'Bourne Night Light' Project

Cllr Fellows gave a report on this item. The project will take place on Saturday 19th March from 6.00-9.00pm. Cllr Fellows urged members to participate as either a steward or visitor as it was destined to be worth visiting.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr R McKinney, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1934A To receive a report on the Queens Platinum Jubilee preparations.

Cllr Paul Fellows informed members progress was continuing and a further meeting was Scheduled for the larger group. Dyke residents heavily involved in various projects.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr P Knowles

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1935A To receive further information in connection with the proposed transfer of the 'Special Expense Areas'.

The clerk reported that the process was continuing and that a report on the changing room Block on the recreation ground had been commissioned.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1936A To receive the renewed Parish Verge agreement with LCC

The clerk informed members that the Parish Verge agreement had now been received from LCC and that this would be returned to complete the process by the 31st March. The revenue To be gained from this agreement would be £4,188.80.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr P Knowles and

RESOLVED: To receive the above agreement

1937A To receive/discuss a schedule of current and future initiatives

The clerk produced a schedule of current and future initiatives that the Council was Undertaking and was to act as an aide memoir for members. This would be added to on a Regular basis.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To receive the above schedule

1938A To receive information with regard to the keep Britain Tidy Campaign, 'The Big Clean'. 25th March-10th April 2022.

The clerk informed members that the Town Council would be taking part in this initiative Organised by 'Keep Britain Tidy'.

Cllr Woolley said that she had been contacted by a resident who was currently collecting Large quantities of waste from around the town.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr S Mallett

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1939A To receive the clerks response to Vistry Homes with regard to the possibility of the Transfer of local land.

The clerk informed members that further to the Council's meeting with Vistry Homes an offer of £15,000 had been received to take over the open spaces in the South of the Town. The clerk Reported that he had made a counter offer of approximately £23,000 and was awaiting a Response.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr B Russell

RESOLVED: To allow the clerk to continue negotiations with the developer.

1940A To discuss the potential of reopening consultation on Hereward Street/Meadowgate Becoming a one way traffic flow.

Cllr Sue Woolley (LCC) had raised the question, a consultation had been raised some years Ago but had ended without conclusion.

There was much discussion with regard to this subject as it was considered a potentially Dangerous highway issue that needed resolving.

Discussion centred around the direction the traffic flow should be and what restrictions should be enforced, if any.

The conclusion of the members was that Cllr Woolley should progress this initiative, backed by the Council to obtain the thoughts and ideas of a professional in this area.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles

RESOLVED: To allow Cllr Woolley to progress this initiative by inviting a highways officer to provide their views on the scenario.

1941A To consider information with regard to the 'Red Bin' for aluminium cans.

The clerk reminded members that the Council was working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bourne to facilitate Aluminium can recycling.

The clerk continued that he had since been approached by the Rotary Club to ask if the Project could be transferred to BTC.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Fellows

RESOLVED: For BTC to take ownership of the project.

The clerk recorded one abstention.

1942A 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 20:14hrs.