

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022 at 7:00PM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

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

1903A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's A Willis and J Smith.

1904A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Cllr B Johnson – Agenda Item 9 – Non-Pecuniary

Cllr D Mapp – Agenda Item 9 – Non-Pecuniary

1905A To consider requests for Dispensation

As Above

1906A 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.

1907A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2021 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2021 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

Cllr B Johnson arrived at 19.05

1908A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr H Crawford reported that amongst other things she had proposed to SKDC that 'Bourne2Shop' canvas bags are funded from the 'Welcome Back' Fund.

Cllr P Knowles reported that following a meeting with Adam Stokes SKDC had agreed to contribute £8,000 toward the cost of the Towns Community Cleaner next year with a view to budgeting it for the next three years.

1909A To answer questions from Councillors

Cllr H Crawford wished to enquire into the possibility of placing a bench in the Edwin Gardens area of town for older residents.

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

RESOLVED: To ask the clerk to look into this proposal

1910A To receive a report on the town's allotments and cemetery including chapel

Cllr Pattison gave a report to members.

Allotments

- Generally the allotments are in good order although there is some weed cover that is expected at this time of the year.
- The bunker area is clear of rubbish which is good news.
- The water leak from the mains meter has now been resolved

Cemetery

- Overall good appearance
- Chapel of rest appears stable and this includes the roof
- Tree work 80% complete

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1911A To receive an update on the proposed Skatepark for Bourne.

The clerk confirmed that the transfer of the award had now been confirmed by Sport England although the paperwork eluded to the facility been handed back to Dimension Skate park at sometime in the future. The clerk continued that this had been placed in the hands of the solicitor.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1912A To update members on activity being arranged by SKDC for the February School Half Term.

The clerk informed members of various activities being arranged in the Town during the February half term week. Part of the events will be used to springboard the 'Light Project' Which takes place in March 22.

Cllr Fellows was concerned that yet again events were being organised without reference to the Town Council and that he would take this matter up with SKDC.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson,

RESOLVED: To accept the above report.

1913A To receive information relating to the proposed 'Bourne Night Light' Project

The Clerk informed members that a further meeting had been held with Jo Dobbs, SKDC, and that all was in order for the Project to go ahead.

The Clerk continued that a budget of £20,000 had been agreed and that it would be financed from the Government's 'Welcome Back' Fund.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1914A To receive information relating to the upgraded play areas at Pinewoods Close and

The clerk reported that the installation of the new equipment was now complete but that minor detail work had still to be undertaken.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr A Kelly

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

1915A To receive a report on the Queens Platinum Jubilee preparations.

Cllr Paul Fellows informed members progress was continuing and that a further meeting would be held with all interested parties (27th January). That progress was being made.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Kelly

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1916A To receive further information in connection with the proposed transfer of the 'Special Expense Areas'.

The clerk reported that all paperwork was in the hands of solicitors and that the process was progressing.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1917A To ratify the clerk's decision to continue with the Parish Verge agreement with LCC

Due to an early January deadline the clerk had confirmed to LCC that the Town Council would continue with the Verge agreement.

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

RESOLVED: To ratify the clerk's decision as above.

1918A To confirm the Town Councils intention to enter the 'In Bloom' competition 2022

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To authorise the entry into the 'In Bloom' competition 2022.

1919A To receive information with regard to the keep Britain Tidy Campaign, 'The Big Clean'. 25th March-10th April 2022.

The clerk wished to inform members that he was formulating plans to ensure that the Town was included in the above mentioned campaign.

It would involve asking for volunteers to set aside some time for litter picking etc.

Cllr Pattison commented that this was a worthwhile project.

Also whilst on the subject of the 'Big Clean,' Cllr R Reid mentioned that SKDC's team were being streamlined this year and that if the Town Council required their help a request needed to be made sooner rather than later.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr J Kingman

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1920A To discuss/review Dog waste bins.

Cllr Crawford had raised the issue of the dog waste bins as the clerk was personally having to Empty them.

The clerk informed members that the waste bins had started as a trial to target spots where Dog walkers were prominent yet there was no provision for dog waste.

Bins had been placed at:

- The pathway that crosses Hazelwood Drive
- The end of Conjury Nook
- Pathway leading to Dyke off North Road
- Pathway leading across fields to Cawthorpe

Cllr Crawford was of the opinion that these should be changed to mixed waste bins and that a quote should be obtained from SKDC to empty them. Cllr Crawford continued that we should also identify any other locations that require a bin.

Cllr J Reid mentioned a bin that used to exist alongside the Eau by the Anchor Inn that was no Longer in situ but was much needed.

Cllr A Kelly informed members that she had been in talks with Gary Smith of SKDC and he has Confirmed that unless the Town Council is prepared to pay their would not be any extra bins nor would they be emptied.

Cllr D Mapp commented that perhaps the Town Council should invest in new signage indicating That dog waste could be placed in the normal bins.

Cllr J Kingman mentioned the possibility of sponsorship for extra bins by perhaps veterinary Clinics.

Cllr Kelly continued that SKDC were not happy to grow the number of bins without compensation for emptying them. Cllr Kelly also mentioned the member of public who was personally taping black bags to lampposts to help the dog waste situation.

The clerk suggested that he conducts an exercise not only on the number and location of bins required but also the cost of not only the bins but also the ongoing cost of maintaining them through SKDC's emptying/collection service.

Cllr P Knowles suggested that as we have a new source of revenue from SKDC with regard To cleaning then 50% of that should be used to offset this project.

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To allow the clerk to conduct the above mentioned project and make recommendations to the Council.

1921A To discuss the possibility of renewing discussions to take ownership of the South Street Toilet Block.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To allow the clerk to reopen talks with SKDC with regard to the Toilet block.

1922A 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 20:00hrs.