

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 31st JANUARY 2023, 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SK COMMUNITY POINT, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE, PE10 9EF

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

3 Members of Public

Present **Chair** **Cllr A Kelly**

Councillors

Cllr H Crawford	Cllr B Johnson
Cllr P Fellows	Cllr J Kingman
Cllr P Knowles	Cllr D Mapp
Cllr R McKinney	Cllr S Mallett
Cllr J Reid	Cllr B Russell
Cllr R Reid	Cllr A Willis
Cllr R Baker	

22/078 **To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve reasons for apology for absence from Cllr C Pattison

22/079 **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr B Johnson	Non Pecuniary	Item 12/14
Cllr P Knowles	Non Pecuniary	Item 14
Cllr D Mapp	Non Pecuniary	Item 12/14
Cllr H Crawford	Non Pecuniary	Item 14

22/080 **To consider requests for Dispensation**

To speak as above

22/081 **To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within the Parish, had any intention to speak under any Agenda Item of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of 3 minutes)**

One member of the public wished to speak on item 16.

22/082 **To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 20th December 2022 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr S Mallett

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 20th December 2022 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them as such.

22/083 **To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr R Reid

- 1) St Gilberts Road – The ‘ARCHERS’ survey carried out showed an average speed Of 22 MPH – No further action to be taken,
- 2) Meadowgate – No further update

Cllr P Fellows

That Don't Lose Hope had opened their new facility last Saturday afternoon which is in the old flat attached to the bank, accessed from the Town Hall shambles.

22/084 To answer questions from Councillors

Cllr Kelly asked that the relationship between the BET and the Town Council should be added to the agenda of the next amenities meeting.

Cllr Fellows informed the meeting:

1. BET had taken over the Christmas Light Switch on some years ago.
2. BET took over the car show to ensure that it continued when the motor racing club decided that they could not continue it and that this year's show was scheduled for June 18th.

Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that at some stage he would look to see Amenities take over the two events

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Reid.

RESOLVED: To add the above item to the next amenities agenda.

22/085 At this stage of the meeting there was a proposal to advance item 16 to be Considered next,

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr B Johnson.

RESOLVED: To advance item 16 of the agenda.

22/086 To receive information from the agent acting on behalf of 'Aldi Stores'.

The clerk explained that a meeting had been held on the 25th February 2023 for the Agent and 'ALDI' to make a presentation to the Council. The agent had been very clear that at this point the information was purely for Town Councillors. The agent added that a public consultation would be held between the 14th February and the 28th February with a live drop in session around the 23rd February.

The clerk continued that the agenda item was purely to receive the information from 'ALDI' and that once the consultation had gone live on the 14th February it could be shared with other parties.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr D Mapp.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

The clerk recorded one abstention

22/087 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees:

a) Amenities – 10th January 2023 – 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers

b) Finance & General Purposes – 24th January 2023 – 3 recommendation made outside delegated powers

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr B Johnson.

RESOLVED: To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees as listed Above.

The clerk recorded one abstention

22/088 To adopt recommendations made by the Committee's:

1) *Ref – 2638F re Town Councillor Position* – To approve the appointment of the new Town Councillor

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the policy as recommended.

2) *Ref – 2643F re Accounts for Payment* – To approve the accounts for payment as listed

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr J Reid.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed.

The clerk recorded one abstention

3) *Ref – 2647FF re Site Settlement Allocation* – To approve the decision made with regard to the site assessment allocations.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R McKinney.

RESOLVED: To approve the decision as recommended by the NP Steering Committee.

The clerk recorded one member voting against

22/089 To receive information with regard to the South Street Toilet block and if necessary to make the relevant recommendations.

Cllr R Reid left the meeting at 8.15pm for this agenda item.

This matter had been discussed at previous meetings and the general opinion was that the original HOT's from SKDC were not acceptable.

The clerk and Cllr David Mapp had met with SKDC representatives on Monday 30th January and agreed the following revisions:

Pre-emption

- 1) SK to have a right of pre-emption to re-purchase for £1 for a period of 20 years;
- 2) BTC would, after 20 years, have a rolling right to put the property back to SK and SK obliged to take the property for £1 should BTC wish to sell.

Positive Covenant

Accepting a positive covenant that whilst it is the beneficial owner the property would be used as a public toilet.

Legal Costs

BTC/SKDC to contribute their own legal costs to the transfer

The members were extremely pleased with Cllr Mapp's work and extended their thanks to him.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr P Knowles.

RESOLVED: To accept the revised HOT's in relation to the 'Changing Places' Facility.

Cllr R Reid re-joined the meeting

22/090 To receive the Precept Request as delivered to SKDC

The clerk informed members that a precept request of £233,038.62 had been delivered To SKDC as per the budget work completed.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the information relating to the Precept Request

22/091 To receive a progress report on the proposed 'Skate Park for Bourne'

The clerk informed members that talks were ongoing with the contractor with regard To the frost damaged concrete.

Whilst all concerned were happy with 85% of the work completed so far the frost damage was a point of concern.

The project currently remains in budget and scheduled to be complete mid-March.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr J Reid,

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

22/092 To receive information with regard to the Towns 'Coronation' Celebrations.

Cllr Paul Fellows outlined the plans so far as follows:

- **Saturday 6th May is the actual day of the celebrations hence no official local celebration.**
- **Sunday 7th May:**
 - Road closure applied for and community groups will be offered a stall on North Road.**
 - 1. They will be able to raise money for their own organisation in whatever way they wish.**
 - 2. They will try to get new volunteers involved in their organisation.**
 - 3. They would have table space opposite their stall to enable people associated with them to participate in a picnic/Street Party**
 - 4. There would be a competition for the best dressed table.**
- **The idea would be that we would create the largest picnic table/Street Party table.**
- **There would be an entertainment marquee at the Southern end of North Street.**
- **This would be a community day starting at 11.00pm and ending at 4.00pm.**

Cllr A Kelly informed members that on the same day she would be holding the Mayors Tea party at the Corn Exchange.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr J Reid

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

22/093 To receive a grant application on behalf of Dyke Village Hall

This item was deferred

22/094 To discuss a request from SKDC to take on additional play areas in the Town

The clerk informed members that a request had been made by SKDC asking if the Town Council wished to take over the following play areas:

1. Pinewood Close
2. Northfields
3. Wellhead Play Park

Cllr Mapp was of the clear opinion that certainly in the case of the Wellhead this was a proposition beyond anything the Council should take on. BUC's agreement with SKDC with regard to the Wellhead was that should the site no longer be required as a play area then it would have to be reinstated as a green field.

Cllr Mapp was clear that the liabilities involved with the sites were far too onerous.

The members generally were of the same opinion

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R Reid

RESOLVED: That SKDC should be informed that the Town Council had no interest in Taking on the additional play areas.

The clerk recorded one abstention

22/095 To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention

Cllr Crawford informed the members of her forthcoming race night at the Corn Exchange and asked for the members support.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the meeting came to a close at 20.53hrs.