

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2023 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

Present	Chair	P Knowles			
	Councillors	P Fellows	S Mallett	B Johnson	A Kelly
		D Mapp	R McKinney	J Reid	R Reid
		B Russell	A Willis	R Baker	

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2631F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's H Crawford and C Pattison.

2632F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

<i>Cllr B Johnson</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 15</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 15</i>
<i>Cllr P Knowles</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>
<i>Cllr P Fellows</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>
<i>Cllr A Kelly</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>
<i>Cllr J Reid</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>
<i>Cllr R Reid</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>

2633F To consider requests for Dispensation

<i>Cllr B Johnson</i>	<i>Agenda Item 17</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Agenda Item 17</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr P Knowles</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr P Fellows</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr A Kelly</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr J Reid</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr R Reid</i>	<i>Agenda Item 19</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>

2634F 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)

There was one member of the public present but they did not wish to speak.

2635F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 29th November 2022 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 29th November 2022 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

2636F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr R Reid informed the members that:

Elsea Park

1. Safe pedestrian access Welland Drive to West Road / Jeanne Gibson- working on this
2. Condition of Manor Lane as a side road/cycle route- understood to be a public right of way only
3. A reduction of speed throughout the estate - 20mph, policy ?
4. Council motion on parking on pavements/ totally unfeasible due to Road width and amount of on street parking
5. Traffic calming measures from MacDonald's roundabout to Tilla Way
6. Lack of Road markings on Newton Abbot Way and Haydock Park Drive
7. A speed reduction on Raymond Mays Way (A151) to facilitate bus stopping criteria
8. Provision of school safety zone

Bourne South

1. South Fen Road / Mark Heaton update - now reveals major refurbishment rather than the 3 phase budgetary improvements programmed- expected operation now in June 2023
2. 30 Willoughby Road flooding over pavements onto highway- 30 month outstanding for a resolution
3. Meadow Drove capital programme
4. Meadowgate one way system feasibility study still jointly outstanding with Bourne North division- Cllr S Woolley
5. Hereward Street residents parking restrictions
6. Spalding Road/Cherryholt,Road junction to Meadow drove A151 continual Patching.

2637F To answer questions from Councillors

None Received

2638F To ratify the Town Councils decision with regard to the appointment of Rhys Baker as a Town Councillor

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr S Mallett

RESOLVED: To appoint Rhys Baker as a Town Councillor by a unanimous decision

2639F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.11.22

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.11.22

2640F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.12.22

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr R Reid

RESOLVED: To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.12.22

2641F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.12.22

The clerk explained that all areas showed positively against budget at this point in the year, The clerk continued that the only areas that were currently down on budget were the cemetery revenues that were not controllable and also interest received.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.12.22

2642F To discuss/approve the draft budget for the year 2023/2024 and the associated precept request

The clerk explained the process that he had undertaken and presented the following Documents to the members:

- 1) Extrapolated accounts to the 31st March 2023
- 2) Budget 2023/2024
- 3) Reserve Schedule
- 4) Precept Statement

The clerk explained to members that various items had been amended from the first draft Presented at the last Finance meeting on the 29th November.

The members debated various items but generally were in agreement with the budget. The Precept request showed a 3.49% increase and members were of the opinion that the Increase should show as 4%.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Kelly

RESOLVED: To approve the draft budget and precept request following an uplift to 4%,

2643F To approve accounts for payment

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

RESOLVED: To approve accounts for payment as listed.

2644F To discuss/approve a grant request from Dyke Village Hall

This item to be deferred to a future meeting.

2645F To receive an update on the progress of the 'Skatepark for Bourne'.

The clerk informed members that the finances associated with the skatepark were under control and at present the cost was under budget.

The clerk informed members that steady progress was being made but that a problem had surfaced this week due to 'frost damage' to the concrete slab.

The clerk was in discussions with both the contractor and the Dimension Skatepark group with regard to this but was seeking advice from local experts JJ Mac.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To receive the above update

2646F To receive information with regard to a meeting to consider a possible development in Bourne.

This was a reminder to members that the proposed meeting with agents of Aldi Stores was due to take place on Wednesday 25th January 2023 11.00am. The clerk explained that this would be a hybrid meeting where by members had the option of attending at the Council Offices or taking part on a digital platform.

2647F To ratify the Town Councils decision with regard to the site settlement allocations

The clerk reminded members that they had met the previous week with the Neighbourhood Plan steering group to receive their resume of the site settlement scenario.

The conclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group was:

'1, The identification of land to the north-east as the preferred direction for future housing growth in Bourne:

2. The allocation of site 4 (Land east of Bourne Academy) for residential development.'

Cllr Kelly was of the opinion that the allocation should go hand in hand with a 15metre covenant to allow for a 'green margin' and a 'natural corridor'.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To ratify the Councils decision as described above.

2648F To receive an update on negotiations with SKDC with regard to the South Street toilet block and make any necessary recommendations.

The clerk informed members that the HOT's had been received and discussed with Cllr Mapp and subsequently a meeting had been held with SKDC's Gareth Davies.

Cllr Mapp had concerns with regard to the following:

1) The Pre Emption clause was totally in favour of SKDC and there would never be any gain for BTC.

2) That the restrictive covenant was again in no one's favour as this would mean that the land/property could only be used as a public toilet.

Cllr Knowles was concerned that due to the fact that everything appeared to be unnegotiable the whole project was in jeopardy.

Cllr Kelly pointed out that the Town Council should have the ability to give the land/property back to SKDC if the project becomes unmanageable.

Cllr Mapp suggested the following points to negotiate with SKDC:

A) That the pre-emption clause should terminate after 10 years

B) That the restrictive covenant should become a positive covenant

Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that the Town Council should take on the facility irrespective of the outcome of any further negotiations.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr J Reid

RESOLVED: That urgent negotiations are held with SKDC to enable a decision to be made on the project at the Full Town Council meeting on the 31st January 2023.

2649F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention

The clerk reminded the members of Cllr Crawford's forthcoming 'Racenight'

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