

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF  
BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL  
OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>P Knowles</b>			
	<b>Councillors</b>	P Fellows	S Mallett	B Johnson	A Kelly
		D Mapp	R McKinney	J Reid	R Reid
		B Russell	A Willis	R Baker	H Crawford
		C Pattison			

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

**2650F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously  
**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr J Kingman.

**2651F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

<i>Cllr B Johnson</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12/14</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 14</i>
<i>Cllr P Knowles</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>
<i>Cllr H Crawford</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>

**2652F To consider requests for Dispensation**

<i>Cllr B Johnson</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12/14</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Agenda Item 14</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr P Knowles</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>
<i>Cllr H Crawford</i>	<i>Agenda Item 12</i>	<i>To Speak not vote</i>

**2653F 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.*

**2654F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr A Willis,  
**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

**The clerk recorded one abstention**

**2655F 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.

### **2656F To answer questions from Councillors**

*None Received*

### **2657F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.01.23**

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr J Reid

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.01.23

### **2658F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 28.02.23**

Proposed by Cllr R Reid, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 28.02.23

### **2659F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 28.02.23**

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 J Reid, seconded by Cllr S Mallett

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 28.02.23

### **2660F To approve accounts for payment**

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr B Russell, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To approve accounts for payment as listed.

### **2661F To discuss/approve a grant request from Dyke Village Hall**

The accounts of the Village Hall committee were presented to the members. The request was to help with continuing repairs to the Village Hall that is over 100 years old.

The clerk informed members that the Council was the custodian trustee of the hall and that the ultimate owner was the Diocese of Lincoln.

Both Cllr Crawford and Cllr Knowles spoke in favour of the hall. In general all members were keen to help sustain the Village Hall for future use.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £3,500 for repairs to the Village Hall to be charged between general reserves and S137 grants.

**2662F To discuss further support for Bourne CA**

Cllr C Pattison informed the members that a meeting had taken place with CA South Lincs along with the Len Pick Trust and Bourne United Charities.

The meeting had been arranged due to the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Bourne arrangements being put in place specifically for the Parish.

The meeting had concluded that all present were in favour of continuing the service in Bourne on a two day a week basis.

Cllr Crawford was of the opinion that it was not for this Council to decide the spend but that it should be left to the new Council.

Cllr Knowles was of a differing opinion that the Council had every right to commit on this particular matter.

The members received the information and requested that this matter be referred to a future meeting.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr D Mapp, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information and add to a future agenda

**2663F To receive an update on the progress of the 'Skatepark for Bourne'.**

The clerk reported that the promised proposal from the contractor had still not been received but was expected imminently.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update

**The clerk recorded one abstention**

**2664F To receive an update on the 'Coronation Beacon'**

The clerk reported that the Beacon was well under construction and would be in place the week before the Coronation.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update

**2665F To receive the annual audit timetable from PKF Littlejohn**

The clerk informed members that the annual external audit would once again be conducted by PKF Littlejohn who had been chosen to perform this service for the next five years.

The clerk informed the members that the audit timetable was very tight but would be achieved by the Council. The deadline this year would be 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information.

**2666F To discuss the recent announcement by Lincolnshire Police to reduce the number of PCSO's from 91 to 50 in Lincolnshire.**

The members debated this matter and the feeling was one of general outrage.

Seemingly the proposal was that the reduction was going to be around 50% with very little or no coverage in Bourne, Stamford or the Deepings.

It was felt by the members that a letter of discontent should be sent to the Chief Constable/ Police & Crime Commissioner with a copy to the local MP.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr S Mallett

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk should prepare a letter to be sent to the above noted recipients.

**2667F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention**

*Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:09hrs.*