

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>R Reid</b>			
	<b>Councillors</b>	P Fellows	H Crawford	B Johnson	A Kelly
		D Mapp	R McKinney	C Pattison	A Willis

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

**2595F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and unanimously  
**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's J Kingman P Knowles, S Mallett, J Reid and B Russell.

**2596F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

<i>Cllr B Johnson</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 17</i>
<i>Cllr D Mapp</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 17</i>

**2597F 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>

**2598F 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 were two members of the public present but they did not wish to speak.*

**2599F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Kelly,  
**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

**2600F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

*Cllr P Fellows reported that the Town Council had been involved with a presentation from the Silverstone interactive museum to the local schools. The presentation was well attended and was an introduction to the schools into BRM/Raymond Mays/ERA. The expected outcome is to organise local workshops at the schools with regard to these elements plus motor racing and engineering.*

*Cllr A Kelly raised the issue of street lighting in Bourne and invited members to assess for themselves how poor the lighting was late at night. This item to be added to the next available meeting agenda.*

*Cllr R Reid reported that:*

1. He had come across a website that would help residents with issues associated with the cost of living. [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk).
2. The clerk had forwarded the changing places exchange of emails and this was being dealt with.

**2601F To answer questions from Councillors**

*None Received*

**2602F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.22**

Cllr Kelly queried the spend of £5,000 under the category 'Reserves – Leisure'. Clerk informed members that this was the initial expenditure for the skatepark.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.22

**2603F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.08.22**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Kelly

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.08.22

**2604F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.08.22**

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 P Fellows, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.08.22

**2605F To receive and approve the External Auditors report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

The clerk informed members that the external auditors report had been received (copy Presented to all members) for the year ended 31.03.22 and that following their audit they had Comments to make.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To approve the external auditors report for the year ended 31.03.2022

**2606F To consider the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment Arrangements.**

The clerk informed members that the arrangement with the SAAA had reached the end of its Current 5 year arrangement. The options were to opt out of the next five years under the Government appointed auditor and continue under the current regime. The clerk urged Members to continue under the current arrangement.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

**RESOLVED:** To continue with the current arrangement with the SAAA and not opt out.

**2607F To approve accounts for payment**

Cllr Crawford commented on the spend of £50.00 to the Bourne & District flower club for the Floral tribute to the Queen on her passing and expressed a wish that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Flower Club. This was endorsed by the members present.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve accounts for payment as listed.

**2608F To receive information with regard to the proposed 'Warm Hub' campaign**

The clerk informed members that a meeting had taken place with relevant stakeholders within the town and the following agreed:

- The 'warm Hubs' would start operation from the 1<sup>st</sup> November
- The operating hours would be 5 days a week Monday-Friday 10.00am – 6.00pm
- The 'Hubs' would open on specific days eg Salvation Army hall Monday's and Fridays
- All 'Hubs' would offer tea, coffee, biscuits, toilet facilities and WI Fl.

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr C Pattison, and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information

**2609F To receive feedback on the UKSPF**

The clerk reported that the working party had met and come up with a list of questions for the lead authority, SKDC:

- Copy of the investment plan submitted by SKDC to central government.
- Details of the internal programme manager.
- Confirmation that the investment plan has been agreed by central government.
- How we as a local council can have input to the UKSPF.

The clerk continued that a response had been received as follows:

- The investment plan has not yet been approved
- Because of the above the programme manager had not been employed

Due to the above the Town Council's plans are on hold until a positive reply is received SKDC.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**2610F To receive information with regard to the local SKDC Councillor vacancy.**

The clerk informed members that the notice for nominations had been issued for the vacant District Councillor position for Bourne East.

All nominations to be with SKDC BY Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

If required the election date would be 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**2611F To receive an update on the progress of the 'Skatepark for Bourne'.**

The clerk informed members that progress was continuing and that the contractors had been onsite since the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A site inspection had been called for the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr R McKinney  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update

**2612F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention**

**It was announced that the 'Coronation' would take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

*Due to there being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 19:47hrs.*