

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022 at 7:00PM**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

Present	Chairman	C Pattison			
	Councillors	H Crawford	P Knowles	B Russell	R McKinney
		B Johnson	J Reid	R Reid	A Willis

1960A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr B Russell, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's D Mapp, P Fellows, A Kelly, S Mallett and J Smith

1961A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Cllr B Johnson – Agenda Item 10 – Non-Pecuniary

1962A To consider requests for Dispensation

As Above

1963A 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)

Two Members of the Public were present but neither wished to speak.

1964A To elect a vice chair for the year 2022/2023

Two nominations were made:

Cllr A Willis
Cllr B Johnson

A private ballot took place.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously

RESOLVED: That following the ballot Cllr B Johnson would be vice chair for the year 2022/23

1965A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2022 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr H Crawford and

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2022 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

1966A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr H Crawford reported that she had attended a meeting with regard to the 'wellbeing map' that had just been produced for Bourne. Cllr Crawford commented that most people need someone to talk to, so if anyone is seen that may be on their own just politely engage with them.

Cllr B Johnson had attended a LALC meeting and reported:

a) *LALC have a new facebook page*

- b) *No more quarterly magazines will be published*
- c) *The National Association still feel that Face to Face meetings can be an issue and is being considered as to whether it should be challenged as it would mean a major change to legislation.*

Cllr R Reid informed members that there was still no movement on South Fen Road

1967A To answer questions from Councillors

None had been received

1968A To receive a report on the Councils Community Assets

Cllr Pattison reported that due to his current poor health he had not been able to complete his Normal report.

The clerk informed members that due to the Cemetery Chapel roof having degenerated over the past few months a meeting with Messenger Bcr had been arranged to assess its status.

The clerk continued that the intention was for the organisation to also complete a report on the whole building.

There ensued various conversation with regard to the Chapel and the work completed by the the Council. Cllr Knowles was of the opinion that all solutions with regard to the Chapel should be explored and some of those options might be quite radical.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1969A To receive an update on the proposed Skatepark for Bourne.

The clerk reported that steady progress was being made

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1970A To receive a report on the Queens Platinum Jubilee preparations.

Due to Cllr Paul Fellows being unable to make the meeting he had sent in the following report

What a successful weekend it was.

Bourne's response was by a country mile the best in South Kesteven and largely because of the community response we generated and organised. The whole of our community has many reasons to be proud of what we achieved.

Bourne Festival organised by the Round Table 'anchored' the weekend providing their usual blend of music, booze and fun over four day as well as a site for the Beacon! (Not as good as it should have been but it did happen against all odds!)

It was a privilege to join the Bourne Churches Together for a service which underlines the importance of Church Groups in Bourne.

The Silver Jubilee Dinner was a ball! Well I think so anyway.

The Saturday Market with the inclusion of the BRM boys both in the Old Town Hall and the cars themselves was without doubt phenomenal.

Celebrations on Elsea Park with the brilliant Hog Roast had a truly family/community feel to it. A magnificent day.

The Car Show at the Red Hall was a triumph of man against adversity (Rain) but they did it, and will repeat next year.

The Parade, led by a BRM showed exactly why Bourne is so brilliant: Rain? What rain?

The Firework display was just what we needed to end the weekend, could be viewed all over Bourne and looked amazing against a grey sky.

Add to that all the individual parties and events that happened over the weekend and even later for some weather sensitive 'parties', simply 'We Rocked it'.

Going forwards much of what we did and achieved will provide a pattern for events in our town. The more people are involved and given ownership of what happens, the more successful will the event be. I would hope a similar weekend can be planned for next year and by working in partnership with our communities. Bourne Town Council, in collaboration with Bourne Events will deliver another amazing 'Event'. (We will have to plan a Coronation at some point)

We have begun a collaboration with Nick Owen, (Rubery Owen) and BRM to 'drive up' our celebration of our town that gave us in effect Formula One. I am also aware that 19th Century Bourne and Charles Worth is also being developed by Wake House.

A huge well done to everyone. I must thank Claire Saberton and Bourne Events, nor can I forget the ever present, ever wonderful 4X4 team who made sure we were all safe.

When I was asked by a SKDC Councillor why we did so well I told them one reason was easy to give: We have Ian Sismey an absolutely brilliant Town Clerk who never stops working with Kirsty for our town and without who's efforts we would not now be telling each other how well we did.

Finally:

Our decorations in the Town made everyone smile. Well done again Ian, the ladies from Dyke and everyone who contributed. As everyone always tells me the traffic through Bourne is constant. Bet all those HGV drivers enjoyed passing through our Town.

Cllr Crawford wished it minuted that thanks should go to the clerk and his team for all the Work they put in to make the event such a success.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1971A To review the transfer of the SEA's.

The clerk confirmed that the legal transfer had finally taken place and that the two areas were now being administered by BTC the only outstanding issue is the transfer of the reserves balance held by SKDC.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr P Knowles

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1972A To receive information with regard to the 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund'.

The clerk informed members that he had participated in a meeting with SKDC Officers with Regard to this topic.

In essence this program is part of the levelling up process and replaces European funding.

The clerk was asked to distribute relevant paperwork before the next Full Council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

1973A To receive an update on the proposed 'Changing Places' facility for Bourne

The clerk informed members that the initiative was moving forward and that a survey had been commissioned by SKDC to look at the potential of the South Street toilet block.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

1974A To receive an update on the 'In Bloom' Competition 2022

The clerk informed members that all preparations had been made and that the judging would be undertaken on Thursday 7th July 9.30am.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Russell

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

1975A To receive the clerks response to Vistry Homes with regard to the possibility of the Transfer of local land.

The clerk informed members that Vistry Homes had been informed of the Council's decision with regard to the full amount of £23,422.50.

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To allow the clerk to continue negotiations with the developer as detailed above.

1975A To consider reports from SKDC regarding changes to their amenities maintenance Within the district.

The clerk reported that due to the possible dissolution of Enviro SK by the district council it may be possible for the Town Council to take on its own Town Contract with regard to maintaining open green spaces.

There was much discussion with regard to this matter but concluded that the clerk should write to SKDC putting forward the suggestion.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr J Reid

RESOLVED: For the clerk to write to SKDC as discussed..

1976A 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 20.15hrs.