

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2023
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SK COMMUNITY POINT. 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE, PE10
9EF.**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

0 Members of Public

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

Councillors

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

22/113 **To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr D Mapp, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve reasons for apology for absence from Cllr R McKinney and Cllr R Baker.

22/114 **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr B Johnson	Non Pecuniary	Item 12
Cllr D Mapp	Non Pecuniary	Item 12

22/115 **To consider requests for Dispensation**

To speak as above

22/116 **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)**

There were three members of the public present but none wished to speak.

22/117 **To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 28th February 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 28th February 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them as such.

22/118 **To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr R Reid

- 1) Willoughby Road – A further survey has been undertaken by LCC re running water and it has been ascertained that the issue remains with the water authority.

- 2) Austerby Traffic Issues – As an alternative to a TRO it has been agreed that 7 horizontal 'H's' will be constructed.
- 3) South Fen Road – Subject to a major works plan and will involve a major reconstruction June/July 23/24. This would be preceded by a works survey in March 23 and the project would provide the hard core for the allotments site.
- 4) Broken sign at the bus station to be repaired.

Cllr S Woolley

- 1) Active Travel – Confirmed that LCC bids had been made.
- 2) White Lining and resurfacing – reported that the white lining at the mini roundabouts had been completed also that resurfacing work from the bus station entrance to St Christopher's lane would be completed between the 15th May and 2nd June.
- 3) Disabled parking bays had been completed on West Street and North Street.
- 4) Current survey is live with regard to Child Care places and runs to the 21st May 2023.
- 5) Devolution agenda is still progressing.

Cllr A Kelly

Advised members that she would be meeting up with LCC's Phil Watt to walk the Carr Dyke.

Cllr B Johnson

Asked Cllr Woolley if there was any progress on the Meadowgate one way scenario. Cllr Woolley informed the members that a lot of work needed to take place leading up to a public consultation. The whole process could take a few years.

22/119 To answer questions from Councillors

None had been Received

22/120 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees:

a) Amenities – 14th March 2023 – 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers

b) Finance & General Purposes – 28th March 2023 – 1 recommendation made outside delegated powers

c) Amenities – 11th April 2023 – 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers

d) Highways & Planning – 18th April 2023 – 0 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.

22/121 To adopt recommendations made by the Committee's:

1) *Ref – 2660F 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.

22/122 To Approve Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed.

22/123 To receive and agree information relating to forthcoming meetings

The clerk informed members that the annual Parish Meeting and the Town Council's Annual Meeting would take place on Tuesday 16th May.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr J Reid.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

The clerk recorded one abstention

22/124 To receive a progress report on the proposed 'Skate Park for Bourne' including ratification of the clerks decision to employ a local contractor to complete the works.

The clerk made the following statement:

There was a growing concern across the groups involved with the skatepark; BUC, Town Council and the Skatepark Committee that the project was no longer moving forward this was not only causing problems for maintenance ground staff at BUC, and other Abbey Lawns user groups, but potential skatepark users were entering the site and using it informally, whilst work had halted.

Canvas had moved on to other projects and the unfinished bunding required at the site was necessary for Bourne, but as general landscaping did not require the specific skills of Canvas and despite multiple contacts with the firm they have not returned to the site to complete the bunding landscaping work.

Weeks of inactivity here in Bourne, by Canvas, despite many points of contact being made, was causing problems for us. For the benefit of Bourne, it was agreed by interested parties that if the remaining works could be finished by a recommended local company, with the agreement of Canvas this was the best and the only foreseeable way forward. The project was overdue and going nowhere, currently.

Representatives of BUC, the Town Council and the Skatepark Committee agreed that a proposal agreeable to Canvas, to complete the work using local contractors, which still retained the warranty and guarantees of Canvas for the multiwheeled park, was a workable solution. *Canvas agreed to this suggestion and the project is now due for completion in a timely manner.*

It is hoped that the Skatepark will open in May2023.

Would a member of the Town Council propose that this decision by interested parties is formally accepted and ratified to move this matter forward?

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr C Pattison
RESOLVED: To agree and ratify the above proposal

22/125 To receive information with regard to the Towns 'Coronation' Celebrations.

Cllr Paul Fellows outlined the plans so far and confirmed that all was in order. The Beacon was currently being built and would be installed in time for the Coronation Weekend.

Proposed by Cllr R Reid, seconded by Cllr B Johnson
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

22/126 To discuss and if appropriate approve the continuing financial assistance to Citizens Advice SL.

This matter had been discussed at a previous meeting but no decision had been made.

The clerk provided further information for the members.

The item was discussed at length and the general feeling was that the assistance should be continued.

Proposed by Cllr P Knowles, seconded by Cllr P Fellows

RESOLVED: To approve the continuance of the financial assistance to CA and grant an award of £5,500.00.

22/127 To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's Attention.

A short presentation took place for the retiring members.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the meeting came to a close at 20.05hrs.