

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2023 HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SK COMMUNITY POINT. 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE, PE10 9EF.

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

4 Members of Public

Present **Chair** **Cllr B Johnson**

Councillors

Cllr P Fellows	Cllr H Crawford
Cllr R McKinney	Cllr S Mallett
Cllr C Pattison	Cllr Z Lane
Cllr N Eveleigh	Cllr A Kelly
Cllr A Willis	Cllr Baricz Hughes
Cllr N Oglesbee	Cllr S Giullari
Cllr L Panrucker	

SKDC

Cllr P Knowles

23/032 **To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

There were none received.

23/033 **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

There were none

23/034 **To consider requests for Dispensation**

There were none

23/035 **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 four members of the public present but none wished to speak.

23/036 **To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 18th July 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 18th July 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them as such.

The clerk recorded one abstention

23/037 **To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr R Reid – The following is a full report submitted by LCC Cllr R Reid

1) South Fen Road

25/05/23 - Response from Surfacing & patching team:

"The first phase of SFR will be outside the Factories this will be completed this August. Plan attached to email.

The second Phase (from this section to the junction with Cherry Holt Road will be completed next year 24/25.

This has not yet been programmed in.

There has been quite a lot of changes to the design of this due to the high pressure gas main and other utilities at this location.

We have completed an investigation and trial holes to locate this and adjust the design accordingly.

The section outside of the Factories was planned to be done first due to the lorries turning etc. (and this section is to be widened)

The road is wider from the allotments to Cherry Holt Road, but this will be resurfaced to the same spec.

There was also drainage issues at this location which have been addressed within the design.

The section the other side (heading away from Bourne has been cored but not looked at in detail regarding design etc)"

When I know anymore of the start date, I will let you know, remembering the quest for the allotment Road !

2) Spalding Road, A151 - Resurfacing Scheme

- 25/05/23 - Works to resurface this location are planned for the 2024/25 financial year.

In the meantime can we continue to report potholes on fix my street please!

3) Meadow Drove

Issue: road is fenland and has extensive damage.

Forward Programme Brief, Consultation in Process, no confirmed programme date/still pursuing as a priority with adjoining Cllr Sue Woolley /Bourne South Division.

4) Willoughby Road, Bourne PROGRESS REPORT

FMS says underground damage to culvert Now !

25/01/23 - 5650971 job raised and awaiting programming. Minor works job raised to investigate cause of flooding and implement mitigating measures.

27/02/23 - Confirmation received from contractor that works are scheduled for 17th April 2023. 23/03/23 - works found an old culvert in poor condition, additional jetting and minor works job ordered to repair it - works planned for completion during Summer 2023. (5707684)

5) Elsea park (Condition of Wincanton Way beyond Manor Lane)

25/01/23 - Major pedestrian/cycle route - Section beyond Manor Lane is listed as a PROW. 27/02/23 - Andy Savage (PROW & Access Senior Officer for CS Services) contacted to discuss potential opportunities to improve PROW facilities linking Elsea Park.

09/03/23 - Andy Creasey (Footways Team) has been contacted to request footway upgrade to area identified as maintainable highway on the GIS. Andy awaiting plan of works and works will be considered for progression in conjunction with S278 works being delivered by Ian War

6) Bourne Heights/West Road footpath.

Confirmation of the funding approval is still in place.

Further investigation to the gas main technicality needs to be confirmed before any further progress can be made. Will advise on this on-going issue.

23/038 To answer questions from Councillors.

Question from Cllr Z Lane:

A local resident wished to know the reasoning why a tree on the edge of the Recreation Ground had been removed?

The clerk responded that the tree was a self-set Holly tree with little amenities value and was diseased. It was also necessary to remove it at this point as access was

Required for the installation of the storage unit next to the changing room block.

Question from Cllr R Baker:

Cllr Baker was absent from the meeting and it was agreed that his question could be presented at a future meeting if necessary.

23/039 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees:

- a) Highways & Planning – 20th July 2023 – 0 recommendation made outside delegated powers.
- b) Amenities – 1st August 2023 – 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees en bloc as listed above.

23/040 To adopt recommendations made by the Committee's:

There were no recommendations made outside of delegated powers.

23/041 To Approve Accounts for Payment

The clerk presented the payments schedule totalling £40,417.00

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously
RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed.

23/042 To nominate a member to the board of the Elsea Park Community Trust to act as the Town Council representative.

Nominations were requested from the members, only one was made,

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously
RESOLVED: To forward the name of Cllr N Eveleigh to EPCT as Bourne Town Council's nomination to the Board of EPCT.

The clerk recorded one abstention

23/043 To receive an update on the South Street Toilet block and to make whatever resolution may be necessary to move the project forward.

SKDC Cllr P Knowles was present and wished to speak on the subject making it clear that the contract needed to be finalised sooner rather than later

The clerk reported that he was under increasing pressure from SKDC to ensure that the contract for the transfer of the premises was concluded.

The clerk continued that there was one final clause that needed to be resolved to ensure that the Town Council were protected.

Cllr Fellows, as all members, was of the opinion that the facility was too important to the Town and should be not be lost.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To conclude the contractual negotiations at the earliest possible date.

23/044 To discuss/consider the removal of the play equipment at Twenty Playing Field.

The clerk informed members that Cllr Johnson had asked that as part of the works being undertaken to reinstate the Twenty Village Hall if the Town Council would support them in having the play equipment removed. Cllr Johnson added that it was important that the equipment was removed or it may invalidate the village halls insurance.

Members were not opposed to this but asked that quotes were obtained before a commitment was made.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To task the clerk with obtaining relevant quotes.

23/045 To receive an update from the clerk with regard to Bourne in Bloom.

The clerk updated members on the 'In Bloom' judging which took place on Thursday 13th July.

The clerk informed members that a full itinerary had been assembled for the judging and included the following:

- 1) Elsea Park Primary Academy
- 2) Bourne Town Cemetery
- 3) Skatepark
- 4) Bourne Lido
- 5) Abbey Lawn
- 6) Wellhead
- 7) Dyke Playing Field
- 8) Dyke Village Hall

The results of the judging will not be known until mid-end September.

It was suggested by Cllr H Crawford that a working party should be set up to assist with next year's 'In Bloom' efforts.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

23/046 To receive information from a developer with regard to a follow up meeting with the Town Council/NP Steering Group.

The clerk reminded the members of a meeting that taken place with Barratt Homes some time ago regarding a prospective development off Raymond Mays Way.

The clerk continued that the developer was seeking a follow up meeting.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr Z Lane

RESOLVED: For the clerk to arrange a follow up meeting but that this must purely be a presentation.

The clerk recorded one abstention

23/047 To receive an update on the Recreation Ground project.

The clerk reported to members that the first phase of the project was now complete and that Works would continue over the ensuing months.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

23/048 To make members aware of SKDC's 'Open Spaces Survey'.

The clerk reported to a survey was being undertaken by SKDC to obtain views on the Various local open spaces. This can be found on SKDC's website.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr C Pattison

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

23/049 To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Johnson informed members that she was organising an event at the Corn Exchange Involving a 'Queen' tribute band on 30th September and that tickets were now available through her.

Cllr Crawford reminded members about the forthcoming Citizens Advice Dinner Dance.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the meeting came to a close at 20.40hrs.