

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SK COMMUNITY POINT. 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE, PE10 9EF.**

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

1 Member of Public

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

<b>Councillors</b>	Cllr Z Lane	Cllr H Crawford
	Cllr R McKinney	Cllr S Mallett
	Cllr N Eveleigh	Cllr A Kelly
	Cllr A Willis	Cllr B Baricz Hughes
	Cllr N Oglesbee	Cllr S Giullari
	Cllr L Panrucker	Cllr R Baker

**23/050**    **To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr A Willis, and unanimously  
**RESOLVED: To receive/approve the reasons for apologies for absence from Cllr's P Fellows and C Pattison.**

**23/051**    **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

There were none

**23/052**    **To consider requests for Dispensation**

There were none

**23/053**    **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 was one member of the public present, but they did not wish to speak.**

**23/054**    **To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee, and unanimously

**RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them as such.**

**23/055**    **To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

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

*Temporary Traffic restrictions will be put in place for the following West Area Micro Resurfacing in Bourne:*

- 1) Cecil Close
- 2) Churchill Avenue
- 3) Harvey Close
- 4) Ostler Drive
- 5) Westwood Drive

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr R McKinney, and unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To send a note of thanks to Cllr Reid for his continued support.**

Cllr S Woolley –

- 1) *Highways Officers had been out to assess the Stanley Street junction with North Road with the view to installing yellow lines.*
- 2) *Proposed Aldi application was receiving negative highways feedback.*
- 3) *Meadowgate was being looked at in two phases, initial phase would be to look at spaces where parking restrictions could be installed. Cllr Giullari questioned the 'S' bend. Cllr McKinney suggested that perhaps a bevelled mirror could be installed on the 'S' bend for better vision.*

Cllr R Baker –

- 1) *Issues with parking had been raised by local residents from Coggles Causeway and Cllr Baker was meeting with officers re the green space.*
- 2) *Discussions with regard to trees and when/how planted and the possibility of employing a tree officer.*

Cllr H Crawford –

- 1) *A meeting with Doug Rogers, head of street scene, had taken place with regard to the churchyard maintenance. This had proved very productive.*

**23/056 To answer questions from Councillors.**

Cllr Mallett had the following questions with regard pollution monitoring:

SKDC were due to undertake this in the first quarter of the year:

1. Did this happen?
2. If it did do we have the results.
3. If it did not, why not and what can be done.

The clerk had followed this matter up and the officer concerned had left SKDC employment. The clerk had received a new contact and would raise the issue with them.

**23/057 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees:**

- a) Highways & Planning – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 0 recommendation made outside delegated powers.
- b) Amenities – 1<sup>st</sup> September 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.**

**23/058 To adopt recommendations made by the Committee's:**

There were no recommendations made outside of delegated powers.

**23/059 To Approve Accounts for Payment**

The clerk presented the payments schedule totalling £52,414.22.

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

**23/060 To discuss a planning application based in the parish of Baston but may have an effect on Bourne Town Centre.**

**PL/0070/23**

**To extract sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation, import and processing of inert restoration materials, export of recycled aggregate, the creation of new public footpaths, the erection of associated plant and infrastructure and a new/altered access from the A15.**

The clerk explained to the members that although Bourne Town Council were not a statutory Consultee with regard to the application due to the increase volume of HGV movements from the proposed site.

Cllr Eveleigh had also been made aware of the application from a Baston Parish Councillor and spoke on the issue's surrounding the application.

Cllr Crawford made comment that currently there did not appear to be any information from LCC Highways on the file with regard to impact on the highway(A15) and proposed that contact should be made with the local County Councillor to ensure that Information was provided by them.

The matter was debated by the members on the basis that an objection should be raised on the following basis:

- a) Increased Transport movements on an already busy A15.
- b) Safety issues with regard to the proposed junction and access/egress to/from the A15.
- c) Environmental and health issues associated with the extraction process.

It was also agreed that Cllr Eveleigh should attend the local meeting as Bourne Town Council's representative and to report back relevant information.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously  
**RESOLVED: To object to the application as detailed above.**

**23/061 To receive an update on the South Street Toilet block 'Changing Places' project.**

The clerk confirmed that contracts had been exchanged on the South Street Toilet block and a date for the works to be started was expected.

The clerk continued that completion would not take place until the project was completed to the Town Council's satisfaction.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney  
**RESOLVED: To receive the above update.**

**23/062 To receive an update on the removal of the play equipment at Twenty Playing Field.**

The clerk informed members that the contractor had been appointed and that the Removal of the equipment would be scheduled in to their work rota.

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

**23/063 To consider SKDC's revival of the 'Pay for Parking initiative.**

Cllr Crawford informed members that SKDC were again looking at the possibility of Implementing parking charges in the towns SKDC owned car parks.

Cllr Crawford as Cllr Kelly had already made their thoughts known to SKDC leader Cllr R Cleaver.

In essence SKDC questioned whether some level of parking restriction would assist with increasing capacity in Bourne by ensuring a regular turnover of spaces throughout the day.

The outcome of this would be for SKDC to commission a capacity study to determine the future of free parking in Bourne.

Cllr S Mallett was of the opinion that parking charges would be the death of the town.

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes  
**RESOLVED: To send an email to Cllr Cleaver with the Town Councils views on this matter.**

**23/064 To receive information from the NP steering group with regard to their proposed November consultation.**

Cllr McKinney gave a short report and distributed copies of the double page spread that was due to appear in 'Discovering Bourne' Magazine.

The members were informed that the consultation sessions would be as follows:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Corn Exchange – 1.00pm to 5.00pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Dyke Village Hall – 3.00pm to 8.00pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Elsea Park Pavilion – 10.00am-3.00pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Corn Exchange – 3.00pm to 8.00pm  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Light Switch on – 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and unanimously  
**RESOLVED: To receive the above information**

**23/065 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 H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson  
**RESOLVED: To receive the above update**

**23/066 To receive information relating to the 'Household Support Fund'.**

The clerk informed members of a fund being distributed by SKDC known as 'Household Support Fund'.

The fund in essence was for low income households.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

**RESOLVED: To receive the above information**

**23/067 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 'The Band from County Hell' on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

*Due to their being no further items to discuss the meeting came to a close at 20.39hrs.*