

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2024 at 7:00PM**

Present **Chairman** **C Pattison**
 Councillors H Crawford Z Lane N Eveleigh R Baker
 S Mallett A Kelly P Fellows N Oglesbee
 B Baricz L Panrucker S Giullari B Johnson
 Hughes
 R McKinney

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2142A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr A Willis.

2143A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Cllr P Fellows Agenda Item 11

2144A To consider requests for Dispensation.

Cllr P Fellows Agenda Item 11

2145A 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 one of whom wished to speak on agenda items 9 & 10 and the other wished to speak on item 11.

2146A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2023 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2147A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr N Eveleigh *Elesa Park Community Trust- reported that:*

- 1) *CCTV had been added near to the newly opened Jubilee Green area.*
- 2) *Elesa Park Community Trust were looking at the possibility of introducing a blanket 20mph speed limit throughout the estate which is contrary to Lincolnshire County Council Policy.*

Cllr R Baker *SKDC – reported that:*

- 1) *A meeting had been held with the climate change officer that had proved very productive.*
- 2) *Tree strategy to be reviewed and it is hoped a dedicated staff member would be responsible.*

Cllr A Kelly – *Reported that:*

1) *Concerns had been raised with regard to the level of lighting on North Street. The members were aware that this appeared to be a continuous issue but was probably related to the height of the lamp columns.*

2148A To answer questions from Councillors.

There were two questions from Councillors:

a) Cllr N Oglesbee wished to know if the agreement by SKDC to grant £850,000 towards the refurbishment of the Deepings Leisure Centre would have any impact on the Bourne Leisure Centre with regard to money being available for current and future repairs?

Cllr Fellows responded to this matter and assured members that this would not be the case and that already funds had been allocated for roof repairs at Bourne Leisure Centre.

b) Cllr Z Lane wanted to know if Councillors were aware of which roads were gritted in Bourne.

Members were keen to point out that the only roads gritted were those that constituted a bus route.

2149A To receive a report on the Councils Amenity Assets

The clerk gave the following report:

1) Cemetery

This was subject to a report later in the meeting.

2) Recreation Ground

The clerk reported that all works relating to the water and electrical systems had been completed and that internal works were now scheduled.

3) Skatepark

With the skatepark now coming up to its first year of completion certain checks needed to be put in place:
ROSPA Inspection
Constructor's inspection
These would be put in place over the coming weeks.

4) 'Changing Places'

The clerk confirmed that a start date had now been agreed for the project of the 12th February with a six week build time.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously.
RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2150A To receive/review the revised draft Emergency Plan for Bourne

The clerk presented the draft Emergency Plan document to members.

The members were in general agreement that the draft was a good initial starting point but required more work before it became a final document.

It was agreed that this would be subject of a working party meeting

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To receive the draft plan.

The clerk recorded two abstentions and two against

2151A To receive an update on the proposed St Georges Day Parade 2024

This subject had been discussed briefly before Christmas and had been brought back to the Meeting for further discussion.

In essence the members were concerned that perhaps there was not enough time to organise such an event.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To receive the above update but defer the item until the first meeting of the new 'Events Committee Meeting'.

The clerk recorded two against

2152A To receive/discuss information relating to SKDC's consultation with regard to Street Markets in the District.

The clerk had provided background information to the members prior to the meeting.

Cllr P Fellows gave a report to the members and suggested that a meeting of interested Parties should be held as soon as possible to provide a response from the Town Council.

It was agreed that a meeting could be held at 6.00pm on the 23rd January.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R Baker

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and to meet as detailed above

2153A To discuss/consider the plans for devolution presented by Lincolnshire County Council and agree to engage in the consultation.

The clerk informed members that SKDC had recently agreed a response to the Devolution Proposal and shared this with the members.

Members were in general agreement with this response.

Cllr Baker spoke first on this item mentioning reasons why the proposal would not be good for The local area.

Councillors were in general agreement with his comments and Cllr Pattison asked members to Send any feedback to the clerk.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee

RESOLVED: That the Council are in general agreement with the response to the Devolution proposal made by SKDC and should form the basis for the Town Council's Response.

2154A To form a working party to formulate plans for future events in the Parish which would Include 'Bourne in Bloom'.

Cllr Pattison addressed this item and suggested that this working party was long overdue and Should consist of no more than 5-6 members.

Cllr Pattison continued that any members wishing to be a part of the working party should Email the clerk.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To form an events working party and members to contact the clerk in reference To this.

2155A To receive information relating to a possible Traffic Survey for Bourne.

The clerk asked the two Councillors who had been at the forefront of asking for the Traffic If they could meet early in the following week. Councillors Eveleigh and Mallett said that they Would be happy too.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and take forward the idea of a Traffic Survey

2156A To receive an update with regard to the structural survey of the Cemetery Chapel

The clerk informed members that the original company who were going to complete the report Gone into liquidation and that a new contractor had been appointed.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee

RESOLVED: To receive the above update

2157A To receive an update with regard to the possible upgrade to the signage on the SK CAP

The clerk distributed drawings of a possible redesign of the building frontage.

Cllr Kelly addressed the members and explained the drawings to them adding that she was Pleased to note from the drawings that the building had been renamed the Corn Exchange. Cllr Kelly explained that further adjustments were needed in as much as:

- 1) The signage for the registrar should be positioned closer, with an arrow, to the left Hand side of the building which is closer to the registrar's entrance,
- 2) The Bourne Town Council signage including logo should be positioned to the right hand Side of the entrance.

These suggestions had been passed on to Karen Whitfield (SKDC).

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh

RESOLVED: To receive the above update

2158A 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 21.21hrs.