

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023 at 7:00PM**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>C Pattison</b>			
	<b>Councillors</b>	H Crawford	Z Lane	N Eveleigh	R Baker
		A Willis	A Kelly	R McKinney	N Oglesbee
		B Hughes	L Panrucker	S Giullari	

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

**2091A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's **P Fellows, B Johnson and S Mallett**

**2092A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

<i>Cllr R Baker</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 16</i>
<i>Cllr A Kelly</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>member of SKDC</i>

**2093A To consider requests for Dispensation.**

<i>Cllr R Baker</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Agenda Item 16</i>
<i>Cllr A Kelly</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>member of SKDC</i>

**2094A 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 none present.*

**2095A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr A Willis seconded by Cllr H Crawford and

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

**The clerk recorded 5 abstentions.**

**2096A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr R Baker – reported that the UKSPF Board had been reconstructed and revitalised as the 'Local Economic Forum. Cllr H Crawford commented that its first meeting was due to take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**2097A To answer questions from Councillors.**

- 1) *Cllr A Kelly was concerned that there was a certain amount of confusion by the general public as to the name of the building that we were located in. To SKDC it is the Community Access Point and Library but to the majority of the local residents it is known as the Bourne Corn Exchange. Cllr H Crawford agreed that the building should be known as the Corn Exchange and not the SK CAP. Cllr Eveleigh was also of the same opinion. It was agreed that this matter should be added as a full agenda item for the next Amenities meeting.*

- 2) *Cllr R McKinney was concerned that the recent 'Love your Parks' week had hardly been visible to the general public let alone Councillors. Cllr R Baker agreed that it had been poorly advertised and would investigate and report back.*

**2098A To receive a report on the Councils Amenity Assets**

Cllr Pattison gave a brief report on the cemetery and allotments.

Cllr Pattison reported that the allotments were by and large tidy although there were one or two that needed tidying up.

Cllr Pattison continued that on visiting the cemetery all seemed tidy with grass cutting up to date.

Moving on to the skatepark Cllr Pattison commented that all was looking good with positive feedback having been received from various parties.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Willis and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**2099A To receive information relating to the official opening of the Skatepark.**

The clerk informed members that the skatepark would be officially opened on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am. A full program of events was being arranged and would end at approximately 3.00pm

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr A Willis

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above report.

**2100A To receive information with regard to emergency repairs to the Cemetery Chapel roof and to reform the Chapel working party.**

The clerk informed members that the Chapel roof had been repaired by Heritage Roofing Services at the agreed cost of £2,800.00.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information

The clerk continued that the Cemetery Chapel working party had not met for some time and that it would be appropriate to reform the working party following the Council's new term.

It was agreed that the Working Party should comprise of five members:

Cllr S Giullari  
Cllr A Willis  
Cllr Z Lane  
Cllr N Eveleigh  
AN Other

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr A Willis

**RESOLVED:** To reform the Cemetery Chapel Working party consisting of the above mentioned members with one vacancy.

**2101A To receive information with regard to the 'Changing Places' facility**

The clerk informed members that the matter was still being dealt with via solicitors aided by David Mapp.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr A Kelly  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information

**2102A To receive a report on the amenities spend against budget and assess its merits**

This item had been raised by Cllr A Kelly who felt that it was important that the Council monitor its Amenity spend against budget.

The clerk had prepared a report for the members which he distributed showing this.

All members were in agreement that this should be presented at each amenities meeting.

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr Z Lane  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update.

**2103A To receive an update on the transfer of land from Vistry Homes**

The clerk informed members that this was currently in the hands of the Council's solicitors.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr R Baker  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above update.

**2104A To receive information with regard to litter/dog waste bins and if necessary, resolve to Make additional purchases.**

The clerk reported that 4 new bins had recently been installed at the following locations:

- 1) Top of St Christophers Lane as it reaches Orchard Close.
- 2) Top of Hazelwood Drive.
- 3) Pathway that runs between Hazelwood Drive and turns on to Beech Avenue.
- 4) Top of Stanton Close by the Car Dyke Pathway.

The bins were proving useful to dog walkers and Cllr A Kelly proposed that further purchases should be made one to be installed on Mill Drove where the pathway leads to the Owl Tower and one to be kept in reserve.

Proposed by Cllr B Hughes, seconded by Cllr A Kelly  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information and to authorise the purchase of two additional Bins.

**2105A To discuss open green space maintenance**

Cllr Kelly introduced this item and wanted the Council to enter into a discussion as to how green spaces in the future would be maintained in particular did we perceive that green spaces should have a tennis court finish or should the grass be left to grow?

The clerk informed members that apart from the two playing fields the only grass cut by BTC was grass verges for LCC and to their specification.

Cllr Baker commented that there was ongoing work at District level with regard to green spaces and how to balance biodiversity, wild flower growth etc against the on costs of continuous maintenance.

Cllr Baker continued that whilst he was appreciative of certain specification constraints with Work completed for LCC he was of the opinion that the Town Council/District Council should work with LCC To enable changes to take place and that he was happy to take this forward.

Cllr Eveleigh had also been involved in discussions regarding cut and collect which would allow Wild flowers to thrive without this regime it would not be possible.

Cllr Baker continued that now the District grass cutting had been taken back in house the discussions can be opened up as to how often grass is cut etc. and that he was happy to also take this forward with the officers involved.

Cllr Crawford asked what would happen to all the collected grass that is contaminated and cannot be composted should this go ahead?

Cllr Baker agreed that this was an issue but on his agenda.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information and for Cllr R Baker to take the matter forward Report back to the Town Council.

**2106A To discuss/receive South Kesteven District Council's Climate Action Strategy Document.**

Cllr Baker introduced this item and stated that the 64 page document had been more or less Completed pre-election and held over.

The Cabinet decided that as opposed to starting again it should be put out to consultation as the document was written. Cllr Baker continued that the document was colourful and contained lots of good information but was not an overview, he was of the opinion that the document contained far too much information.

Cllr Baker informed members that all major stake holders had responded and that the Consultation ends in a weeks time. Cllr Baker was of the opinion that the document should Have been a lot less detailed and much shorter.

Cllr Z Lane asked how many appendices were in the documents 64 pages, Cllr Baker Responded that there were four.

Cllr Baker asked all members to respond to the survey.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

**RESOLVED:** To receive the above information.

**2107A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention.**

Members were reminded of the following events:

Citizens Advice Dinner Dance, 16<sup>th</sup> September

Dyke Scarecrow Festival end of September date to be confirmed

*Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20.32hrs.*