

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7:00PM**

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

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2108A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's **S Mallett**
And R McKinney

2109A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

There were none.

2110A To consider requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

2111A 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 public and both wished to speak.

2112A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2023 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

The clerk recorded 2 abstentions.

2113A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr R Baker – reported that the highway between Eastgate to Coggles Causeway was to undergo remedial work from LCC.

Cllr N Eveleigh – reported that the resident on Abbey Road/Church Walk was in discussion with Bill Pauley.

Cllr B Johnson – reported that she was concerned that there was a letter of support re Aldi from BTC on SKDC's website. The clerk explained that this situation had since been rectified.

Cllr Z Lane - reported that she had contacted LCC with regard to the pothole outside the Leisure Centre on Queens Road and been told that it was not their responsibility intimating that the issue was SKDC's.

Cllr A Kelly – Wanted to ensure that the officer from LCC was still proposing to complete the work on the Car Dyke.

2114A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr S Giullari asked if Bourne Town Council received any payments from developers with regard to new developments and if so did this cause any conflict of Interest.

In summary it was confirmed that the only payments forthcoming from developers was in the form of S106 payments, which were legally binding agreements, made directly to SKDC.

Cllr Giullari further asked a similar question with regard to SKDC and the EPCT and again the response was the same that only statutory payments would ever be made and the only gain is the Council Tax charge/Community Charge emanating from the new properties.

Cllr Kelly asked if the shops on Elsea Park pay the same the Community Charge paid by residents to the EPCT. Cllr Fellows responded that he did not know but would find out. It was mentioned that the EPCT had recently lowered the Community Charge.

Cllr Giullari queried the fact that a section of Elsea Park that was designated for employment land had been handed over for residential dwellings.

2115A To receive a report on the Councils Amenity Assets

Cllr N Oglesbee gave the following report:

1) Allotments

Majority tidy and well organised but there are a few that are overgrown and unkempt. The clerk commented that there are around 16 plots that are under review at the Moment.

2) Cemetery

Grass cutting was up to date and generally everything was neat and tidy. The clerk commented that obviously work can sometimes not be as up to date as One would like due to the scheduled interments that takes the staff off their normal Duties.

Cllr Crawford asked if JJMac were still intending to review the path structures. Cllr Eveleigh asked about the shed door. The clerk commented that it was on the Contractors schedule to be replaced. Cllr Baker had been contacted by a resident with regard to the willow tree in the Cemetery extension and the spoil in the bottom corner. The clerk commented that all tree work was planned post December.

3) Dyke Playing field

Again grass cutting was up to date and all looked tidy. The clerk commented that he had been in talks with Cllr Panrucker and that a schedule Of maintenance would be carried out on the play equipment over the winter months.

Cllr Kelly wanted to remind members that a new bin would be installed on the playing Field.

4) Recreation Ground

Cllr Oglesbee reported that again the grass cutting was under control and that the Pavilion was all fenced in. Cllr Oglesbee's only concern was the holes left in the ground

From the removal of the static goalposts.
The clerk commented that these would be filled in by the contractor.

5) Skatepark

All looking good apart from the leaves in the bowl that would require sweeping out.

The members thanked Cllr Oglesbee for his report.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford , seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2116A To receive information with regard to the Recreation Ground and its ongoing works.

The clerk informed members that the first phase of the works had now been completed and the users were beginning to settle in. More works are being scheduled up to December.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr Z Lane

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2117A To agree a date for the first meeting of the Cemetery Chapel Working Party.

Cllr B Johnson was invited to join the working party and a date for the first meeting of the 3rd October was agreed.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2118A To receive information with regard to the 'Changing Places' facility

The clerk informed members that the negotiations were still moving forward.

Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that the project should go ahead as soon as possible.

I was generally agreed that the facility was important to Bourne.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2119A To reconsider the application from the Galletly PPG for a grant with regard the Forthcoming Well=Being event.

This item had been raised at a previous meeting and whilst it was appreciated that BTC Needed some recognition the event was important to the Bourne residents.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To grant the figure of £250.00 towards the event.

2120A To receive an update on the transfer of land from Vistry Homes

The clerk informed members that this was still currently in the hands of the Councils solicitors.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2121A To make members aware of the 'Engineered in Bourne' event taking place on the 23rd September.

The clerk informed members that the event was to try and interest youngsters in taking up Engineering as a career.

The event being held at the Corn Exchange would also see some of the BRM cars displayed In the car park.

This item was for information only.

2122A To receive information with regard to the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders.

The clerk informed members that LCC had been relaying to members of the public that TRO's Were the responsibility of the Parish Council.

This matter to be taken up with LCC.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2123A To receive information with regard to the removal of the play equipment from Twenty.

The clerk had been tasked with obtaining quotes for the removal of the equipment and had Found this to be a difficult task as many businesses were either not interested or wanted Unrealistic sums of money to perform the job.

The clerk further informed the members that the current grounds contractor to BTC were Happy to undertake the work.

Cllr Johnson said that she would talk with the chair of the Twenty Village Hall Committee.

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2124A Bourne Corn Exchange

Cllr Kelly informed members that she will be involved in a meeting With Karen Whitfield in October with regard to the buildings identity. This would not only include the buildings name but also its address and its charge out rates for use. Cllr Kelly was also concerned that the library did not have a trained librarian asked members to pass any thoughts they had on the subject of the Corn Exchange to her.

Cllr Baker commented that SKDC were of the opinion that the business case for this building was quite low.

Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that this was a huge subject and that it should be added to an Agenda of a future amenities meeting.

Cllr Eveleigh felt that not only was it important to get the issues with the Corn Exchange Resolved but also we needed to update the profile of the Town Council.

Cllr Giullari informed members that he had conducted a short survey on the name of the Building and the majority agreed that it should be the Bourne Corn Exchange.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh

RESOLVED: To receive the above information but to insist that the premises is known as the Bourne Corn Exchange and agenda the matter for a future amenities meeting.

2125A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Crawford asked for the formation of a working party for the 'in Bloom' competition to be Added to the next Amenities agenda.

Cllr Crawford also reminded members that if they wish to pose a question it should be sent to The clerk 2 days prior to the respective meeting.

Cllr Kelly raised the question of having more focused working groups on areas of interest ie the Events group where it was anticipated that members would be a part of that group making decisions based around what would happen in the town.

Cllr Kelly was of the opinion that the finances were going to be presented at every amenities Meeting. The clerk commented that as the finances were currently only calculated quarterly They would be presented at the next amenities meeting.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20.51hrs.