

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

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

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2126A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr C Pattison.

2127A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

There were none.

2128A To consider requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

2129A 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 was one member of public present but they did not wish to speak.

2130A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2023 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

The clerk recorded 1 abstention.

2131A 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.*

2132A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr S Giullari asked the following question:

What are we as a Town Council doing to help give Bourne an identity? How do you market Bourne?

All members were of the opinion that this was ca topic worthy of discussion and the following was some of the various comments:

- **Historically a Market Town and more needs to be made of this.**
- **There is a need to communicate more readily**
- **There needs to be a drawing closer together of Elsea Park and the whole Town**
- **Important connections with BRM and Charles Worth**
- **More communication via Facebook/ Discovering Bourne etc**
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2133A To receive a report on the Councils Amenity Assets

The clerk gave the following report:

1) Cemetery

The Chapel roof had now been repaired

2) Dyke Playing field

The new bin requested had now been installed on the Playing Field

3) Recreation Ground

Initial work on the changing room block had been completed and between now and December the Electrical work would be undertaken

4) Skatepark

All looking good floodlights now working on a timed basis and still receiving positive Feedback.

5) 'Changing Places'

Still waiting for a start date for the contracted works.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr R Baker and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2134A To reconsider the tourism signs for Bourne

The clerk informed members that some while ago the Town Council had made a decision to allow Lincolnshire County Council to remove the Brown Tourism signs at the entrances to Bourne as they needed to be revetted. The signs depicted the following:

1) Spoon & fork for restaurants

- 2) Swimmer for swimming pool's
- 3) House of historic or architectural interest

The clerk urged the members to reverse this decision to enable them to remain.

The members debated this matter and concluded to allow them to remain.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney

RESOLVED: To instruct the clerk to complete the vetting process

2135A To receive an update on the Christmas Light Switch on

Cllr Fellows led on this item and informed fellow councillors that all was in place for this years event that was taking place on Saturday 2nd December.

Cllr Fellows asked for Councillors to email the clerk if they were available on that day to act as Marshalls.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To receive the above update

2136A To receive an update relating to 'Remembrance Sunday' 12th November 2023

The clerk informed members that the parade would be departing from the Bus Station at 10.15 making its way to the memorial Gardens.

The clerk reminded members that they needed to congregate at the bus station by 10.00.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr P Fellows

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2137A To discuss/consider Cemetery Charges for the period 1st April 2024-31st March 2025

The clerk had prepared a schedule of charges for member's information. The clerk explained that he had not made any increases from the previous year due to comparisons with Neighbouring burial authorities showed that the Towns charges were in line or slightly ahead of those compared.

Members were in general agreement with this course of action.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To agree the schedule of Cemetery Charges for the year 2024/2025

The clerk recorded one abstention

2138A To discuss/consider the Amenities Draft Budget for the year 2024/2025

The clerk had prepared and distributed the draft budget schedules which showed a net spend Of £27,642.20. The clerk went through the categories for the members emphasising that these Schedules were a starting point and that if members had any comments then they should be Emailed to the clerk so that they can be taken into consideration.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr Z Lane

RESOLVED: To receive the above draft budget to be finalised in January 2024

2139A To receive information relating to a possible Traffic Survey for Bourne.

The clerk had been approached by various members with regard to the possibility of arranging A traffic survey for Bourne to assess the volume of traffic passing through the Town.

It is clear that Traffic levels have risen over the past few years and the survey would assist in

Considering future planning applications and also the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members were in favour of this being arranged and would be only too happy to assist.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh

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

2140A To receive information with regard to the possibility of coordinating Warm Hubs for the Winter of 2023/2024.

The clerk informed members that he was currently in discussion with Bourne United Charities With a view to them financing the initiative again.

The Warm Hubs would operate as last year with a different venue on different days.

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2141A 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 20.34hrs.