

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2023 at 6:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

Present	Chair	S Mallett			
	Councillors	H Crawford	B Johnson	A Kelly	R McKinney
		Z Lane	N Eveleigh	R Baker	A Willis
		N Oglesbee	L Panrucker	S Giullari	B Baricz Hughes

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2687F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's P Fellows, And C Pattison.

2688F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None Received

2689F To consider requests for Dispensation.

None received.

2690F 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 no members of the public present.

2691F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Willis,

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

The clerk recorded one abstention.

2692F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

This item was deferred to the meeting of Bourne Town Council at 7.00pm on the 17th October 2023.

2693F To answer questions from Councillors.

This item was deferred to the meeting of Bourne Town Council at 7.00pm on the 17th October 2023.

2694F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.23

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.23
The clerk recorded one abstention.

2695F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.08.23

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr A Willis

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.08.23
The clerk recorded one abstention.

2696F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.09.23

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.09.23
The clerk recorded one abstention.

2697F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 30.09.23

The clerk hoped that the Finance training given in a previous session would help members to have a greater understanding of the Council Finances.

The clerk had prepared the Budget report for the period to 30.09.23.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 30.09.23

2698F To approve accounts for payment.

This item was deferred to the meeting of Bourne Town Council at 7.00pm on the 17th October 2023.

2699F To discuss/approve a grant request from Carers Sitters Service

This item was discussed at length by the members all who were aware of the service provided by the organisation.

The members thought that the service provided was much needed although the part of the area they covered was outside of the Parish.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To approve a grant to the Carers Sitters Service of £750.00.

2700F To receive an update on the 'Skatepark for Bourne'.

The clerk reported that the Heras fencing had now been taking down and work on the Bund was almost complete.

The skatepark continues to be well supported by the local youngsters with positive feedback.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above update

2701F To receive the external Auditors report for the year ending 31st March 2023

The clerk reported that a clean audit report had been received on the statutory audit. The clerk continued that comments had been made by the external audit with regard to two missing bank statements.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr B Johnson

RESOLVED: To receive the external Auditors report for the year ending 31st March 2023

2702F To discuss/agree the possible scheduling of additional Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting dates.

The members discussed the possibility of scheduling additional F&GP meetings. This proposal was met by general agreement and dates agreed as follows:

12th December 2023 6.00pm
20th February 2024 7.00pm
19th March 2024 7.00pm

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr H Crawford

RESOLVED: To schedule additional dates as detailed above

The clerk recorded one member against the proposal.

2703F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 18:35hrs.