

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 06 January 2015 at 7.25pm, at the SK Community Point, Bourne**

(Recorded by Deputy Town Clerk)

Present:

Chairman	Cllr B Russell		
Councillors	Mrs S Cliffe	T Holmes	D Mapp
	R McKinney	P Knowles	Mrs J Kingman
	Mrs P Moisey	Mrs H Powell	
Town Clerk	Mrs N Jacobs		
Deputy Clerk	Mr I Sismey		

1 member of the public/press

14/066 APOLOGIES

Proposed Cllr Mrs J Kingman, seconded Cllr Mrs P Moisey and unanimously

Resolved: To approve the reasons of apologies for absence from
Councillors P Fellows, Mrs B Johnson, Mrs J Smith, J A Smith and Mr C Pattison

14/067 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Declarable Pecuniary Interests – DPI)
None were declared at this point

14/068 DISPENSATIONS – No requests had been received

14/069 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

14/070 TO ADOPT THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2014 AS A TRUE RECORD AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM
Proposed Cllr Mrs P Moisey, seconded Cllr Mrs S Cliffe and unanimously
RESOLVED: To adopt the above mentioned Notes of the meeting held on 18.11.14 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them as the Minutes of this meeting

14/071 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES (Minutes are approved by Committees)
a) Highways & Planning – 18 November 2014- no recommendations made outside delegated powers
b) Amenities – 02 December 2014 – no recommendations made outside delegated powers
c) Highways & Planning – 09 December 2014- no recommendations made outside delegated powers
d) Finance & General Purposes – 16 December 2014 2 recommendations made outside delegated powers
Proposed Cllr T Holmes, Seconded Cllr Mrs H Powell and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the above notes/minutes (a) through to (d) en bloc

AT THIS POINT OF THE MEETING IT WAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE ITEMS 7 (2) AND 10 OF THE AGENDA UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS.

14/072 TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEES as follows:
1) *Ref - 1696F re Accounts for payment* – to approve accounts for payment as presented at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting 16.12.14; total value £14,416.14
Proposed Cllr P Knowles, Seconded Cllr D Mapp and unanimously
RESOLVED: To adopt the recommendation as recorded above.

14/073 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Item of Expenditure for the Meeting of Bourne Town Council to be held on Tuesday 6 January 2015 (unless otherwise stated the power to incur the expenditure is the Local Government Act 1972 S 111)			
Payee		Gross Amount	
Month 9	Gross Staff Cost for December 14 (LGA 1972 SS 112 & 214 & PHA 1936 S87) (LGPSR 1995)	£	9488.88
Eon	Inv re Electricity Usage 47 Sth Rd - Aug - Dec 14		£45.09
Eon	Inv re Gas usage 47 Sth Rd - Aug - Dec 14	£	160.35
Eon	Inv re Electricity usage Cemetery Chapel Aug - Dec 14	£	12.21
BT	Inv 8701 Tel/Broadband/Mobile cost December	£	84.96
W&DIDB	Inv 727 rechargeable works at Allotments	£	62.64
SAGE	Inv 7899699 SAGA Payroll Cover renewal	£	385.20
Micro			
Mantis / NJ	Inv 2611 Timberwolf multi tool long handled for maintenance on high shrubs	£	132.99
Ricoh	Inv 71211 copy charges 1.9. - 30.11.14	£	29.71
		£	-
		£	-
		£	-
Cash			
Purchases			
December	Petrol £70.00 Postage Stamps £106	£	176.00
CASH			
cheque	No 006026 17.12.14 £150	£	-
	Total of the above incl VAT	£	10578.03
The above invoices have been verified and cheques sent for some of the above			

Proposed Cllr T Holmes, Seconded Cllr P Knowles and unanimously
RESOLVED: To approve the above accounts for payment

14/074 TO RECEIVE THE LIST OF TRAINING EVENTS FOR 2015 BY LALC

Proposed Cllr B Russell, Seconded Cllr T Holmes and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive the above list of Training Events and members to contact the Clerk direct if wishing to attend any training events.

14/075 TO DISCUSS WITH A VIEW TO ADOPT THE NALC/SLCC 2014-2016 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REACHED BY THE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

- New Pay Scales for 2014 – 2016 to be implemented from 1 January 2015 - *increases of 2.2% from former SCPs. However, in the council's case the average is slightly lower at 1.88% as some members had been receiving one off payments for the last few years until the Scale Points were overtaking; this is now the case.*
- A non-consolidated (one off) payment for employees on SCPs 5 – 49 in December and employees on SCPs 26 – 49 in April 2015 (*amounting to a total of £501*)
- SCP5 to be deleted with effect from 1 October 2015 and employees on this point to progress to SCP6 on 1.10.15

Proposed Cllr T Holmes, Seconded Cllr Mrs J Kingman and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the NALC/SLCC National Salary Award Agreement as detailed above for the members of staff under this agreement.

14/076 TO CONSIDER A CONSULTATION ON LINCOLNSHIRE ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS WITHIN THE PARISH OF BOURNE-CLOSING DATE END OF FEBRUARY 2015.

Bourne Grammar School, Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy, Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy, Bourne Westfield Primary Academy

General discussion ensued and it was felt that as long as local children were given priority then the admission arrangements were not an issue

Proposed Cllr B Russell, Seconded Cllr D Mapp and unanimously

RESOLVED: That this should be left to individuals to make any comments.

14/077 TO DISCUSS ANY INFORMATION, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY LEGALLY BRING TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION

The Town Clerk brought to the attention of members the fact that the public consultation Meeting with regard to 'Lidl' was taking place this Thursday the 8th January at the Corn Exchange.

At this point the meeting had reached the time when the next scheduled meeting should have started therefore standing orders were suspended and a decision was taken to continue the meeting with items 7 (2) and 10. The member of the public present was in accordance with this decision.

Proposed Cllr D Mapp, Seconded Cllr Mrs J Kingman and unanimously

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders and continue the Town Council Meeting

14/078 2) Ref – 1699F re Draft Budget & Precept Proposal - To consider the figures as set out in the Draft Notes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 16.12.14 and to make further amendments if felt necessary to be able to set the Precept (further data sent to members)

The Town Clerk addressed the members explaining that the problem was being caused by the Council Tax Support Grant that, it appeared, was not being properly distributed by the District Council. The basis was clearly harming those Parishes that were expanding and subsidising those that were not. This has meant that with the budget set by the Town Council less the reduced grant there would be an increase to the local Taxpayer of around 10.00%. To avoid this the Council would have to start reducing its reserves so destroying the Council's ability to provide certain services/amenities i.e. new Cemetery land. The Town Clerk had raised this with LALC who advised two options 1) To stick with the calculated figures and go with a 10.00% rise in local Council Tax. 2) To reduce reserves to a level where the Council Tax increase remained within the RPI of 2.3%

The general feeling was that the way the District Council had distributed the Council Tax Support Grant was unfair and that the Council should question the District Council with regard to this.

Members views ranged from setting the precept with the 10.00% increase and passing on to the local taxpayer to absorbing the increase and reducing reserves.

Proposed Cllr Trevor Holmes, Seconded Cllr Shirley Cliffe

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk writes to the District Council stating that we are unable to set a precept until we have an explanation as to the discrepancy arising from the distribution of the Council Tax Support Grant.

14/079 TO DISCUSS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT' CONSULTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CLOSING DATE 15.01.15

Very little discussion took place with regard to this item Cllr T Holmes commented that this was not a good time as all precepts have been discussed and set.

There being no further items the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.01pm