

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2024 HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SK COMMUNITY POINT. 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE, PE10 9EF.

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

1 Member of Public

Present **Chair** **Cllr H Crawford**

Councillors

Cllr B Johnson	Cllr P Fellows
Cllr R McKinney	Cllr S Mallett
Cllr N Oglesbee	Cllr Z Lane
Cllr N Eveleigh	Cllr L Panrucker
Cllr B Baricz Hughes	Cllr S Giullari
Cllr A Willis	

24/030 **To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr S Mallett, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive/approve the reasons for apologies for absence from Cllr's A Kelly, C Pattison and R Baker

24/031 **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

There were none

24/032 **To consider requests for Dispensation**

There were none

24/033 **To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within the Parish, had any intention to speak under any Agenda Item of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of 3 minutes)**

There was one member of the public present, who did not wish to speak.

24/034 **To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 16th July 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr A Willis, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting of Bourne Town Council held on 16th July 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them as such.

The clerk recorded one abstention.

24/035 **To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr R Reid –

1) South Fen Road closed for resurfacing from 3rd September to 10th September 2024

2) Meadow Drove work being started immediately

3) A151 Spalding Road has had essential works completed

4) A151 Spalding Road 40-30 mph speed revision has met criteria for further investigation and will be followed through

5) Milking Nook Drove is being looked at currently

6) Elsea Park School are experiencing problems regarding traffic and parking

Cllr S Woolley –

1) A keep clear box has been installed on North Street outside of 'Smiths' Public House to help alleviate the 'pinch point'.

2) Devolution – proposal is still high on the agenda. The new central government administration are very keen on the plan.

3) Housing requirements for Bourne will increase by 30% following new government announcement.

4) Exeter Street will be closed from 2nd September due to the new gas pipeline.

5) Queens Road resurfacing will take place imminently.

6) Enforcement Action has been taken against the developers on Manning Road.

24/036 To answer questions from Councillors.

There were none.

24/037 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees:

- a) Amenities – 23rd July 2024 - 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers
- b) Highways & Planning – 30th July 2024 - 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers
- c) HR & Governance – 19th August 2024 – 3 recommendations made outside of delegated powers
- d) Finance & General Purposes – 20th August 2024 - 1 recommendations made outside delegated powers

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees en bloc as listed above.

24/038 To adopt recommendations made by the Committee's:

1) 453HR – HR&G – To recommend the adoption of the Councils revised Code of Conduct

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr A Willis and unanimously
RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation and adopt the Councils Revised Code of Conduct

2) 454HR – HR&G – To recommend the adoption of the Councils revised Health & Safety Policy

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously
RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation and adopt the Councils Revised Health & Safety Policy

3) 455HR – HR&G – To recommend the adoption of the Councils new 'Financial Reserves' Policy including the Councils Financial Risk Assessment which has yet to be reviewed.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously
RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation and adopt the Councils Financial Reserves Policy.

4) 2811F – Finance & General Purposes – To approve the accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and unanimously
RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation and approve the accounts for payment.

24/039 To approve the accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously
RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed.

24/040 To approve the submission for listed building consent for all hanging baskets affected in the Town Centre

At this point Cllr's H Crawford and P Fellows declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item.

The clerk reminded members that Planning Enforcement at SKDC had made contact to make the Town Council aware that it was an offence for the current hanging baskets to remain without LBC being approved.

The clerk continued that the advice from Heritage England was that hanging baskets on Listed Buildings was acceptable. The clerk advised members that it would probably be in the Towns interest to apply for Listed Building Consent rather than enter into an argument with SKDC.

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr A Willis and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information and approve the clerks action to apply for Listed Building Consent for all Hanging Baskets in the Town Centre.

The Clerk recorded two abstentions

24/041 To receive information with regard to the 'Limes Farm Solar Park'

The clerk reported that the agents had completed their consultation process and that the proposed development would now be prepared for a full application

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr A Willis and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

24/042 To complete Declarations of Interests for all members

The clerk informed members that templates were being completed for all members.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

24/043 To confirm the Town Councils intention to apply to SKDC for 'Community Orchard' Funding.

The clerk informed members that it was his intention to apply for funding for:

- a) Bourne Allotments
- b) Dyke Playing Field
- c) Twenty Playing Field

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously
RESOLVED: To approve the above application for funding

24/044 To review the Town Council's Capital Projects

The clerk wanted to make the members aware of the current Capital Projects that were Ongoing:

- 1) Recreation Ground
Changing Room Block - £10,000.00
Pitch Repairs - £2,500.00
- 2) Allotments
Roadway & Carpark - £5,000.00
Orchard - £1,500.00
- 3) Skatepark
Final Inspection
- 4) Dyke Playing Field
Orchard - £1,500.00
Rewilding - £1,500.00
- 5) Chapel
Roof Repairs - £5,000.00
Survey - £3,000.00
- 6) Christmas Lights
Refurb -£11,000.00
Infrastructure -£ 7,000.00

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

24/045 To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

To agenda for a future meeting of Amenities 'a safer Bourne'

Due to their being no further items to discuss the meeting came to a close at 18.10hrs.