MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2024 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

Present Chair S Mallett

Councillors P Fellows H Crawford B Johnson A Kelly

R McKinney N Oglesbee Z Lane N Eveleigh
L Panrucker R Baker S Giullari A Willis
(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2832F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously. **RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's B Baricz Hughes, R Baker and C Pattison.

2833F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None before the meeting

2834F To consider requests for Dispensation.

None before the meeting

2835F 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.

2836F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2024 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them

The clerk recorded 2 abstentions.

2837F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Clir A Kelly - reported that the new signage had now been installed on the Corn Exchange.

Clir P Fellows - thanked all Councillors that he attended his Civic Sunday.

Clir L Panrucker – reported that the Dyke Scarecrow event had gone well and raised around £850.00.

2838F To answer questions from Councillors

There were none.

2839F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.09.24 (Month 06)

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 30.09.24

2840F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 30.09.24

The clerk presented the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 30.09.2024.

Various Questions were posed by members. The clerk explained that all categories were in line with their respective budgets.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr R McKinney, and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 30th September 2024

2841F To Approve accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously **RESOLVED**: To approve the accounts for payment as listed

2842F To approve an additional grant to the SciFest Committee to ratify the decision made by the clerk.

Members had been informed of the request when it was raised by the SciFest Committee.

In essence the Committee had been let down by a contributor who had committed their services free of charge. This has resulted in the Committee having to contract with a paid for contributor. The clerk had been in contact with both The Len Pick Trust and BUC to agree a three way split of the bill.

Bourne Town Council's proportion would be £500.00.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To approve the grant of £500.00 and to ratify the clerk's decision.

2843F To receive information with regard to Town Council email addresses and if appropriate approve the relevant and necessary expenditure.

The clerk informed members that the office team had been looking at the possibility of obtaining individual email addresses for all Councillors under the '.gov.uk' domain.

The costs associated with this would be as follows:

	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3
Domain	£ 125.00	£ 0.00	£ 65.00
Email Migration		£400.00 £ 0.00	£400.00 £ 0.00
Credit	£-100.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total	£530.00	£400.00	£465.00

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr S Giullari, and

RESOLVED: To approve the expenditure as detailed above to enable all Councillors to have a personal email address.

2844F To receive information with regard to the Town Council Christmas Lights and if appropriate approve expenditure relating to the item.

The clerk informed members that due to the prohibitive cost of purchasing new Christmas lights he was proposing a refurbishment of the current equipment.

The cost associated with this would be the reserve currently held of £7,500.00 p[lus an additional expense of £11,500.00

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Willis, and

RESOLVED: To receive the above information and approve the expenditure as detailed.

2845F To receive information with regard to the Parish/Town Council Forums being run by SKDC.

Cllr Sue Mallett gave a short report on the forum that had taken place at the Corn Exchange on the 14th October 2024.

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and **RESOLVED:** To receive the above information.

2846F To approve the purchase of a Town Council phone and associated costs.

The clerk informed members that this was essential to the smooth running of the Council services at a cost of £168.00 per year.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and **RESOLVED:** To approve the purchase of a Town Council Phone.

2847F To receive an invitation from CA South Lincs

The clerk informed members that an invitation had been received from CA South Lincs to a Stake Holder work shop at Wake House on 12th October 10.00am -1.00pm.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and **RESOLVED:** To receive the above information.

2848F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr H Crawford reminded members that her Civic Dinner was on the 22nd November 2024

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 19.35hrs.