MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2024 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

 Present
 Chair
 S Mallett

 Councillors
 P Fellows
 H Crawford
 R McKinney
 Z Lane

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(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2802F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously. **RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's B Johnson, S Giullari, A Kelly, N Oglesbee, N Eveleigh, L Panrucker, R Baker, A Willis

2803F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None Received

2804F To consider requests for Dispensation.

None received.

2805F 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.

2806F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2024 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr P Fellows, and **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them

The clerk recorded 1 abstention.

2807F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Clir P Fellows – reported that SKDC were in receipt of a Lottery Grant to enable places of interest to be added to local town trails.

Clir H Crawford - reported that the works on the refurbishment of the bus station were still ongoing.

The clerk pointed out that residents in Meadow Close were concerned that very little work had Been undertaken since the fire at the beginning of August. The clerk asked Cllr Z Lane if she Could intervene.

2808F To answer questions from Councillors

There were none.

2809F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.24 (Month 04)

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 31.07.24

2810F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.07.24

The clerk presented the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st July 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr P Fellows, and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st July 2024

2811F To Approve accounts for payment

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

2812F To receive an update on the proposed grant to Citizens Advice

This item had been discussed at a previous meeting and a grant of £8,000 had been approved. The clerk explained that the Town Council were part of a three way deal with the Len Pick Trust and Bourne United Charities. At this point BUC were finalising the figures with Citizens Advice. The clerk confirmed that all parties were now in agreement and that the payment could be made.

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr R McKinney, and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To receive the above update.

2813F To receive feedback from the NP Steering Group meeting with SKDC held on the 6th August 2024

The following was reported:

1) Emma Whitaker (SKDC) had emphasised that until the plan had been adopted it would bear no weight.

2) That SKD would provide support until completion.

3) That an SEA/HRA had to be completed and it was suggested that this should be handled by a further consultant but concerns were expressed that this would further delay the plan.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr P Fellows, and **RESOLVED:** To receive the above feedback

2814F To receive an update on the South Street Toilet Block.

The clerk confirmed that the transfer of the toilet block had now been completed.

It was requested by the members that this should be promoted to the Willoughby School Bourne.

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and **RESOLVED:** To receive the above update

2815F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

The clerk informed members of the following:

- 1) A meeting entitled 'a safer Bourne' had been arranged for Tuesday 27th August 6.30pm
- 2) Reminder to complete RSVP for Cllr Crawford's Civic Sunday on the 8th September
- 3) That South Fen Road would be closed between the 3rd Sept and the 10th Sept for resurfacing at the Cherry Holt Road end between the hours of 8.00pm and 6.00am

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 19.48hrs.