

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

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

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2884F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's P Fellows, C Pattison, R Baker and S Giullari.

2885F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None Received.

2886F To consider requests for Dispensation.

None received.

2887F 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)

One member of public present who did not wish to speak.

2888F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2024 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

The clerk recorded 1 abstention.

2889F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Cllr Crawford reported that the LCC Overview and Scrutiny Meeting had reported that the Bourne Eau breaches had been repaired. There had been a meeting at the skatepark that day with Canvas to discuss repairs, we are awaiting the RoSPA inspection (Inspector has been allocated, just awaiting a date). No more monies will be handed over until work is complete.

Cllr Kelly reported that it is budget day next week at SKDC. There is likely to be a proposal for an increase of £2 on Green Bin charges.

2890F To answer questions from Councillors

There were none.

2891F To adopt the Period Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation – month ending 31.12.24 (Month 09)

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 31.12.24

2892F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.12.24

The Chair presented the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st December 2024. It was explained that all categories were in line with their respective budgets.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr Z Lane, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st December 2024

2893F To Approve accounts for payment

Cllr N Eveleigh requested that the clerk finds out the cost for the survey on the Chapel.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed

2894F To receive the final Town Council budget for the year 2025/26 and to recommend its approval by Bourne Town Council. In addition the committee should also approve the submission of the budget and associated precept request to SKDC.

The chair presented the final budget to the members. It was clarified that this would show an increased precept over the previous year of 9.55%.

It was proposed to adopt the budget at a level at the level of a 9.55% increase. As well as the paperwork sent out with the Council Tax, it was agreed to ask Cllr Baker to put together a Press Release to explain the rise.

Cllr H Crawford asked why there was nothing for Dyke Village Hall in the Reserves Schedule for 2025/2026. The clerk to look into and report back.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To agree the Town Budget at a level 9.55% above the previous year.

2895F To approve the purchase of office laptop

It was raised as to whether this would be covered on the insurance when taken off site. The Clerk to look into and confirm.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of the above.

2883F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Panrucker raised the issue with Dyke flooding outside the pub still. It has been surveyed but still a 3 month wait. Cllr Woolley is going to chase.

Cllr Eveleigh asked about the graffiti on the Electricity box at the end of Willoughby Road. This is the responsibility of the Electricity board although it was pointed out that it is not offensive.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 19.27hrs.