

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2024 at 7:00PM**

Present	Chairman	A Willis			
	Councillors	P Fellows	B Johnson	R Baker	A Kelly
		N Eveleigh	H Crawford	Z Lane	S Giullari

(Recorded by Deputy Town Clerk)

2242A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllrs R McKinney, S Mallet, C Pattison, N Oglesbee, B Baricz Hughes and L Panrucker.

2243A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

There were none

2244A To consider requests for Dispensation.

There were none

2245A 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)

1 member of public present, agenda item 8 maybe.

2246A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2024 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Cllr R Baker entered the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr Z Lane. There were 2 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2024 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2247A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr H Crawford – reported that she had attended the AGM at Wake House. They are hoping for £700k from Lottery Funding. They are in discussions with local schools regarding Charles Worth 200. Their accounts are better than previous but they need another trustee.

Cllr N Eveleigh - advised that he had attended the CAB meeting. There were lots of people there from SHDC, LCC, BUC etc. Money is tight, which is influencing operations. Independent Age is having a knock on effect and due to funding issues it is being withdrawn.

He had also seen that the Police Commissioner had advised that they are looking to increase the Lincolnshire Police portion of Council Tax by 29%.

Cllr B Johnson – reminded people about the Christmas Fayre at Twenty Village Hall on 14th December.

2248A To answer questions from Councillors.

There were none.

2249A To receive a report on the Councils amenity assets

The clerk gave the following report:

Grass cutting, final cut will be tomorrow in town.

Rec – pitch has been repaired. However, Cadent have carried out work and not repaired it properly.

Chapel – Meeting Messenger on Monday at 10am.

Allotments – Resident concerns - Where will the community orchard be going? On the plots on the easterly edge. However, the bid is yet to be confirmed. Will there be a skip for rubbish? Yes, one will be ordered. When will the bin for West Road be installed? DPD are delivering it on Friday.

Cllr A Kelly asked if the skatepark was finished now. The Clerk advised that we still need the RoSPA inspection and any repairs to be carried out by the contractor.

Cllr Z Lane asked what the situation was with the South Street Toilets. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting prices.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford seconded by Cllr R Baker and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2250A To receive feedback from Remembrance weekend

The Clerk advised that there had been issues with the Traffic Management Company which needs raising. He has a meeting with Claire Wilson of Lincolnshire Police on Friday. There were 3 medical incidents.

Cllr H Crawford was please with the turnout at the Memorial Gardens but disappointed with the Church attendance.

Cllr R Baker advised that the Police were trying to hurry everyone up at the end.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2251A To receive an update on the Christmas Lights Refurbishment.

The clerk advised that the electrical side of the works is complete. We are awaiting new garlands to re-wrap them. The across the street lights will commence on Friday.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above proposal.

2252A To receive feedback from the events committee with regard to the Christmas Light switch on 2024.

Cllr H Crawford confirmed that the stage was sorted, stalls spacing was sorted with them starting from Hegarty down, there is a full set list for stage. Marshalling is required by Town Councillors on the day, please give times to Cllr N Oglesbee when he is back.

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously

RESOLVED: To receive the above feedback

2253A To discuss/consider Cemetery Charges for the period 1st April 2025-31st March 2026.

The Clerk advised that we should make no changes to the charges for next year as we are still in line with other Burial Authorities in the area.

Proposed by Cllr N P Fellows, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to keep the charges the same for the period 1st April 2025-31st March 2026

2254A To discuss/consider the Amenities Draft Budget for the year 2025/2026.

The Clerk went through the Amenities Draft Budget.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above Amenities Draft Budget.

2255A To receive information relating to the Towns 'Emergency Plan'

The Clerk and Cllr N Eveleigh went to Lincoln to attend an Emergency Plan session. Once complete our Emergency Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2256A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee

Cllr P Fellows advised that the invitations to the Chairman's Annual Christmas Lunch have gone out.

The Clerk reported that the Bourne Community Radio was now live and we had visited them on their launch day last week.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 19.45hrs.