

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2025 at 7:00PM**

Present	Chairman	A Willis			
	Councillors	R McKinney	S Mallett	P Fellows	A Kelly
		N Eveleigh	H Crawford	Z Lane	S Giullari
		B Johnson	N Oglesbee	B Baricz	
				Hughes	

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2270A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr Roy McKinney, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllrs C Pattison, L Panrucker and R Baker.

2271A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

There were none.

2272A To consider requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

2273A 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)

2 members of the public present, neither wanted to speak on any agenda item.

2274A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr R McKinney. There was 1 abstention recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2025 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2275A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr H Crawford thanked everyone who supported her bingo evening, she raised over £1000.

Cllr R McKinney advised that there will be another Toolbar Jobs Fair on 18th March 2025, 10am to 1pm, in the Bourne Corn Exchange.

2276A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr P Fellows entered the meeting.

Cllr S Giullari asked the question if Bourne Town Council should be making more efforts within the community on issues such as recycling, growing vegetables and community composting for example. It was agreed to put as an agenda item on the next Amenities meeting when hopefully Cllr R Baker would be present.

2277A To receive a report on the Councils amenity assets

The Clerk advised that the allotments are looking good, with most plots now back in order and new tenants in place. Nothing to report for the cemetery, grass cutting has not commenced yet. Dyke Playing Field now has the Table Tennis table installed along with a set of goal posts.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2278A To receive Amenities Financial Statement

Councillors were provided with the Amenities Financial Statement.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr R McKinney. There were 3 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To receive the above statement.

2279A To receive information regarding County Council elections in May.

The Clerk confirmed that elections for Lincolnshire County Council are still going ahead in May, as well as the New Mayor for Greater Lincolnshire. Cllr A Kelly advised that if people wished to stand there is a Candidate and Agent Briefing on Thursday at Grantham (SKDC).

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above information.

2280A To approve emergency repairs to bus stop on South Road

The Clerk advised that the bus stop on South Road, next to Drummond Road junction, needs the concrete base redoing due to being very damaged.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the emergency repairs to the bus stop base.

2281A To discuss/agree to continue with the LCC Parish Council Grass Cutting Agreement

Councillors were asked if they wished to continue with the LCC Parish Council Grass Cutting Agreement as in previous years. Our Contractor would carry out 14-16 cuts per year instead of the usual 3 by LCC.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to continue with the LCC Parish Council Grass Cutting Agreement.

2282A To discuss/agree a Dog Policy for the Dyke Playing Field

Unfortunately, Cllr L Panrucker could not attend the meeting and this was something he wanted to give information on. It was agreed to reschedule to the next Amenities Meeting but to get Cllr L Panrucker to speak to Dyke residents about what they would like.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr S Giullari and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To reschedule this agenda item to the next Amenities meeting.

2283A To agree events and dates for 2025

Bourne Spring Clean – April 7th to 13th

VE Day Anniversary – 8th May, evening event

Picnic in the Park – 14th or 15th June tbc

Bourne in Bloom – not entering the East Midlands in Bloom this year but still doing our usual things in the town such as hanging baskets, planters etc

Cemetery Awards – not entering this year

Summer Food Market – agreed to support the event if run
Worth 200 – to provide help and support where needed
Remembrance – 9th and 11th November
Christmas Lights/Market – event to be spoken about at next Events Meeting and then fed back at next Amenities meeting.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree the above events and to feed back on Christmas event at the next Amenities meeting.

2284A To discuss bunting throughout the town

A member of the public had requested that we have bunting up in the town for all of the warmer months.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that bunting is for special occasions only, not for all of the warmer months.

2285A To discuss and agree response for Aldi Planning Appeal

Cllr A Kelly advised that Emma Whittaker from SKDC can come and speak to those who would like to discuss the appeal. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm our original objection on the Inspectorate website.

Cllr B Johnson left the meeting at 8:27pm.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to confirm our original objection on the Inspectorate website.

2286A To discuss/agree setting up a Chapel Trust

It was agreed that setting up a Chapel Trust was the only way forward. The Clerk to speak to The Old Town Hall to gain their knowledge in setting one up.

Proposed by Cllr S Giullari, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh. There was 1 abstention and 1 against.

RESOLVED: To receive the above statement

2287A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee

The Chairman asked for Councillors to vote for their favourite design of Christmas lights as the order has to be placed in the next few days.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RESOLVED: Councillors voted and there was a clear favourite for the Clerk to place an order for.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20.44hrs.