

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th MAY 2025 at 7:00PM**

Present	Chairman	C Pattison			
	Councillors	R McKinney	L Panrucker	B Johnson	R Baker
		N Eveleigh	P Fellows	Z Lane	N Oglesbee
		B Baricz			
		Hughes			

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2288A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllrs H Crawford, S Giullari, S Mallett and A Kelly.

2289A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Non Pecuniary Cllr P Fellows Due to membership of SKDC Planning Committee

Non Pecuniary Cllr N Eveleigh Due to membership of Bourne United Charities Committee

2290A To consider requests for Dispensation.

As above.

2291A 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 was 1 member of public present, who may have wished to speak on agenda item 12.

2292A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee. There were 2 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2025 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2293A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr Z Lane advised members that one of the new shops on Abbey Road requires advertising consent and it is currently with officers. The planning application for The Limes Solar Farm is being heard this Thursday. There is currently a rough sleeper in the Burghley Centre. The Clerk advised that she has spoken to him and SKDC are aware of him.

Cllr N Eveleigh attended the Aldi public hearing. He reported that it was fairly conducted and that the outcome should be available in approximately 4 weeks times.

2294A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr P Fellows asked the Chair of HR if the meeting dates for the next year are usually agreed by HR. Cllr R McKinney confirmed that they were not. It was therefore agreed that the meeting

dates would be produced by the Clerk as normal and taken to the Annual Meeting, as per other years.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk would produce the meeting dates as normal and then it would be taken to the Annual Meeting.

2295A To receive a report on the Towns' Amenity Assets

Cllr C Pattison advised members that the allotments were looking pretty good at the moment with only a few needing attention. Plots were going to be remeasured this year before new bills issue for January 2026 as boundaries have been moved over the years. The cemetery is currently looking good, with Cawthorpe and Dyke looking reasonably tidy.

The Recreation Ground soft flooring needs attention and a lot replacing. Cllr B Johnson suggesting applying for the next round of UKSPF funding for this.

Cllr N Oglesbee advised that the Dyke Community Orchard will be planted this coming weekend

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2296A To receive Amenities Financial Statement

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2297A To discuss and agree a Dog Policy for the Dyke Playing Field

Cllr P Fellows suggested a sign stating 'Dogs to be kept under control at all times. Must be kept on leads near equipment. Cllr R Baker raised a Point of Information regarding 'Dogs on lead by direction. He will forward the information to the Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee. There was 1 abstention recorded.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to bring the agenda item to the next Full Council meeting

2298A To receive an update on VE Day and Picnic in the Park events

Cllr P Fellows advised that there had been a complaint regarding the fireworks for VE Day due to the donkeys who reside in the field next to the Wellhead. We have confirmed with Illuminatus Pyrotechnics that over 90% of the fireworks are low noise, they will be set off at 9:25pm which the owners have been made aware of and our risk assessments are in place.

Regards to Picnic in the Park, Cllr P Fellows requested help on the day from Councillors. In addition to our event on the Wellhead there would also be 10 BRM cars in the Corn Exchange car park and shops are being encouraged to enter the Window Dressing Competition for the event, with the theme 'cars'.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr R Baker and unanimous.

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2299A To receive an update on skatepark repairs

The Clerk updated members that the repairs had been made to the skatepark but was awaiting the availability of N Jacobs to do an inspection together, as she had been part of the process from the start.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2300A To discuss and agree response for grave issues

The Clerk advised members that there were several graves who had marked out/outlined graves and then filled with stones etc, which goes against our regulations. An example photograph was shown. Cllr R Baker pointed out that we are the burial authority and they are our rules/regulations.

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

RESOLVED: It was agreed that our regulations would stay and the Clerk would write to all concerned, seeking advice from ICCM on wording, to advised that grave would need to be returned to its original condition.

2301A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee

It was reported that The Limes Solar Farm had been called into planning.

Bourne United Charities have submitted a Planning application for tree work.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 20:30 hrs.