

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2025 at 7:00PM**

Present	Chair	B Baricz Hughes			
	Councillors	R McKinney	L Panrucker	B Johnson	C Pattison
		N Eveleigh	H Crawford	Z Lane	N Oglesbee
		S Giullari			

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2302A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllrs P Fellows, R Baker, S Mallett and A Kelly.

2303A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Non Pecuniary Cllr H Crawford Due to membership of SKDC UKSPF Board

2304A To consider requests for Dispensation.

As above.

2305A 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 5 members of public present, 1 who may have wished to speak on agenda items 11 and 14, another who may have wished to speak on agenda item 11.

2306A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 06 May 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 06 May 2025 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2307A To elect a Vice Chair for the year 2025/2026.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr L Panrucker to be Amenities Vice Chair for the year 2025/2026.

2308A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr R McKinney reported back on the SKDC Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) presentation last night. 2 Councillors attended. Karen Bradford will be sending a copy of the presentation to the Clerk.

Cllr B Johnson entered the meeting at 19:08.

2309A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr S Giullari asked about the issue of cars parked on Coggles Causeway. It was advised that if the cars were parked legally nothing could be done, if illegally it is a Police issue.

Cllr S Mallett asked if the Council agree to the Bourne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group producing a 'flyer' advising people of the S18 Consultation? The main consensus was that they would not be read. It was suggested to contact the Stamford Mercury and ask them to contact SKDC re the consultation.

2310A To receive a report on the Towns' Amenity Assets

Cllr B Baricz Hughes reported the following:

Allotments

The sand and sandbag storage area is dilapidated and overgrown and has started to being used as a place where people can grow rubbish. The signs that state when fires should be had are not very visible. Most of the allotments are kept in good order, a few are very overgrown. Notice has been given to some allotment holders via sign stapled to a stake in the ground.

Cemetery

Paths are in as good of a condition as they can be. There are personal items hung on trees that lean over graves. I was not able to see new graves that had been lined as pointed out in our last meeting. Chapel looks in a very sorry state. The noticeboard doesn't contain the Clerk's email, only the office phone number.

Skatepark

The mound is unkept and overgrown, as is the strip of grass between the mound and the skatepark. There are bits of rubbish here and there, the bin was not overflowing. The skatepark itself is well used by people who wear adequate protection which is good to see. Slight vandalism in terms of graffiti.

Recreation Ground

The grass is well kept as are the play areas and the holes in the rubber flooring have been repaired. One of the "pitches" are visibly marked with paint, the other one is quite faded.

Dyke Playing Fields

The grass is well kept and there are no signs of rubbish. The new equipment is being used and there are no faults with it. The orchard is doing well and the table-tennis still has two paddles and multiple ping pong balls available. The rubber flooring around the play area is very cracked and the sand/soil underneath the climbing frame is very overgrown with grass and weeds.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report.

2311A To discuss and agree UKSPF applications

There were a few suggestions made for our UKSPF application including the Rec Changing Rooms, Play Flooring on the Rec and Dyke plus a noticeboard etc for the allotments.

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

RESOLVED: To agree the above suggestions for our application.

2312A To receive an update on the Picnic in the Park event.

Cllr H Crawford gave the update as Chair of the Events Committee. This years event was the best we have ever had. Thanks were given to those who helped out on the day. It was agreed to invite Steve Scott to future Events Meetings.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2313A To receive an update on an insurance claim

The Clerk informed members that the claim for the alleged hanging basket incident had been passed from Zurich to Weightmans. It was requested that the Clerk gets further details from Zurich.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2314A To discuss community recycling

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as Cllr R Baker was not in attendance and he would be the main contact for this.

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to defer the item to the next meeting.

2315A To discuss speed signs in the parish

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

RESOLVED: It was agreed that we would get our two speed indicating devices back from Boss Cabins and Bakkavor to reallocate them in the town plus find out how much more 30mph signs would cost.

2316A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee

The Clerk advised members that Barratt Redrow representatives would be providing an update on their consultation, to all Councillors, on 8th July at 6pm.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:12 hrs.