

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 23 September 2025 at 7:00PM**

Present	Chair	B Baricz Hughes			
	Councillors	R McKinney	L Panrucker	B Johnson	C Pattison
		N Eveleigh	H Crawford	Z Lane	R Baker
		A Kelly			

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2331A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr C Pattison, seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllrs S Mallett, J Brough, N Oglesbee, P Fellows.

2332A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

Non-Pecuniary Agenda Item 9 Cllr B Johnson Twenty Village Hall Committee

2333A To consider requests for Dispensation.

As above.

2334A 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 11.

2335A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr L Panrucker, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2025 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

2336A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr H Crawford attended the Lincolnshire “Have Your Say” drop-in session. A decision has yet to be reached—District Councillors need to collaborate with LCC to formulate a proposal for the government.

Cllr C. Pattison expressed gratitude to all who contributed to his Charity Walk. He extended special thanks to Community Response Lincolnshire and Dom Brister from Don’t Lose Hope.

Cllr R. McKinney announced that the results of the Neighbourhood Plan SEA Assessment have arrived, and the plan does not require further in-depth review. The next step is to conduct public consultation, which is anticipated to take place in early November.

2337A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr H. Crawford requested the support of fellow Councillors to conduct a traffic survey concerning the new Barratt Redrow Development, which includes 270 houses. Cllr Crawford to organise.

2338A To receive a report on the Towns' Amenity Assets

Cllr B Baricz Hughes reported the following:

Allotments

Paths are well maintained as are most allotments, although a couple seem to be abandoned/lack care. BTC's refuse area is full of woodchip, the other is full of rubbish. There's no update on the vandalism that was reported in July.

Cemetery

Personal items in trees hung over graves persist. There's a sign dated March 2019 about a "programme of inspection" regarding some of the memorials which should either be updated or removed. There's also a sign about what a good grave looks like and how it should be maintained.

Skatepark

The mound and the surrounding area is well maintained and litter free. There is more and more graffiti on the concrete as time goes by and on the 13th of August, the Clerk emailed PC Wilson about it as well as about teenagers smoking weed. Perhaps the installations of CCTV should be discussed with BUC.

Recreation Ground

The grounds and the changing rooms are in good use by the local football teams. The inside of the changing rooms are usable but do need some modernising, it is imperative that BTC secure the SPF funding to pay for the restoration of the building.

Dyke Playing Fields

The grass is well kept and there are no signs of rubbish. The weeds underneath the wooden climbing frame persist.

2339A To discuss grass cutting at Twenty

The Clerk informed us that our contractor has been attempting to reach the Twenty Committee regarding the grass cutting and the removal of fencing and bushes but has not had any success.

Cllr B. Johnson has confirmed they would like to have the fencing taken down and the goal post set up. Cllr Johnson has kindly offered to communicate this information to Twenty and to obtain written confirmation detailing exactly what is needed.

2340A To discuss Christmas tree locations

The Clerk announced that following a meeting with the town hall trustees, the Christmas tree will no longer be permitted in front of the town hall. A new location must be determined.

Cllr H. Crawford proposed that the councillors take some time to reflect on the matter before engaging in further discussion.

2341A To discuss the Bourne Emergency Plan

Cllr B Baricz Hughes reported that our Emergency Plan needs updating.

Cllr N. Eveleigh suggested establishing a working group to convene within the next two weeks to develop a new Emergency Plan. Cllr L. Panrucker and Cllr B. Johnson offered to participate in this working group.

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously

RESOLVED: To the setting up of a working party led by Cllr N Eveleigh to create an Emergency Plan.

2342A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee

There were none.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 19:48 hrs.