

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF
BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2025 at 7:00PM AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

Present	Vice Chair	R McKinney	
Councillors	H Crawford S Mallett	Z Lane A Kelly	B Baricz Hughes C Pattison

(Recorded by Council Support Officer)

3002F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from
Cllrs P Fellows, B Johnson, N Oglesbee, N Eveleigh, L Panrucker, R Baker, J Brough.

3003F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

There were none

3004F To consider requests for Dispensation.

There were none

3005F 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 no members of public present.

3006F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr Z Lane. There were 3 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14th October as a true record and for the Chair to sign them with one amendment.

3007F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

- Cllr H Crawford shared that the Remembrance Service was a success and had a great turnout. Cllr Crawford also shared that a LGR update had been recently held in the Corn Exchange which was informative.
- Cllr A Kelly mentioned that she recently attended a meeting with SKDC, where she was asked to compile a list of needs for the town. She requested additional bins and benches and emphasised the necessity to address the BTC accommodation issue. Cllr Kelly mentioned to Cllr A Baxter the idea of having a hub for Bourne and its villages in the Library on a Thursday, also it would be good to have a meeting to generate some positive ideas for improving the town. Cllr Kelly also voiced her concerns regarding the volume of traffic in the town centre. In response, Cllr McKinney proposed that this matter be included on a Highways & Planning Agenda in the new year, inviting Cllr Woolley and Cllr Redfern to participate.

- Cllr Z Lane has been asked to investigate increasing the number of bins on Mays Close at present they only have one. Cllr Lane reported that the drain on Hereward Street has been cleared.

3008F To answer questions from Councillors.

There were none.

Although none were present a vote was taken to exclude the press and public from agenda items 8 & 9 and to exclude the details of the debate from the public minutes for reasons of commercially, legally or personally sensitive information under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985.

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

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public from agenda items 8 & 9

3009F To discuss the recent CA application and agree funding.

Cllr R. McKinney informed the members that this year's funding application for the CA amounted to £10,136.25 to cover their three-day service in Bourne.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr C Pattison and unanimously

RESOLVED: Due to the unavailability of current financial figures, no decisions regarding grant applications will be made until January 2026.

3010F To discuss the first draft of the Town Council budget 2026/27

Due to the absence of up-to-date financial information, Councillor H Crawford suggested to members that it's not feasible to discuss budgets.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr A Kelly

RESOLVED: Councillor Crawford to contact Richard Whytes at SKDC to ask if there is any additional support available and suggested that a working party convene to review all assets and evaluate income and expenditure prior to the next Finance Meeting.

Topics for discussion; increase on Cemetery charges, sponsorship of hanging baskets, bungalow rental, football club rental cost, events and Christmas lights.

3011F To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr C Pattison expressed his gratitude to members for attending his recent Civic Dinner.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:19hrs.