

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF
BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:00PM AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

Present	Chair	N Oglesbee			
	Councillors	H Crawford	R McKinney	L Panrucker	N Eveleigh
		B Johnson	Z Lane	J Brough	

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2973F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's
C Pattison, P Fellows, S Mallett, B Baricz Hughes, R Baker and A Kelly.

2974F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

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2975F To consider requests for Dispensation.

To be taken as above and member to be allowed to speak.

2976F 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 the public present who possibly wished to speak on agenda items 7, 9 and 12.

2977F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 19th August 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker. There were 3 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 19th August 2025 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

2978F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Cllr B Johnson advised that Twenty Village Hall are holding a Murder Mystery evening on Saturday to raise funds towards the upkeep of the hall.

Cllr L Panrucker reported that at the Dyke Scarecrow festival last Sunday, there were 22 scarecrows and £920 raised.

Cllr Z Lane reported that she is on a mission re the 'park' on the recent Manning Road development. She is trying to ensure that the developers perception of a play park is a play park. Cllr Lane has been approached by the Nags Head planning applicant so that they can go through the plans. The applicant will be notified when it is due to be heard at our Planning Committee meeting.

2979F To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr S Mallett asked if Bourne Town Council was considering submitting a collective response to the current LCC consultation on this matter? Cllr R McKinney was answering questions in Cllr Malletts absence. It was pointed out that nobody knows how the reorganisation will be

carried out. It was suggested to monitor the situation and if the situation arises, we will 'lean in'.

Cllr B Johnson asked the question: does the council agree that this body would benefit from more strictly adhering to the established rules of debate in council? This would ensure all members have equal opportunity to contribute to discussion and maximise the Council's time discussing substantive issues. It was requested that the Clerk sends out a copy of Standing Orders to all members as a reminder of meeting protocols.

2980F To approve Accounts for Payment (Months 4 and 5).

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

RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts for Payment - months 4 and 5.

2981F To receive an update on Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr R McKinney advised that the Draft Plan is now ready for consultation, it is a 140 page document. Could any comments be sent to Cllr R McKinney by 30th September.

2982F To discuss skatepark graffiti removal.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To arrange for graffiti to be removed at a cost of £350.

2983F To receive an update on the UKSPF application.

The Clerk advised members that we had been successful in the UKSPF application for the Changing Rooms and would be speaking to the contractor to get works started.

2984F To receive an update on the old library building.

The Clerk advised members that LCC were putting the old library building on the open market and they would advise us of details once marketed.

2985F To discuss acquisition of horticulture for 2026.

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

RESOLVED: It was agreed that orders of plants to be made as usual for 2026 planting and that sponsorship to be looked into for future years.

2986F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

The Chair advised members that the Mayor carried out his charity walk on Sunday.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 19:45hrs.