

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 at 7:00PM**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>B Baricz Hughes</b>			
	<b>Councillors</b>	R McKinney	L Panrucker	B Johnson	C Pattison
		N Eveleigh	H Crawford	Z Lane	R Baker
		A Kelly	S Mallett		

(Recorded by Council Support Officer)

**2343A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

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

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

**2344A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

None

**2345A To consider requests for Dispensation.**

As above.

**2346A 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 6 members of public present, 2 may have wished to speak on agenda item 10.

**2347A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh. 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them.

**2348A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations**

Cllr Z Lane has brought up the application for Meadowgate with SKDC Planning.

Cllr B Johnson reminded members of the bingo night at Twenty Village Hall on Saturday evening.

Cllr H Crawford reminded members to meet at the bus station on Sunday at 10am for the Remembrance Day Service .

Cllr C Pattison shared that his recent charity walk has cleared over £6k for his chosen charities and reminded members to RSVP for his Civic Dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**2349A To answer questions from Councillors.**

There were none.

**2350A 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. One refuse area is full of rubbish, the other is empty. A few plots were once again vandalised a few weeks ago, some heras fencing has gone up on the dyke side of the allotments to prevent ingress from the adjacent fields. Allotmenteer provided positive feedback on the amenity provided by BTC.

**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. Outdated email address has been removed from sign. There are two broken headstones up against the south wall of the cemetery. There is one grave that does not meet the "good grave standard" set out by BTC. A member of the public provided positive feedback on the amenity provided by BTC. The chapel is in SIGNIFICANT disrepair, one of the windows and the surround wall is looking like it will collapse within the year. The building is currently used to store Christmas lights, old paperwork and multiple traffic management signs, among other things.

**Skatepark**

The mound and the surrounding area is well maintained and litter free. Due to the amount of graffiti and other anti-social behaviour occurring in the area, BTC have put in a grant request to BUC for the installation of CCTV. This has been granted and CCTV will be installed on two different lampposts and will be owned and maintained by BTC.

**Recreation Ground**

The grass is well maintained and the three pitches are clearly marked. BTC have been successful in their UKSPF grant application to repair and modernise the existing changing rooms.

**Dyke Playing Fields**

The grass is well kept and there are no signs of rubbish and the orchard is doing well. The weeds underneath the wooden climbing frame persist. The health and fitness equipment is still in very good condition and there are multiple table-tennis rackets and balls available.

Cllr Baricz Hughes expressed gratitude to Gary's Gardens for their annual support and donation towards the expenses for Christmas trees in the town. It was confirmed that one tree will be installed in Dyke, one on the high street, and an additional tree will be provided to Twenty.

**2351A To receive and review Bourne Town Councils Emergency Plan**

Cllr Baricz Hughes announced that the initial draft of the updated Emergency Plan is prepared for submission to the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum for their feedback and approval.

Proposed by Cllr Nigel Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker.

**RESOLVED:** The current policy is accepted as it is, with any necessary updates to be made. Cllr B Johnson will forward this to the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum.

**2352A To discuss the Worth 200 Event**

The Chair extended a warm welcome to representatives from the Aveland History Group, who spoke about the recent Worth 200 event held in the town. It was noted that the event was highly successful, with funding from the Town Council supporting various community based projects. A post-event review report has been submitted to the Clerk. Cllr N Eveleigh expressed the Council's gratitude and offered congratulations to the Aveland Group for their successful event in Bourne.

**2353A To discuss any such business, which the Chairman may legally bring to the Committee**

Cllr B Baricz Hughes reminded members about the Remembrance Service scheduled for Sunday, as well as the Act of Remembrance taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 19:52 hrs.*