

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

**Present: Vice Chair Cllr P Fellows**

<b>Councillors</b>	A Kelly	S Mallett	Z Lane
	B Baricz Hughes	R Baker	J Brough

(Recorded by Deputy Clerk)

**25/082 To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence  
Cllrs C Pattison, H Crawford, B Johnson, R McKinney, N Oglesbee

**25/083 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011.**

None

**25/084 To consider requests for Dispensation.**

None

**25/085 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).**

3 present none wished to speak

**25/086 To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr J Brough, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes. 2 abstentions recorded.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

**25/087 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives On other Organisations.**

Cllr S Woolley reported that the issue regarding parking restrictions near Westfield School is still unresolved and is expected to be discussed by the committee at an upcoming meeting.

Potholes – There are concerns regarding the quality of repairs; for instance, Mill Drove has undergone repairs four times.

The eligibility for a weight restriction on Mill Drove is still ongoing.

Cllr R Baker has confirmed that the delivery of caddy packs is nearly finished, slightly ahead of schedule. A reminder for residents: please refrain from using them until 13<sup>th</sup>. The provisional date for the meeting with Emma Whittaker (SKDC), addressing BTC concerns regarding Section 18, has been communicated to members.

**25/088 To answer questions from Councillors.**

Cllr P Fellows requested for his question to be heard at the closed section of the meeting, members agreed.

- 25/089 To receive the Notes/Minutes of the Standing Committees**
- a) Highways & Planning 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers  
Proposed by Cllr J Brough, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously,  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes.
- b) Amenities 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - 0 recommendations made outside delegated powers  
Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously,  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes.
- c) Finance & General Purposes 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 5 recommendations made outside delegated powers  
Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes.
- 25/090 To adopt recommendations made by the Committees.**
- 1) 3039F – Finance & General Purposes – To approve the accounts for payment  
2) 3039F – Finance & General Purposes - To adopt the period trial balance  
3) 3039F – Finance & General Purposes – To adopt the income and expenditure report  
4) 3039F – Finance & General Purposes – To adopt the bank reconciliation  
5) 3041F(b) – Finance & General Purposes – To approve the Sci-Fest 2026 Grant Application
- Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To adopt recommendations made by the Committees.
- 25/091 To agree the Finance & General Purposes Committees recommendation of the removal of diseased boxwood bushes in the Cemetery and the expenses associated.**
- Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr A Kelly and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To agree the £3000+vat for the removal of diseased boxwood bushes in the Cemetery.
- 25/092 To agree the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommendations of the approval of the LCC Urban Grass Cutting plan and any additional expenses associated.**
- Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr J Brough and unanimously.  
**RESOLVED:** To agree the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommendations of the approval of the LCC Urban Grass Cutting plan and any additional expenses associated.
- 25/093 To appoint two representatives to serve on the Dyke Village Hall Management Committee.**
- This matter has been postponed until the Annual Meeting where committee members are appointed. The Deputy Clerk will gather additional information for members regarding what serving on the management committee involves.

**25/094 To receive an update on the Chapel.**

Due to the absence of Cllr N Eveleigh this item was not discussed.

**25/095 Vote to exclude the press and public from agenda item 15 and to exclude 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 S Mallett, seconded by Cllr J Brough and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To exclude press and public.

**25/096 To agree the Finance & General Purposes Committees recommendation regarding the 2026/2027 Grant Application for the CA service in Bourne and agree steps to futureproof subsequent annual amount held in reserve.**

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Finance & General Purposes' recommendation of £10,000 for the 2026/2027 CA Grant Application.

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr S Mallett 1 abstention recorded.

**RESOLVED:** To ensure the future stability of the annual reserve amount, it was decided to explore capping the percentage increase each year. This will include a contingency within the budget to prevent any automatic commitments. It is clear that this will be subject to a vote each year rather than being automatically approved.

**25/097 To discuss any such business, which the Chair may legally bring to the Committee's attention.**

Cllr P Fellows informed members that Cllr N Eveleigh has resigned from the council.

*Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:28hrs.*