

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF
BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2026 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL
OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

Present: Chair Cllr R McKinney

Councillors

P Fellows

C Pattison

H Crawford

Z Lane

B Johnson

(Recorded by Deputy Clerk)

3058F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.

Proposed by Cllr P Fellows, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence
Cllrs N Oglesbee, J Brough, Baricz Hughes

3059F To receive and accept resignations

The Deputy Clerk informed members of the resignation of Cllr A Kelly and Cllr S Mallett.

3060F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011.

There were none

3061F To consider requests for Dispensation.

As above

**3062F 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 the public present.

**3063F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2026 as a true record and to
resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr P Fellows. 2 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2026 as a true
record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

**3064F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives
On other Organisations.**

Cllr H Crawford notified members that she had been contacted by SKDC concerning the acquisition of land at Holloway Avenue. Although this was approved by the council several years ago, the land has yet to be officially acquired. Cllr B Johnson remembered that a request had been made for an arboricultural report on the trees present on the site prior to proceeding with the land acquisition. Cllr Crawford offered to pass on this information, and the members agreed.

Cllr P Fellows updated members on Picnic in the Park – plans are going well.



Cllr B Johnson reported that Twenty held their AGM last week and have co-opted 5 new committee members and 4 trustees.

Cllr R McKinney informed members about the Town Hall's fundraising initiative, encouraging them to pledge £20 for a roof tile.

3065F To answer questions from Councillors.

None received

3066F To adopt the accounts for payment month (1) April

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr P Fellows and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the accounts for payment month (1) April

3067F To resolve that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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

RESOLVED: Public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting

3068F To approve changes to the meetings schedule

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RECOMMENDED: Hold a full council meeting once a month. All other committees will be overseen by their respective chairs, allowing for flexibility in scheduling meetings. This arrangement will be trialled for one year and then reviewed.

3069F To receive an update on staffing matters.

Members agreed to postpone this update.

3070F To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

None.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:00hrs.

