

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD,
BOURNE**

Present: Chair Cllr B Baricz Hughes

Councillors	A Kelly	S Mallett	C Pattison
	N Oglesbee	Z Lane	N Eveleigh
	R Baker	J Brough	

(Recorded by Deputy Clerk)

2368A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr C Pattison and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Cllrs H Crawford, B Johnson, P Fellows, R McKinney

2369A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011.

None

2370A To consider requests for Dispensation.

None

**2371A 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 public present.

**2372A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2026 as a true record and
to resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr Z Lane. 4 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2026 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

**2373A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives
On other Organisations.**

Cllr Baker updated members that the distribution of the new food waste caddies has begun. Weekly collections will start on 13 April 2026. If any issues arise, please reach out to Cllr Baker or, alternatively, contact SKDC customer service. A link for residents who have yet to receive their caddy will be activated on 1st April, 2026.

Cllr Mallett provided an update to the council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. A considerable number of responses suggest that, due to the inclusion of housing in the plan, BTC is promoting house building. It may be beneficial to publish an article in *Discovering Bourne* to clarify the purpose of the plan. The housing sites are causing delays in the submission of the plan; Historic England has expressed concerns about the land near Car Dyke and believes that further reports may be necessary.

Cllr Eveleigh shared that Bourne United Charities has appointed a new Chair, Ian Watson. Additionally, Elsea Park Community Trust is in search of Directors. Cllr Eveleigh has also been litter picking along South Fen Road.

Cllr Kelly attended the Skate Skillz event during the February half term and was delighted to share that it was a very friendly, relaxed session with a nice atmosphere.

Cllr Lane has received several emails from residents regarding the proposal on Mill Drove which is currently in a consultation stage.

2374A To answer questions from Councillors.

None received

2375A Elect a Vice Chair for the Amenities Committee

Proposed by Cllr A Kelly, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Z Lane as Vice Chair for the Amenities Committee

2376A To receive the Chairs Report on the Towns Amenity Assets.

Allotments

The refuse area is very full and needs clearing and the Heras fencing remains in front of the dyke to prevent vandalism from outside. Most of the allotments are very well kept, although a couple look like they might be abandoned. Allotmenters received their invoice for 2026 in January and were informed that from 2027, the annual allotment rent will be increased to 30p/m² and that a new water charge will be introduced. The total water bill for the previous year will be divided across all plots and charged based on each plots square meter size.

Cemetery

There are no visible holes in the roof of the chapel. Topple testing has started, with quite a few old headstones being laid down. Although the paths could do with repairing, I believe it is not urgent and that they're still quite accessible for wheelchair users and those with mobility aids.

Skatepark

The skatepark is well used and the mounds is well kept. There is only one instance of graffiti within the bowl but the writing has been fully covered up.

Recreation Ground

The grass and playground are well kept. The refurbishments to the changing rooms have been carried out and there are new toilets, showers, plumbing, electrics, kitchen cabinets, guttering and basic kitchen facilities. I met with the Chair of Bourne Town Juniors to understand how they use the facilities. They currently pay £1,500/year for verti-draining and £240/month for pitch marking. They will pay for the main door of the changing rooms to be replaced and the floor to be deep cleaned but are unable to pay for its replacement. They will commit to keeping the changing rooms clean and will set up a cleaning rota. It is very feasible to have an official opening ceremony at the end of the Easter holidays. They have asked to hold a football tournament on the 16th and 17th of May. **Chair to contact David Mapp for guidance on lease and charges. Deputy Clerk to get a locksmith to secure the door to the changing rooms.**

Dyke Playing Fields

The grass is well kept, and the fitness equipment is in good working condition. The orchard looks to be in good health.

South Street Toilets

Further quotes are being obtained for the refurbishment. No work has been carried out to the wall behind the block since fees were agreed.

2377A To update and discuss the chapel.

Cllr Eveleigh reported to members that given the grade 2 listed buildings deterioration a long-term plan needs to be put in place to look at the possibility of restoring the Chapel. There are 3 options

1. Set up a trust
2. Community Interest Company
3. National Lottery Heritage Fund

Cllr Eveleigh felt that option 3 would be the most viable and had investigated next steps which would be an expression of interest to the NLHF.

Council expressed their apprehension at taking on such a big project – who would manage it and drive it forward given the lengthy timeline (up to 6 years).

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously

RESOLVED: To forward the expression of interest to all councillors for feedback. Cllr Eveleigh to contact other organisations such as Heritage Lincolnshire who might want to assist/take on such a mammoth project. Update at the next Full Council Meeting.

2378A To discuss any such information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention

Cllr B Baricz Hughes informed members that he would be standing down at the Annual Meeting.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:23hrs.