

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27th JANUARY 2026 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY
ROAD, BOURNE**

Present: Chair Cllr B Baricz Hughes

Councillors

P Fellows

S Mallett

B Johnson

Z Lane

R McKinney

(Recorded by Deputy Clerk)

2354A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Cllrs H Crawford, A Kelly, C Pattison, N Oglesbee, N Eveleigh, R Baker, J Brough.

2355A To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011.

None

2356A To consider requests for Dispensation.

None

**2357A 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).**

A member of the public requested to speak on agenda item 11 and 12.

**2358A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2025 as a true record and
to resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2025 as a true
record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

**2359A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives
On other Organisations.**

Cllr H Crawford (via email) informed members at a recent SKDC Planning Committee
S24/1035 – Nature Reserve at Bourne North Fen had been approved.

Cllr Z Lane wanted to thank SKDC and LCC for there prompt response to the clean up
after the traffic accident damaging the Nags Head.

2360A To answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr R McKinney asked if the Amenities Committee would be reviewing the Cemetery
charges. The Chair requested that this item be included in the agenda for the next
Amenities meeting.

2361A To receive the Chairs Report on the Towns Amenity Assets

Allotments

Refuse area is full and needs collecting. Heras fencing opposite the dyke is still up and has not been vandalised. Most allotments look well-kept and maintained. Have all payments for the allotments been received? Could we consider replacing some of the more dilapidated plot markers?

Cemetery

Last year a member of the public rocked a headstone to remove excess water which then fell on her foot. No details were collected although the Office was notified. Topple testing was last carried out in 2014 and the Office have records to confirm this. New topple testing will be carried out this year. Nigel has carried out enquiries into how best ensure the preservation of the Chapel of Rest.

Skatepark

The mound is well kept and there is little to no rubbish in and around the skatepark. New CCTV cameras were installed at the back end of last year and all graffiti and vandalism has been removed. The snagging issues with Canva are still unresolved and therefore the final payment has not been processed. **Clerk to chase Canva re the snagging issue.** SKDC have organised a "Skate Skillz" event to take place on the 18th of February and have secured all the necessary personnel and insurance.

Recreation Ground

The grass is well kept and playground are well kept. Work on the refurbishment started in October and is yet to be finished. Upon completion, an official agreement should be put in place between BTC and Bourne Juniors to ensure the upkeep and cleanliness is maintained.

Dyke Playing Fields

The grass is well kept and there are no signs of rubbish. The fitness equipment is still in good condition, as is the orchard and the table tennis sets.

South Street Toilets

A quote has been issued for £30k for the refurbishment of the toilets, although no work has been carried out.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr S Mallett and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

2362A To discuss and, if appropriate, approve defibrillator information.

Cllr S Mallett raised the question of having a map in town presenting all locations of defibrillators after the issue was raised by a member of the public.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr B Baricz Hughes and unanimously.

RESOLVED: In the event of an emergency a call is placed to emergency services, where you would be informed of the nearest defibrillator's location. Additionally, there is an online app available that provides these locations. It was determined that providing a map was not necessary.

2363A To discuss Events Working Party

The Clerk informed the members that Cllr H Crawford has resigned as Chair of the Events Working Party. Cllr P Fellows announced that he has taken on the role of Chair and mentioned that all events are currently in the planning phase. Picnic in the Park 20 June 26, Christmas Light Switch on 28 November 26. However, the working party requires additional members, and restructuring the meeting times might allow more Councillors to participate. There is always a need for more volunteers to assist with events on the day.

2364A To update and discuss the Chapel

Due to the absence of Cllr N Eveleigh this item has been deferred to the next Amenities meeting.

To discuss and approve allotment rents for 2027.

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

RESOLVED: To increase the rent by 5p to 30p a square metre in 2027 and introduce a water charge. **Clerk to review water bills in relation to new charges.** A late payment charge of £10 will also be introduced.

2365A To resolve whether in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press should be temporarily excluded from the meeting due to the possible sensitive nature of the following item of business.

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

RESOLVED: To temporarily excluded public and press from the meeting due to the possible sensitive nature of the item of business.

2366A To discuss, review and agree usage of a BTC facility.

Members decided that more information was required before decisions are made on charges, leases and parking. The Chair asked for this item to be added to the agenda at a full council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously

RESOLVED: Conversations need to be started in relation to an agreement with users of the Rec. **Clerk to arrange meeting with users, investigate suitable fees, and parking options to protect grass before next full council meeting.**

2367A To discuss any such business, which the Chair may legally bring to the Committee.

The Clerk has requested that members who are feeling unwell refrain from attending meetings. If any members have information they would like to share but are unable to attend, please send an email, and it will be read aloud during the meeting.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:25hrs.