

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026
at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

Present: Chair Cllr P Fellows

Councillors

R McKinney
N Carter

Z Lane
J Phillips

J Brough
R Hills

(Recorded by Deputy Clerk)

26/029 To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence.

Proposed by Cllr J Brough, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence
Cllrs H Crawford, B Johnson, N Oglesbee

26/030 Elect new Town Councillors by Co-Option

Proposed by Cllr J Brough, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously.

RESOLVED: After a round of successful interviews, members agreed to co-opt
H Whiston and S Smith onto the town council. Vote was taken on block.

26/031 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011.

None

26/032 To consider requests for Dispensation.

None

**26/033 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 4 members of public present. 1 wished to speak on item 7 – ref the tithe map

**26/034 To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2026 as a true record and to
resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr J Brough, seconded by Cllr Z Lane. 2 abstentions recorded.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2026 as a true record
and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

**26/035 To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives
On other Organisations.**

Cllr K Redfern – LCC reported that 2 officers have been to Bourne to look at issues.

- 1) Leak on West Rd. Between Anglian water and LCC this issue should be resolved in September (after gas works completed to minimise further disruptions).
- 2) Elsea Park – drainage problems on the Tilia Homes site, as this site is yet to be adopted by LCC the responsibility rests with Tilia Homes to address the issues.

Resident has been in contact about there being no footpath on Meadow Drove (near the nursery) there is no funding for a footpath, potentially reducing speed limit could be investigated. Owen Court complaints about fly tipping – this has been resolved.

Cllr S Woolley – LCC reported residents have been asking for North Street to be pedestrianised or made a one-way street, worth a conversation, however, it's important to be mindful of how that would affect traffic flow in other areas of the town.

There appears to be a large amount of fly tipping in the area. Concerns that with the recycling centre implementing a booking system this will increase even more.
LGR – coming in May. Preferred proposal is the Lincon City proposal. 52% of County Council spend goes on social care. 51 million pounds overspend on SEND. Adult social care has been inspected by the Care Quality Commission and downgraded to requires improvement.

Water leak on Stamford hill – Anglian Water, all being well, will be onsite in September.

Cllr J Brough updated members on the Tithe Map. Funding has been secured via BUC, The Len Pick Trust and the Elsea Park Trust. The Red Hall have agreed to house the map.

Cllr P Fellows was invited to look around the new care home, Austerby Gardens. Opening in February.

Cllr H Crawford sent in via email a report which Cllr P Fellows read out to the members. At SKDC Planning Committee on the 6th August, application S25/1676 270 dwelling off West Rd, Bourne, was brought to the committee. Cllr Woolley made an excellent speech against this application and Cllr Redfern sent in a written statement and I also spoke against this application. The committee listened and was refused. Now this will get referred to the Secretary of State for them to consider. With the new rulings in place any application over 150 dwellings that is refused by a Council will automatically get referred. I was surprised that the two Ward Councillors did not make any representation on this application. I am sure Cllr Fellows can answer any questions as he sat on the Committee.

I have contacted the new owners of the old library as I was concerned that building works were taking place and there were old pictures of Bourne back in the day. Just want to make sure that they would not end up in a skip and was reassured that they would be staying in the building.

26/036 To answer questions from Councillors.

None received

26/037 To request approval to continue hanging baskets and planters around town and outline of associated costs.

The Deputy Clerk informed members it was time to order plants in readiness for next years floral displays around the town. All members agreed the displays are a great addition to the town.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr J Brough and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To continue with the hanging baskets and planters around town and associated costs.

26/038 To approve the purchase of a screen to improve meeting structure and facilitate clearer presentations.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr J Brough and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To purchase a screen for the office.

26/039 To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:29hrs.

