MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019 at 7:00pm, in the Bourne Town Council Offices, SK Community Point, Bourne

Present	Chairman	P Knowles			
	Councillors	P Fellows	B Johnson	B Russell	J Smith
		D Mapp A Kelly	R McKinney	J Reid	R Reid

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2297F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously **RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's M Overland, H Crawford, J Kingman, C Pattison

2298F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None Declared

2299F To consider requests for Dispensation

None Received.

2300F 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)

None Present.

2301F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2019 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr J Reid, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2019 as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them

2302F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr R Reid – SKDC – Reported that the District were currently operating within budget but that all budget considerations had been suspended until post-election.

2303F To answer questions from Councillors

None received.

2304F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.10.2019

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr J Reid and unanimously. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.10.19

2305F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.10.2019

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr J Smith and unanimously. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.10.19

2306F To approve accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr J Reid, seconded by Cllr J Smith, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve accounts for payment as listed

2307F To Ratify the grant to be made to the Lincs 4X4 organisation proposed by the Amenities Committee

It had been proposed that a grant of £500.00 is made to the above organisation to reward them for their work conducted on Remembrance Sunday weekend.

Proposed by Cllr J Smith, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To ratify the grant as detailed above.

2308F To update members on the land/property transactions in progress with SKDC

The Clerk informed the members that he was still in the process of arranging a meeting with Chris Pike, SKDC.

2309F To discuss/consider the draft consolidated budget for the year 2020/2021

The clerk distributed the draft budget paperwork to the members.

Cllr Knowles informed the members of the process so far and that the first budget had shown An increase to ratepayers of around 18%.

The working party have since gone through the budget line by line and the increase now Stands at a presentable 4.88%.

Cllr Knowles commented that the budget was still a work in progress and that members Should scrutinise the budget and present any possible amendments to the clerk.

There is a January deadline for the budget to be adopted.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr B Johnson.

RESOLVED: To receive the draft budget.

2310F To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention

The clerk reminded members that the public meeting with regard to Elsea Park was scheduled for Monday 9th December 7.00pm

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 19:40hrs.