

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of 22 January 2015 at Coronation Hall.

Present: Cllr Dave Wood (Chairman) Cllr Steve Coy
Cllr Craig Midgley (Vice Chairman) Cllr Pete Goode
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) Cllr Eric Langley
Cllr Lesley Moore
District Cllr David Dickinson

In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk to the Council) and 3 members of the public.

14/15-53 Apologies

None

14/15-54 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

14/15-55 Declarations of Interest

None

14/15-56 Action Points from last meeting

(a) Bus Service - A negative reply from the Secretary of State placed responsibility for subsidised bus services firmly in the hands of the County Council and the MP had replied in similar vein. The Chairman of NKDC had referred the matter to Sleaford Transport Strategy Group. It was noted that no response had been received from County Councillor Young.

Cllr Midgley reported that the Festival Committee were willing to fund the provision of a Friday only return contract carriage journey to and from Sleaford for a period of 6 months. However it was noted that at least one resident had misgivings about whether this would adversely affect use of the Call Connect service.

RESOLVED: That a special meeting to progress matters be held on 12 February. Action Clerk

(b) Defibrillator/First Aid training – The Golf Club awaited the imminent completion of the defibrillator cabinet after which training would be available.

RESOLVED: That a notice be displayed inviting volunteers Action Clerk

(c) Dog Fouling Surveillance - CCTV was felt to be too problematical and various other options were discussed:-

Designated dog control areas - this would require a bye-law.

DNA data base for all dogs in the village with faeces being tested to identify culprits

Letter to all residents to reaffirm the issue and point out the likely cost of any Council action

It was suggested that NKDC dog warden be invited to the next meeting on 12 February. **Action Clerk**

(d) Street furniture maintenance - Wooden benches and planters along with the Kingfisher sculpture would be dealt with on the next village tidy. It was agreed that Cllr Coy arrange installation of a seat in the bus shelter. **Action Cllr Coy**

(e) River Access point – It was noted that Parish Councils enjoy a 50% reduction in planning application fees. Some doubt as to whether planning approval would be required was raised and the position will be clarified with the Planning Department. **Action Cllr Head**

14/15-57 Fencing at Low Road bridge

It was noted that the protective fencing was dangerously unstable and the matter should be referred to Highways. **Action Clerk**

14/15-58 Trees overhanging the river

Large limbs of the willow adjacent to 42 High Street were overhanging the river and foliage reached across to the opposite bank. Cllr Midgley pointed out that Slea Navigation would deal with this.

14/15-59 Joint Speed Indicator

Six passive speed notices had now been received and it was agreed that Clerk and Cllr Langley would arrange to install them in the next few days. Delivery of the reactive sign to be used jointly with North Kyme awaited approval of North Kyme’s application.

14/15-60 LALC Training

The schedule for the next year was circulated – Clerk to arrange booking for those interested

14/15-61 Financial Statement

(a) Bank account stands at £1154.15 as at 22 January and VAT recoverable at £763.48

(b) Clerk salary – The NJC salary settlement effective from January 2015 was noted and it was agreed that the Council will apply a scale of SCP15-17 with the current post holder being placed at SCP 16 from 2015/16 and SCP 17 for 2016/17. The cost for 2015/16 would be £1018.20 made up of £970.20 plus a residual amount effective from January 2015 of £48.

14/15-62 Precept 2015/16

Current precept stands at £4134 and it was agreed that the maximum increase available –thought to be 1.99% - be applied. **Action Cllr Head**

14/15-63 Matters arising from the Public Forum

Had been dealt with in the agenda.

14/15-64 Next Meeting

**Thursday 12 February 2015 1930hrs at Coronation Hall
Meeting closed 2050**

Signed.....
Dave Wood – Chairman

Signed.....
Peter Ayre – Clerk to the Council