

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT NOTES YET TO BE APPROVED

Meeting of 30 April 2015 at Coronation Hall.

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

In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk to the Council) 6 members of the public.

14/15-83 Apologies

None

14/15-84 Approval of Minutes

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

14/15-85 Declarations of Interest

None

14/15-86 Matters arising from the Public Forum

- (a) Concern was expressed about the strimming of grassed areas where poppies were growing, particularly in view of the centenary of the Great War of 1914/18 and it was-

**RESOLVED: That the following areas would be designated as poppy protection areas –
Triangle at Church Lane/High Street junction and at Low Road/Clay Bank.**

- (b) Strimming on the riverbank adjacent to 25 Low Road and the objective of encouraging and maintaining wildflowers, wildlife and insects was discussed and it was suggested that the area be left uncut. It was pointed out that it was essential that the public footpath be maintained. Planting of trees in the area was discussed at **14/15 –90.**

- (c) It was agreed that the Clerk would contact local farmers requesting donations of fuel for the village tidy group machinery. **Action Clerk**

14/15-87 Parish Council Election matters

Clerk outlined the post nomination position. There had been 2 nominations for election to 7 seats and the Returning Officer had declared that the 2 nominees, Eric Langley and Peter Goode, had been deemed as having been elected. As this left the Council inquorate the Ward District Councillor (yet to be elected) would be appointed a voting member. Immediately following the AGM, at which a chairman will be elected, a Council meeting will be in a position to consider applications from interested parties to be co-opted to vacant seats. Messrs Coy, Head and Midgley expressed an interest and on receipt of their written application (and those of any other interested parties) Clerk will submit names for consideration by Council at its first meeting on 21 May unless the Returning Officer calls a bye –election, in which case the foregoing may need to be reconsidered.

14/15-88 Transparency Regulations

Clerk outlined new regulations under the Localism Act:-

Draft minutes must be published within one month of meetings.

Any items of expenditure exceeding £100 must be published.

Asset Register must be published.

Clerk to liaise with webmaster of Village website to ensure that the Council is compliant.

Action Clerk

14/15-89 Bank signatories

Bank signatories will need to be reviewed by the new Council at its 21 May meeting.

It was agreed that Mervyn Head would continue as Responsible Finance Officer

RESOLVED: That Mervyn Head be appointed Responsible Finance Officer.

14/15-90 Riverbank tree planting

Council felt that clarification of the situation regarding tree planting on the riverbank should be sought, particularly since the Council owned part of the riverbank on the North side and verbal contact with the Environment Agency and the Drainage Board indicated that trees must not be planted. Clerk to seek a definitive written indication of Environment Agency policy.

Action Clerk

14/14-91 River Access Point

Slea Navigation Trust had requested Parish Council support for their grant application for funds to assist installation. It was noted that the Council had already approved a ring fenced grant of £1500 and it was:

RESOLVED: That a letter expressing this Council's support be forwarded to Slea Navigation Trust

Action Clerk

14/15-92 Financial Report

2015/16 Expenditure Budget of 5713.20 was agreed.

Miscellaneous amounts were approved for payment:

Ground Care	44.46	
Planters	22.00	
Internal Audit	40.00	
Scarecrow competition	75.00	
Chipper Hire	75.30	<u>256.76</u>

It was noted that the Annual Return had been completed. Clerk to dispatch to Auditors.

Action Clerk

Quotations would be sought for the purchase of equipment for the village tidy group:

Flymo – strimmer – PPE

Action Cllr Midgley

14/15-93 Next Meeting

Thursday 21 May 2015 along with the Annual Village Meeting and Council AGM.

1830 Village Meeting

1930 Council AGM

1945 Council Meeting

Meeting closed 2050

Signed.....
Chairman

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