

## SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of 21 January 2016 at Coronation Hall.

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Steve Coy  
Cllr Peter Goode (Vice Chairman) Cllr Micky Clark  
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) Cllr Lesley Moore

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison; Peter Ayre (Clerk); 8 members of the public incl Louise McIntosh and Anna-Marie representing NKDC

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**15/16-61 Apologies** – Cllr Midgley did not attend.

**15/16-62 Approval of Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**15/16-63 Declarations of Interest** - None

#### **15/16-64 Matters arising from the Public Forum**

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** - As part of the Public Forum Luisa McIntosh, representing NKDC, had given an outline of the implications of and requirements for formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. She then left the meeting and after some consideration Members agreed to defer further discussion and place the subject on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action Clerk**
- b) **Broadband Access** – Poor or no access for some residents was discussed. Switching suppliers had proved effective for some people.

#### **15/16-65 Action Items from Previous meeting**

- a) **Heckington Fen Wind Farm** – In reply to the Council's representations further information had been requested by DECC on the Section 36 application being considered by the Secretary of State. It was clear that NKDC was reticent to comment on the application and it was agreed that DECC be informed further of the Council's views. A copy of the reply, which should emphasise the view that the conditions of the original consent remain, be sent to NKDC seeking support. **Action Clerk**
- b) **Village Hall Outside tap** – It was agreed that quotations be sought. **Action Cllr Coy**
- c) **Container** – In progress. **Action Cllr Midgley**
- d) **Dog Warden** – No progress had been made with NKDC training and Cllr Harrison agreed to take this up with Environmental Services. **Action Cllr Harrison**  
It was agreed that Terms of Reference for the Dog Warden needed to be discussed with the current applicant who would be invited to the next meeting.

Signed.....Chairman

- e) **Scarecrow Competition** – Mrs Coy’s continued organisation of the competition was welcomed and her request for funding approved.

**RESOLVED: That funding of £75 be made available to provide prizes of £50 for first place and £25 for second place.**

- f) **Risk Management Policy** –Cllrs Moore and Clark stressed the importance of having a document in place to assess risks to the Council and a draft policy was discussed. Chairman suggested the document should quantify the levels of risks and it was agreed that the draft policy would be reviewed and further discussed at the next meeting.

**Action Clerk**

**15/16-66 Digital Inclusion** - Proposals would be outlined in ‘The Tower’. The possibility of setting up a Council Facebook account would be investigated.

**Action Cllr Moore**

**15/16-67 River issues** – It was noted that Slea Navigation Trust had obtained funding for Coir Rolls for bank protection and volunteers would be required for installation. Cllr Head reported on his monitoring of water levels throughout the last month which indicated a consistent level 3” lower than Bottom Lock. Concern was expressed about erosion occurring at levels below 2.5m. The matter would be discussed with the Environment Agency at forthcoming meetings

**15/16-68 Financial Report**

**a) Expenditure approved:**

47.00 LALC training

75.00 Scarecrow Competition

**Bank balance to date**

1630.28

- b) **PRECEPT 2016/17** - Further to minute 15/16-58 revised Government guidance for Town and Parish Councils on Precept levels had been issued and it was :-

**RESOLVED: That Minute 15/16-58 be revised and 2016/17 Precept be set at 4225.83**

**15/16-69 Group Forum Not For Resolution** – It was noted that road stabilisation requiring a road closure was scheduled for August 2016.

Cllr Coy reported that planning was starting for the 2016 Village Festival to be held in May.

Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

**15/16-70** – Chairman moved the meeting into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies Act 1960.

**15/16-71 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 1930 on 17 March 2016 at Coronation Hall.

**Meeting closed 2125**

Signed.....Chairman