

## SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes

#### Meeting of 12 February 2015 at Coronation Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Dave Wood (Chairman) Cllr Steve Coy  
Cllr Craig Midgley (Vice Chairman) Cllr Eric Langley  
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer)

**In attendance:** Peter Ayre (Clerk to the Council)  
Janet Williams (Environmental Services Manager – NKDC) – Agenda Item 5  
8 members of the public.

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#### **14/15-65 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from:  
Cllr Goode, Cllr Moore and District Cllr Dickinson.

#### **14/15-66 Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **14/15-67 Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **14/15-68 Public Forum**

- (a) The need for an outside tap for the village tidy group was raised and it was felt that there was one in place but it may need maintenance.
- (b) It was suggested that a BBQ shelter be installed and it was agreed that a movable awning be supplied.
- (c) In view of new arrangements for garden waste and landfill bins commencing from 01 April it was agreed that NKDC be approached to establish if a large garden waste bin could be provided. **Action Clerk**
- (d) Concerns about speeding through the village were raised and it was noted that the Council had taken steps to contain the problem with the installation of 6 passive signs along High Street. In addition a reactive sign to be shared with North Kyme would shortly be in place but the main difficulty was in enforcement.

#### **14/15-69 Defibrillator Cabinet - Finance**

Payment of £684.84 for the defibrillator cabinet was approved.

Other payments of:-

£133.55 for 2015/16 LALC membership.

£208.40 for NKDC emptying dog waste bins were also approved.

**Action Cllr Head**

**14/15-70 Dog Fouling**

The NKDC Environmental Services Manager, Janet Williams outlined remedies available and NKDC intentions for 2015/16 in enforcing Public Space Protection Orders and she would keep the Council informed and consulted.

NKDC do not employ Dog Wardens but there is a free training course available for individuals to become Authorised Persons to patrol the village and issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate. In addition where culprits are identified NKDC will send official warning letters.

**14/15 -71 Bus Service**

A briefing paper prepared by the Clerk (appended) setting out the current negative position was presented.

The unsatisfactory nature of the Call Connect service and arduous booking arrangements, over which this Council has no control, was noted.

Cllr Midgley reported that the Festival Committee had agreed to donate £1100 to the Council to enable what would effectively be a taxi service for a period of 6 months.

It was established that demand for a Friday only bus service leaving South Kyme at 1000 for Sleaford and returning at 1400 was likely to be 3 people and it was noted that the Council has a financial responsibility to the whole of the village.

A wide ranging discussion ensued and it was proposed by Cllr Head/seconded Cllr Coy that the service outlined be introduced and it was

**RESOLVED: That the festival donation be accepted and that the Council contract a taxi service to provide a Friday only return service between the village and Sleaford with an aim to commence in early March.**

**14/15-72 Next Meeting**

**Thursday 12 March 2015 1930hrs at Coronation Hall**

**Meeting closed 2100**

Signed.....  
Dave Wood – Chairman

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

## Meeting of 22 January 2015

### APPENDIX

#### Bus Service

After negative responses to approaches made to the Government, MP, County Councillor, LCC Head of Transportation, LCC Chief Executive and the Chairman of NKDC there seems to be no hope for a publicly subsidised bus service being provided for South Kyme. The only slightly positive note was from the Chairman of NKDC who referred the matter to the Sleaford Transport Strategy Group.

This Group is a joint venture between Lincs CC , NKDC and the Joint Policy Unit. The Group's main aim is said to be 'to promote sustainable travel and to focus on existing transport issues within the town'. Sleaford Town Council has already raised concerns that the Group's initial proposals are not suitable for the town.

As is often the case press comment to date has been rather misleading and hopes that something might be done to address issues in outlying areas like South Kyme have been somewhat exaggerated.

The geographical area under consideration does not extend much beyond Sleaford Town boundaries and considerations to extend the remit and consider inter-urban and outlying area services has been kicked into the long grass and put down as a long term aspiration.

Whilst the Parish Council has no duty to provide bus services it does have the power to run a community bus service. Council may like to consider this as an option, taking account of the costs involved and the likely reaction of local Council Tax payers to funding a service for the small numbers of users likely to take advantage of it, particularly in view of the existing Call Connect service already provided.