

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 19 November 2015 at Coronation Hall.

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED

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

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison; Cllr Mike West (Heckington PC); Peter Ayre (Clerk);
4 members of the public incl. Emma Simpson (prospective dog warden)

15/16-45 Apologies - None.

15/16-46 Approval of Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

15/16-47 Declarations of Interest - None

15/16-48 Clerk contact details

Clerk confirmed his change of address to:-

Memorial Cottage

Church End

Frampton

PE20 1AH Tel: 01205 722068 Email/mobile unchanged.

15/16-49 Matters arising from the Public Forum.

- a) **Scarecrow competition** – Cllr Coy confirmed that Mrs Coy had agreed to continue organising the competition.
- b) **Dog Warden** – Chairman welcomed Mrs Emma Simpson who introduced herself to the meeting. Her application for the dog warden position was under consideration by NKDC and awaited a training course which would hopefully be held before Christmas.
- c) Cllr Midgley confirmed that a village Christmas Tree would be provided and it was:
RESOLVED: That the cost of the Christmas Tree be met by the Parish Council.
- d) Appreciation was expressed for the provision of Remembrance Day wreaths.

15/16-50 Action Items from Previous meeting

Heckington Fen Wind Farm – Chairman welcomed Cllr West from Heckington Parish Council who confirmed that his Council was opposed to the development but felt that all avenues for objection had been explored, particularly since the District Council was not prepared to oppose the variation application currently under consideration by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Harrison had contacted the local MP who had referred the matter to the Minister who was not willing to comment. Cllr Harrison agreed to contact Planning at NKDC expressing the fact that all local Parish Councils oppose the variation application.

Action Cllr Harrison

Signed.....Chairman

Golf Club Sign

There had been no response to the Council’s letter of 21 October. Chairman agreed to speak to the Club Chairman.

Action Chairman

Outside tap

Installation would be arranged shortly.

Action Cllr Coy

Container

The Village Hall Committee had agreed to amend the terms of the licence to accommodate a larger replacement container which would be sourced shortly.

Action Cllr Midgley

Dilapidated boat

Environment Agency advice was that there was no problem unless the boat was unsecured.

15/16-51 Digital Inclusion

Chairman noted the North Kesteven Plan which included the aim of extending internet access and a discussion on provision of sponsored equipment in the village hall ensued. It was agreed that the first step would be to establish demand via an insert in the Tower newsletter.

15/16-52 Village Website

Clerk reported that the current webmaster, Mr Peter Bettis, had decided not to continue beyond June 2016. A replacement would be sought. Clerk advised that the Parish Council was required to provide a publicly accessible website and if necessary this could be arranged with the County Council.

15/16-53 Neighbourhood Plans

Whilst it is not a legal requirement local communities have the authority to establish a Neighbourhood Plan conferring powers on the local community to determine the future shape of their area and to grant permission for new development. It was agreed that the Council should explore the possibility of formulating a plan for South Kyme. Clerk noted that District Council officers could offer assistance and arrangements would be made for a Planning Officer to attend the next meeting.

Action Clerk

15/16-54 Billingham Scarecrow Trail

Cllr Moore outlined the comprehensive village wide trail which had been a successful venture for Billingham this year. It was suggested that this approach could be considered for South Kyme, perhaps in conjunction with other villages in the locality. Some Members felt that this type of thing had been attempted in the past and found not to be feasible. It was agreed that further discussion be deferred to the next meeting.

Action Clerk

15/16-55 Village Planters

It was noted that planters at the East end of the village were not being satisfactorily maintained and it was agreed that they be re-sited to the river bank.

Action Tidy Group

Signed.....Chairman

15/16-56 River issues

- a) Cllr Goode reported on a meeting with the Environment Agency at which the problem of rubbish and dog mess being illegally deposited in the river was discussed. Prosecutions will be sought.
- b) Cllr Head had raised the matter of water levels in the village. He was monitoring levels and will report to the Environment Agency. The aim is to maintain a level of 2.65m at bottom lock.

15/16-57 Local Plan

Members discussed the Lincolnshire long term plan which calls for an increase in dwellings in South Kyme by 17 over the next 25 years. Members felt that whilst this is achievable it should not include areas outside the village curtilage and it was:

RESOLVED: That the Council response is to include the proviso that any future development be confined within the existing curtilage. Action Clerk

15/16-58 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure items approved:</u>	<u>Income received:</u>	<u>Bank balance to date</u>
168.58 – NKDC Election costs	450.00 – Church grass cutting	1885.86
12.00 – Plants		
75.00 – Donation for Church lighting.		

PRECEPT 2016/17

Members agreed that there was a need to apply a modest increase over this year and it was:

RESOLVED: That Precept for 2016/17 be increased by 1.9%.

15/16-59 Group Forum Not For Resolution

- a) Chairman noted the need for a Risk Assessment to cover village activities. ***Action Clerk***
- b) It was noted that the village noticeboard was still in need of repair and that Cllr Midgley had agreed to investigate repairs needed.
- c) South Kyme will host the next Cluster Meeting. Date tba. ***Action Clerk***

15/16-44 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1930 on 21 January 2016 at Coronation Hall.

Meeting closed 2045

Signed.....Chairman