

South Kyme Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27 January 2022 at 7.15 PM
at Coronation Hall, South Kyme

MINUTES

- (i) Public Session.
1. Queries were raised about paying the Clerk for CiLCA training.
 2. Why is funding so low for the Queens Jubilee?
 3. Can the Accounts for Payment have a reason for the spend?
 4. Why are CSW reports not on the website?
 5. Can there be more openness on finances?
 6. Not seen the old SID for 3 months, where is it?
 7. Why are the previous years' figures incorrect in the budget document?
 8. Why do the income and expenditure figures for the Morris Memorial fund not balance?
 9. Why is the precept planning to be increased?
- (ii) To provide responses to items raised in public session from last meeting.
- There were no outstanding questions from the last meeting.
- (iii) To receive a North Kesteven District Council report from District Councillor Mervyn Head.
- Twin stream waste collection: rejections of purple-lidded bins is steadily going down (111 rejected from over 50,000 collections); Green-lidded bin rejections also reducing.
- There has been a meeting with footpaths officer about a break in a footpath along the river – this is an historical mistake, trying to be corrected, but needs evidence of people having walked it over the last 20-30 years.
- (iv) To receive a Lincolnshire County Council report from County Councillor Andrew Key.
- Cllr Key noted the healthy turnout of public in attendance, the largest he has seen in the PCs that he visits and passed comment on this being a good thing.
- Highways: budget has been cut by 25% by the government; there is a campaign to increase the funding and cover deficit; Cllr Key urged people to respond to the campaign (link on LCC website) to support the maintenance budget for our roads.
- (v) To receive reports on behalf of local voluntary groups and contractors.
- CSW: Our CSW lead has become an area coordinator; four sessions at school corner and clay bank identified 123 speeders only one of which was speeding at both points; 15.5 volunteer hours this month identified 228 speeders; a weekday speeding hot-spot of 14:00 to 15:30 has been identified.

- VTG: No report.

- Environment Warden: No report.

Present: Cllrs Mervyn Head (Chair), Alex Alexander, Ashley Johnson, Lesley Moore, Judy Head; new Cllr Dr Hannah Worden (joined from the floor at item 21/22/186); Dermot Daly (Clerk); County Cllr Andrew Key; 13 members of the public.

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened at 20:01

21/22/182 To receive and agree apologies for absence. - None.

21/22/183 To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, pursuant to section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, and applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting. - None.

21/22/184 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items. - None.

MEETINGS

21/22/185 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2021.
- It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as presented.

POLICY & PROCESS

21/22/186 To receive interest in casual vacancy, approve new Councillor position co-option and complete necessary paperwork.
- Dr Hannah Worden has applied for a current casual vacancy. It was RESOLVED to accept Dr Worden into a Councillor position.

21/22/187 To acknowledge the resignation of Jo Shields as Councillor and notice of casual vacancy.
- The resignation was noted by the Parish Council.

PLANNING

21/22/188 To discuss and agree response to Planning matters.
- There were no planning matters presented to the Parish Council.

FINANCE

21/22/189 Presentation of financial accounts for the period.
- Accounts have been circulated.

21/22/190 To agree accounts for payment.
- It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts for payment as presented.

21/22/191 To finalise the budget and agree the associated precept for financial year 2022-23.
- Further to the circulated budget report it was agreed to add £180 for broadband, remove the £580 for skip hire, reduce the canoe portage estimate to £400, remove the intention for a new noticeboard at £600, raise the Queens Jubilee fund to £500, and to initially restrict the footpath fund to £1,000 for the financial year.

The result on the budget meant that it was RESOLVED to set the precept at £11,489.

21/22/192 To discuss and agree response to proposition for Lincolnshire County Council to increase their element of the council tax by 3%.
- It was RESOLVED to support LCC in their proposal for a 3% increase.

INITIATIVES

- 21/22/193** To receive results of village questionnaire and identify further actions.
- It was RESOLVED to publish the results electronically.
- 21/22/194** To receive update on Coronation Hall broadband and agree associated actions.
- This project is now complete and the Council will be able to live-stream the proceedings (that it is testing out during the current meeting).
- 21/22/195** To receive update on the Canoe Portage proposals and agree next actions.
- Investigations are ongoing into a proposal to modify the existing platform.
- 21/22/196** To report outcome and next steps from the Vision and Planning Day.
- This item is to be deferred to the next meeting.
- 21/22/197** To agree next actions on improvement to public noticeboard.
- The intention is to seek volunteers to improve the current noticeboard.
- 21/22/198** To receive an update on local the Heritage Asset Pilot Project and agree next actions.
- The list is to be reviewed and the results to be brought to the next meeting.
- 21/22/199** To agree support for the working group for a local Queen's Platinum celebration.
- It was RESOLVED to support the working group using a budget of up to £500.
- 21/22/200** To discuss the possibility of having some community land.
- Initial investigations have started on potential sites and are continuing.
- 21/22/201** To discuss and agree next actions on footpath/riverbank acquisition.
- A solicitor has been engaged; engagement documents are being signed; It was RESOLVED to continue with process of acquisition, ensuring affected parties are contacted.
- 21/22/202** To discuss and agree next actions on footpath improvement.
- This item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

CLOSE

- 21/22/203** To consider agenda items for the next meeting on 24th March.
- Vision and Planning
- Footpath improvement
- Year end planning
- Response to public questions

Meeting Close: 21:55