

South Kyme Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2021 at 7.30 PM

MINUTES

Open Forum 15 mins - Only 3 mins per person. - A member of the public raised their concerns about the leadership within the Parish Council. Another member of the public voiced their significant support of the work carried out by the Chairman.

Apologies

- There were no Councillor apologies. Attendance: Cllrs Michelle Clark, Peter Goode, Mervyn Head, Judith Head, Craig Midgley, Susan Shaw; Clerk (Dermot Daly); 5 members of the public; 1 member of staff

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Approval of the minutes

- RESOLVED to accept the Minutes for the Ordinary meeting of 21st January 2021 as circulated, p. Cllr M Head, s. Cllr Clark, Unanimous.
- RESOLVED to accept the Minutes for the Extraordinary meeting of 8th March 2021 as circulated, p. Cllr J Head, s. Cllr M Head, Unanimous. It was accepted that the paragraph numbering will need to be updated for the current meeting.

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Declaration of interests - None.

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Financial report (Cllr M Head - RFO)

- Cllr M Head reminded the meeting that he was appearing as a Parish Councillor.
- As a year-end position the Parish Council is underspent by approximately £4,000 against budget.
- Accounts for payment includes flags, LALC subscriptions, Environment Warden payment, and Zoom payment for Feb/Mar 2021.
- The Parish Council has net assets of around £4,000.
- The Festival Committee have provided figures for relevant account years.
- The Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been ordered, with despatch expected in around 4 weeks.
- Salaries will continue to be paid on a monthly basis.
- RESOLVED to accept the financial report, p. Cllr M Head, s. Cllr Goode, Unanimous.

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Correspondence (Clerk)

- The Clerk read out a written communication received from a member of the public regarding the River Banks. It was noted that the river banks will not be cut until June, the top of the banks will not get cut in order to re-establish the grass after recent flooding; it was suggested that an item be placed on the next Agenda to discuss and decide next actions.
- The Clerk read out a written communication received from a member of the public regarding the Morris Memorial Sculpture. Cllr M Head will update the Parish Council later in meeting.
- Cllr Clark received a letter from two young members of village regarding dog poo, especially focussed around the river area. They have designed poo bag holders. The Councillors generally supported the sentiments and suggested the youngsters trial their design in a couple of locations, identified in cooperation with the Environment Warden, using environmentally friendly dog poo bags supplied by Cllr Clark.
- Cllr Midgley asked if correspondence had been received regarding a forum meeting, but none had, so this will be chased by Cllr Midgley.
- Late planning application - 17 High Street – amendments – No objections.
- Late planning application (21/0118/VARCON) Peak House Farm - removal of semi-permanent small chicken sheds and replacement with permanent bigger sheds - No objections.

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Not for Resolution

20/21/37.1

Parish Clerk Vacancy (Chairman)

- The Chairman and Councillors welcomed the new clerk, Dermot Daly.

- 20/21/37.2** Parking Signs (Chairman)
- Thanks were extended to those involved in erecting the new parking signs.
- 20/21/37.3** CSW Update (Cllr Clark)
- Cllr Clark reported that the Speed Watch campaign can start again from 29th March 2021; it will start at prime times; the speed enforcement team will be emailed to request a visit.
- Cllr Head suggested that the newly elected police commissioner be invited to address the Parish Council.
- 20/21/37.4** Environment Warden update (Cllr M Head)
- Stacey Glossop was introduced as the new Environment Warden who started in post two months ago and reported hotspots for dog fouling especially as we head toward warmer weather; she highlighted the responsibility of dog owners to pick up after their dog or risk fines; she asked whether it would be possible to site posters indicating a map of bin locations; a litter pick is carried out every week – again some hotspots and again the risk of fixed penalty fines if the public is caught littering; a request for the public to report environment issues directly to the Warden.
- It was suggested that signage be put on as an item on the next Agenda; Councillors to think through and investigate ideas before the next meeting, including a pre-emptive approach to the Church by the Clerk for putting up a poster.
- 20/21/37.5** Parish Council Website update (Chairman)
- The website is now live; there are issues in respect of the complexity of the website content publishing tool; Minutes and Development Applications from the last two years are to be uploaded; the website is able to cater for those requiring accessibility enhancements; suggestions of how the website could be enhanced were discussed including speed watch information, a church write-up, information on the Tower, the river, the bridges, the kingfisher, history of the village/area; it was also suggested photographs be encouraged for the website home page; also a suggestion of a youngsters area lead by Cllr Clark.
- 20/21/37.6** Coys Bridge fencing (Cllr Midgley)
- Requests relating to the two bridges asked for new fencing and repairs by Highways department of the County Council, with unexpected results; it was suggested the Clerk write a letter requesting replacement with wooden fencing more in keeping; the ground surface on the bridge approach be appropriate for greater grip; Cllr Clark raised an issue with a faulty manhole cover and it was suggested the Clerk write a letter to Anglian Water to resolve.
- 20/21/37.7** Speed Indicator Device update and batteries regarding shared SID (Cllr M Head)
- 50% of the monies have been passed to North Kyme Parish Council.
- 20/21/38** For Resolution
- 20/21/38.1** Morris Memorial Fund SKPC Donation (Cllr M Head)
- The Sculptor has stated that the donated wood is suitable; it was proposed that any Parish Council donation is carried out in the spirit of the previous donation for plaques on Coys bridge and that money held for the Tidy Group and the Easter Event that is not spent due to the pandemic restrictions would be made available; it was reported that the cost of the sculpture would be in the region of £2,000 and a letter with this and more detail would be going out to the community.
- RESOLVED that (a) there be a donation of £630 (net of VAT), and (b) the holding of ring-fenced funds for this project be through the Parish Council banking facility; p. Cllr M Head, s. Cllr Goode, Unanimous.
- 20/21/38.2** Complaints Procedure (Chairman)
- RESOLVED to adopt a Complaints Procedure and that the Clerk re-draft the document and seek final approval with the Parish Council by email; p. Cllr M Head s. Cllr Goode, Unanimous.

20/21/38.3 Grass Cutting Policy for agreement (Cllr M Head)

- This document serves more as a Health and Safety document for individuals involved and assists with insurance cover; RESOLVED that the policy be taken as circulated; p. Cllr M Head, s. Cllr Alexander, Unanimous.
- A final copy to be sent to Cllr Midgley for laminating and posting in the container and circulating to the helpers.

Next Meetings

- Thu 20th May 2021 - Annual Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm
- Sun 23rd May 2021 - Annual Parish Meeting 3:30pm
- Thu 16th July 2021 - Ordinary Meeting 7:30pm
- Timing of the Annual Parish Meeting is chosen to attract greater numbers from the community rather than the recommended 'after 6pm'. Food and drink to be supplied.
- Changes to regulations and recommendations will continue to be monitored for impact on meeting dates.

Meeting close - 21:31