

# SOUTH KYME VILLAGE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 01 May 2016 at 1600hrs – 45 village residents present.

**1 CHAIRMAN** Cllr Eric Langley opened the meeting pointing out that, although this was not a Parish Council meeting, as Chairman of the Parish Council he must take the chair. There being no formal agenda the Chairman opened the meeting to the floor.

**2 DOG FOULING** Cllr Langley outlined actions already taken by the Parish Council. A Dog Warden was now operating in the village and as well as offering advice was authorised to issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate. Villagers were reminded that when dog walking not carrying a 'poo bag' indicated an intention not to clear up after their dog which would make them liable to a penalty.

Further action proposed for the future:-

Public Space Protection Orders requiring dogs to be kept on a lead on the riverbank between the two bridges which awaited District Council action.

A scanner to be sourced to check relevant dogs are micro-chipped.

It was pointed out that additional dog bins together with signage indicating their location would further assist and this would be referred to the Parish Council for its next meeting.

**3 PLANNING** Concern was expressed about talk of the construction of 70 houses on land South of Low Road. It was pointed out that this was outside the village curtilage and that the Mid Lincolnshire Local Plan specified limited growth in South Kyme of up to 17 dwellings over the next 25 years.

The Parish Council had resolved not to compile a Neighbourhood Plan but was proposing an addendum covering South Kyme to the comprehensive Billinghay Neighbourhood Plan currently in preparation.

**4 RIVERBANK ISSUES** The installation of coir rolls was welcomed and it was noted that plans for more awaited finance. It was noted that water levels had been monitored over a recent period and the Environment Agency was now committed to maintaining constant levels. The balance between sustaining wildlife habitat and preserving trim accessibility for walking and visual amenity was discussed. It was pointed out that the Village Tidy Group was made up of volunteers committed to keeping the village in good order and the Group welcomed anyone wishing to join in and/or express any concerns. It was noted that progress on installing an unobtrusive slipway adjacent to the Kingfisher awaited finance.

**5 PLAY AREA** The lack of any children's play facilities in the village was raised. The difficulty of availability of land to establish a play area was pointed out. Nevertheless this would be referred to the Parish Council for deliberation at its next meeting.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman outlined financial cuts imposed on Local Authorities which were beginning to bite. North Kesteven had already cut Council Tax Support Grant which would be phased out completely by 2020. Lincolnshire County Council had announced cuts in street lighting expenditure likely to lead to outages of street lights as well as removal of payments to the Parish Council for grass cutting from 2017. This will inevitably lead to communities having to be prepared to raise funds locally.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

30 April 2017

The meeting closed at 1705hrs

