

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 25 January 2018 held at Coronation Hall

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Alex Alexander
Cllr Steve Coy (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer)

In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk) – 6 members of the public

17/18-66 Apologies – Cllr Midgley and District Cllr Harrison had tendered apologies for absence.

17/18-67 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the last meeting on 23 November 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17/18-68 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 10 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm).

17/18-69 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>	<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
56.88 Clerk expenses	450.00 PCC grasscutting	4535.75

17/18-70 Clerk Salary Annual Review - The previously circulated proposal was agreed and annual salary for 2018/19 was set at £1486.02

17/18-71 Matters arising from the public forum - Concern had been expressed by a member of the public about the relationship between the village tidy group and the Council along with a perceived lack of insurance. Clerk confirmed that the Council was compliant with its legal responsibilities and had adequate Public Liability insurance in place.

It was pointed out that whilst the Group was made up of volunteers, the Council's agreed obligation was to general funding and the ownership of the equipment. At the same time the Council has responsibilities for the village environment and needs an oversight of work necessary to maintain the current high standards. Mechanisms for future communications between the Group and Council were discussed and will be further considered at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

The need for servicing and maintenance of tidy group equipment was raised and it was agreed that whilst funding for normal servicing and maintenance was agreed, any major items will need prior approval before work is carried out.

17/18-72 Cluster Meeting Feedback – Chairman outlined items discussed at the recent cluster meeting of Parish Councils in the area particularly:

The requirement that Parish Councils appoint an independent Data Protection Officer. NALC was in further discussions with the Government on the regulations shortly to come into force.

Billinghay Good Neighbour Scheme – Further information was awaited for Council to consider extending the scheme to South Kyme.

The chairman of North Kyme PC had confirmed that the play facilities in North Kyme, currently being extended, are available for use by residents of South Kyme. This was welcomed in view of the apparent lack of interest in establishing a South Kyme Activity Group.

Signed.....Chairman

17/18-73 Action Items from previous meetings

- a) **Dog Warden Report** – It was noted that Mrs Simpson had submitted her resignation and that appreciation of her efforts had been communicated to her. Volunteer(s) would be sought through ‘The Tower’.
- b) **Village furniture** – A plan of work would be drawn up to deal with previously identified items.

17/18-74 Overgrown trees and hedging – Wood Lane – Cllr Goode pointed out the condition of trees and hedges along Wood Lane which was forcing HGVs into the centre of the road. The matter would be referred to LCC. **Action Clerk**

17/18-75 Heckington Fen Wind Farm - Cllr Head reported that DBIS had been contacted and there appeared to be little enthusiasm to progress the decision on the revised application. It was noted that the existing approval would shortly expire.

17/18-76 Councillor Vacancy – Clerk reported on approaches from Electoral Services seeking the filling of the vacancy. It was agreed that applications for co-option would be sought. **Action Clerk**

17/18-77 Planning Applications – Recently submitted applications were discussed and no objections raised:

17/1836/FUL – Sleas Navigation Trust Landing Stages and access path. It was agreed that an expression of Parish Council support be made to the Planning Authority. **Action Clerk**

17/1674 – 81 High Street erection of a triple garage

17/1785/LBC – Lawn Hall demolition of garage and kennels and construction of new pitched roof storage and garage extension

17/18-64 Group Forum not for resolution – A discussion around the need for another defibrillator in the village was held and the matter was deferred to the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

The need to arrange a date for the Annual Parish Meeting, normally coinciding with the Fete, was noted.

17/18-65 Date of next Meeting - Thursday 22 March 2018 at Coronation Hall at 1930

Meeting Closed 2035

Signed.....Chairman