

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 21 September 2017 at Coronation Hall

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED (Revised)

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

In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk) - 4 members of the public

17/18-36 Apologies – Cllr Goode and District Cllr Harrison had tendered apologies for their absence. Cllr Midgley did not attend.

17/18-37 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 20 July 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17/18-38 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 8 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm).

17/18-39 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>		<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
CMJ (Mower spares)	59.76	94.71(NKDC Grant)	4182.70
C Sellars (mower spares)	2.11		
M Head (Tidy Group expenses)	45.36		

It was noted that the Council is compliant with Workplace Pension Regulations in respect of its employee.

17/18-40 Casual Vacancies – After some discussion it was:-

RESOLVED: That Ms Alix Alexander be co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council.

Councillor Alexander joined the meeting at this point.

17/18-41 Matters arising from the public forum

- Concern had been expressed about the dilapidated state of the village noticeboard as well as the adjacent buddleia plant which was causing a nuisance for the adjoining property. It was agreed that Cllr Head would obtain suitable materials to refurbish the noticeboard and that removal of the buddleia be authorised.
- It was noted that the planters at the Clay Bank end of the village were in need of some maintenance and the Chairman would contact the volunteer involved.

17/18-42 Action Items from previous meetings

- Dog Warden Report** - Mrs Simpson had submitted her report on her activities since the last meeting. She had been able to obtain templates from NKDC for preventative notices, 20 copies of which would be printed and laminated. **Action Clerk**
- Activity Group** – The Chairman reported that the group had contacted both NKDC and LCC seeking financial support. A survey was to be conducted to establish needs and ways and means.

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- c) **Facebook** – It was agreed that Cllr Alexander be appointed as the Council’s Nominated User in accordance with the Facebook Policy.

17/18-43 Heckington Fen Wind Farm - The application is still under consideration by the Secretary of State and no further information is available at this time.

17/18-44 Village Flagstaff – Consultation with the Village Hall Committee (VHC) had resulted in agreement that the VHC would obtain a flagstaff and was investigating a suitable site. The Parish Council would supply relevant flags (Minute 17/18-30 refers).

17/18-45 Planning Applications – The National Grid application for construction of the Viking Link underground cabling to a new sub-station at Bicker Fen was considered and no objections were raised.

17/18-46 Broadband consultation. – The Consultation Paper on the proposed Universal Service Obligation prepared by NALC had been previously circulated to Members. There were no views expressed at the meeting but any comments Members may have should be sent to The Clerk as soon as possible so that a response can be formulated.

17/18-47 Mink on the river – Several sightings of at least five animals had been reported. The Chairman had contacted various public bodies in an attempt to establish what action, if any, could be taken. It was agreed that local farmers would be asked if they had any sightings/comments. Meanwhile the effect on indigenous wildlife would be monitored and action taken as necessary.

17/18-48 Group Forum not for resolution

- a) It was noted that whilst a tree had been kindly donated for this year, a permanent arrangement for the village Christmas tree was needed.
- b) The Best Kept Village Competition Inspectors’ Report was noted and it was agreed that whilst the Village had not been successful the Inspectors’ many positive comments and the overall score of 90% was noteworthy. Unfortunately the one area of the village attracting adverse comments is mainly in the ownership and control of NKDC Housing and this will be taken up with them. Entry for next year will be considered at the next meeting.

17/18-49 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 23 November 2017 at Coronation Hall – 1930

Meeting Closed 2040