

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 22 September 2016 at Coronation Hall.

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Micky Clark (Vice -Chairman) Cllr Craig Midgley
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer)

In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk) and 2members of the public.

16/17-36 Apologies – Apologies had been received from Cllr Coy, Cllr Moore and District Cllr Harrison.

16/17-37 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 21 July 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16/17-38 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 5 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm)

16/17- 39 Matters arising from the Public Forum

Riverbank coir rolls – A small length had been allocated for the area near the recent High Street works but any further supplies awaited funding. The questioner had asked about private funding and Cllr Head undertook to provide details of Suppliers. **Action Cllr Head**

16/17-40 Heckington Fen Wind Farm – It was noted that the professional report on the original flawed noise impact statements had been submitted to the Secretary of State and that the next step was to carry out an independent noise impact assessment. The cost of the report was £6500 and a further £1000 would be required for the independent assessment. Funding had been sourced from this Council along with other affected Parish Councils as well as public and local business donations. Heckoff funds currently stand at £400.

Cllr Midgley expressed his concern about the methodology undertaken in incurring such high costs, sourced from public money, when the logical approach would have been to establish the relatively low cost independent noise assessment first, before expending on the costly main report.

16/17-41 Action Items from Previous meeting

- a) **Village Dog Warden** – Mrs Simpson had tendered apologies for her unavoidable absence from the meeting but had reported that since the last meeting she had prompted NKDC to send one warning letter to a resident. Further training awaited NKDC action.
- b) **Golf Club Sign** – It was noted that the sign had now been removed.
- c) **Village Noticeboard** – Cllr Head would source suitable backing material for Cllr Midgley to commence repairs. **Action Cllrs Head/Midgley**
- d) **Viking Link Project** – It was noted that consultations were ongoing.
- e) **Children’s Play Area** – The Council was committed to the principle of providing a play area in the village but difficulty in finding suitable land was an ongoing problem. It was agreed that the Council write to local landowners for assistance in acquiring approx. one acre. **Action Clerk**

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED

16/17-42 Village Tidy Group – Following the withdrawal of amenity grass cutting funding by Lincolnshire County Council it was clear that the generous donations of fuel by local farmers becomes more significant and it was agreed that the Council would write, expressing its appreciation, to previous donors as well as seeking new donations.

The contribution made by local resident, Mr Keys, would also be acknowledged.

Action Clerk

A vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr Midgley for his efforts, particularly for extensive repairs he recently carried out on mowing equipment.

16/17-43 Cluster Meeting feedback – The Chairman reported his attendance at the recent Cluster Meeting of local Parish Councils at which a PREVENT presentation addressing radicalisation was given.

A useful discussion around children’s play equipment had proved illuminating.

The idea of South Kyme compiling a Parish Plan to link with the nearly completed Billingham Neighbourhood Plan was discussed.

16/17-44 Rail Franchising Consultation – The Council has no comments on the consultation document outlining the ongoing refranchising process.

16/17-45 Village Fete – Cllr Midgley reported that preparations were ongoing. Funding was discussed and it was:

RESOLVED: That subject to further discussion on the amount involved the Council would, subject to further resolution, in principle provide financial support.

16/17-46 Dilapidated Bench

It was noted that the wooden bench at Low Road/Clay Bank was in a dangerously poor condition and in need of replacement. Before a new seat is installed permission to trim the adjacent overhanging trees would be sought and it was:

RESOLVED: That the bench be replaced with a green oak seat

Action Tidy Group

16/17-47 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>	<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Balance to date</u>
£45.52 – Tidy Group expenses	None	£2613.31
£94.34 – Clerk expenses		
£18.00 - ‘Really Useful’ handbook		

16/17-48 Planning Applications – It was noted that a further revised application for land between 15 and 17 High Street had been approved. Concern was expressed that the Council had not been consulted on the further application and representations would be made to NKDC.

Action Clerk

16/17-49 Group Forum – It was agreed that Village Tidy Group dates for the year would be published in the ‘Tower’ in advance.

16/17-50 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 24 November 2016 1930 at Coronation Hall

Meeting Closed 2115

