

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 23 November 2017 held at Coronation Hall

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Alex Alexander
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Craig Midgley

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

17/18-50 Apologies – Cllr Coy and District Cllr Harrison had tendered apologies for their absence.

17/18-51 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the last meeting on 21 September 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17/18-52 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 9 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm).

17/18-53 Financial Report

| <u>Expenditure approved</u> | <u>Income Received</u> | <u>Bank Balance</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 62.95 (Tidy Group expenses) | nil | 4085.75 |

17/18-54 Precept 2018/19

Cllr Head presented and reported on budget projections and it was unanimously agreed that a 10% increase in Precept for the year 2018/19 would be required. It was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the 2018/19 Precept for South Kyme would be set at 5275.00

17/18-55 Matters arising from the public forum

- a) Concern was expressed about the increase in HGV traffic through the village, mainly due to Moy Park lorries taking the B1395 to and from the A17. It was agreed that Moy Park be contacted with a view to lorries avoiding the village and being directed to the A153.

Action Clerk

17/18-56 Action Items from previous meetings

- a) **Dog Warden Report** - Mrs Simpson had submitted her report on her activities since the last meeting, noting an increase in fouling incidents on High Street and the Eastern river bank.
- b) **Activity Group** – No further report had been received from the group.
- c) **Facebook** – Use so far was reviewed and it was clear that some modification was needed. It was agreed that an official Parish Council account, for Council business only, would be established.

Action Cllr Alexander

17/18-57 Village furniture - The state of items of street furniture around the village was reviewed. Protective maintenance would be carried out by the Tidy Group:-

- a) Benches – It was agreed that a green oak replacement for the bench at Low Road/Claybank would be obtained and installed. Estimated cost circa £300. **Action Cllr Midgley**
- b) Planters – It was made clear that there was no objection to volunteers planting the containers and the cost being met by the Parish Council.
- c) Fencing – The white fence bordering High Street and the river bank was in need of painting and this would be given attention by the Tidy Group

Signed.....Chairman

- d) Noticeboard – It was agreed that a full refurbishment was required and quotations would be obtained. **Action Cllr Midgley**
- e) Flagstaff – The Chairman will attend the next Village Hall Committee to establish progress.

17/18-58 Defibrillator - A review of a recent incident suggested that the procedure for obtaining the access code needed to make it clear that the code should be requested from the 999 operator. The Chairman will include this in his next report in 'The Tower' and on the Parish Council website.

Action Chairman

17/18-59 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.

17/18-60 Best Kept Village Competition – Clerk reported that despite reminders no response to his approach to NKDC as landlord of some properties in South Parade had been received and he would refer to District Cllr Harrison.

It was agreed that the village would enter the competition for next year.

Action Clerk

17/18-61 Cautionary Road Signs – It was agreed that road signs indicating grass cutting and litter picking for use by the Tidy Group would be obtained.

Action Cllr Midgley

17/18-62 Village Christmas Tree – It was noted that a tree had been kindly donated by Mrs Lamyman and arrangements to have it installed would be made in time for the Salvation Army Carol Concert on 19 December.

17/18-63 Planning Applications – No new applications had been received.

17/18-64 Group Forum not for resolution – A vague allegation was made that comments claiming that serious criminal activity was occurring in the village had been posted on Facebook. It was felt that if substantiated this was a matter which should be reported to the Police.

17/18-65 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 25 January 2018 at Coronation Hall – 1930

Meeting Closed 2025

Signed.....Chairman