

South Kyme Parish Meeting - Held in the Coronation Hall, South Kyme on Saturday 3rd June 2023 at 1800

Meeting Called by Cllr C Chapman and Cllr J Nadin Chair: Cllr C Chapman (SKPC Chair)

In Attendance: 6 South Kyme Parish Councillors & 36 residents.

Previous Minutes (19th May 2022)

The Chair read through the previous year's Parish Meeting Minutes and highlighted where positive action had already been taken. The remaining items were then raised as agenda items for this meeting.

Riverside Footpaths

Proposed upgrades to the riverside footpaths were discussed. These included: upgrading the access to the footpath at New Bridge; improving accessibility from New Bridge to Coy bridge; and improving accessibility from Coy Bridge to Church Bridge. *Decision:* The PC would consider looking to seek grants to improve all of the path structure, prioritising the New Bridge to Coy Bridge in terms of safety, followed by its accessibility, then the Coy Bridge to the Church section.

Fishermen

Fisherman cutting into the banks and being unlicensed was discussed. It was highlighted that issues such as these should be reported to the EA. It was also highlighted that anyone seeing issues of concern could advise Cllr P Goode who is now the PC representative for river issues.

Childrens Play Area and the Village Hall

It was discussed that the PC had previously promised to get parents and children together to discuss play areas for the village children. There had also recently been issues with children playing football in front of the Coronation Hall which had caused neighbours to complain. *Decision:* It was agreed that the PC would consider setting up a stakeholder group and approach landowners as well as the Hall to attempt to find a solution.

Canoe Platform

It was discussed that the Canoe Platform had not been fitted and its suitability for purpose was questioned. *Decision:* The PC was to see whether a change to the current plan could be agreed and the existing materials adapted to make it fit for purpose and agreeable to the planners. Volunteers would then be sought to fit the new structure.

Village Parking

Inappropriate parking on grass verges and pavements around the village was discussed. *Decision:* It was agreed that volunteers would fit some white posts on the grass verges alongside the village green area to deter parking on the grass. Vehicles should also be discouraged from parking on pavements.

Village Tidy Group (VTG) and the South Kyme Community Biodiversity Group (SKCBG)

Cllr C Clayton described the remit of the SKCBG. A debate was then held on whether the riverbanks and grass areas should be cut short or not. *Decision:* A vote was held and a substantial majority voted to mow the grass areas short as it looked neater and was easier to collect dog fouling.

Dog Fouling

The increase in dog fouling was discussed. Residents were advised that this would need to be self-policed and that the shorter grass cutting would also deter people from leaving the mess.

Volunteering

Residents were encouraged to become involved in active village groups such as Community Speed Watch (CSW), VTG, SKCBG and jobs like maintaining the churchyard and village flower boxes.

The meeting remembered the late Mr John Caswell who had served the South Kyme community for over 40 years as a previous Parish Council Chairman. The meeting was closed at 2000.