

## SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of 17 March 2016 at Coronation Hall.

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Micky Clark Cllr Steve Coy  
Cllr Peter Goode (Vice Chairman) Cllr Craig Midgley Cllr Lesley Moore  
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer)

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison; Peter Ayre (Clerk); 2 members of the public.

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**15/16-72 Apologies – None**

**15/16-73 Approval of Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**15/16-74 Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Head declared his interest in Agenda Item 5(c)

#### **15/16-75 Matters arising from the Public Forum**

**Golf Club Sign** - Concern was expressed that no action appeared to have been taken by the Golf Club to replace the existing sign. The Chairman agreed to contact the Club Chairman to urge progress and it was:

**RESOLVED: That the Golf Club be contacted to urge action and establish timescales. Action Clerk**

#### **15/16-76 Action Items from Previous meeting**

- a) **Heckington Fen Wind Farm** – Cllrs Head and Harrison reported that an action group had been established and objections had been submitted to oppose the revised application now under consideration by the Secretary of State. A public meeting had already been held in South Kyme and further such meetings in the area were planned. The local MP had been approached and it was agreed that the Council write to urge his support. Action Clerk

Funding for the Action Group in connection with professional services and reports was required, donations for which had already been received from members of the public and it was proposed that the Parish Council donate £500, fully or proportionally refunded if unused. Cllr Midgley expressed concern about the Action Group's financial procedures and the open ended nature of the request since no specific expenditure items had been identified and questioned the validity of such a donation. It was:

**RESOLVED: That a donation of £500 to the Heckington Fen Wind Farm Action Group be approved. Action RFO**

- b) **Dog Warden** – Clerk presented a risk assessment document. Cllr Head questioned, since this was a voluntary post, if the Parish Council should be publishing the document, and it was agreed that NKDC be approached for endorsement and acceptance of responsibility as well as for grant funding. Action Clerk

Cllrs Langley and Clark agreed to act as 'buddies' in case of their attendance at incidents being required and Cllr Clark donated a personal attack alarm. It was proposed that Mrs Emma-Louise Simpson, who had offered her services, be endorsed as the dog warden for South Kyme. By a majority vote, Cllr Goode dissenting, it was:

**RESOLVED: That Mrs Simpson be authorised to act as dog warden for South Kyme.**

Signed.....Chairman

c) **Neighbourhood Plan** – It was agreed that whilst a Neighbourhood Plan would not be appropriate for South Kyme, small villages in the vicinity of Billingham could seek inclusion in the Billingham Neighbourhood Plan and the feasibility would be investigated.

**Action Clerk**

d) **Tidy Group container and outside tap** – The new 20’ container was now in place and the tap would be installed at the next Tidy Group session.

**Action Tidy Group**

#### **15/16-77 Village Website**

It was agreed that the Council will seek assistance from Lincolnshire County Council to set up its own website. Clerk to contact LCC. Peter Bettis kindly offered to be the official nominee until the site is established and to coach Donna Allbrook who has volunteered to operate the site once established.

#### **15/16-78 Statutory Document Review**

a) Standing Orders - To be updated to incorporate Localism Act requirements.

b) Asset Register – Noted

c) Risk Management – To be updated to include levels of risk.

**Action Clerk**

#### **15/16-79 Village Tidy Group**

a) The proposed disclaimer notice was reviewed and it was agreed that it should not be headed with the name of the Parish Council.

b) The purchase of a Blower for use by the Village Tidy Group was approved at a cost of **£360+VAT**.

#### **15/16-80 Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllr Midgley outlined plans for the meeting which would be held on 01 May 2016 at 4pm. There would follow a hog roast, bar, marquees and a garden fete. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute towards the costs involved and it was:

**RESOLVED: That a donation towards costs of the Parish Meeting of £200 be approved.**

Clerk pointed out that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Standing Orders specify that the Annual Parish Meeting “.....shall not commence before 6.30pm.” Cllr Midgley felt that the Council should ignore this advice and there being no dissension the 4pm start was de facto confirmed.

#### **15/16-81 Village Draw**

The Chairman reported that no volunteers had so far come forward and the position would be outlined in the next edition of ‘The Tower’.

#### **15/16-82 Financial Report**

a) Expenditure approved

**795.99** – Strimmer and maintenance

**137.78** – LALC 2016/17 Membership

57.60 – Clerk expenses

**500.00** – Wind Farm Action Group

**432.00** (inc VAT) – Village Tidy Group equipment

**200.00** – Annual Parish Meeting 2016

Bank balance to date

591.91

Signed.....Chairman

**15/16-83 Clerk Salary Review**

It was agreed that for 2016/17 the salary point would reflect the increase in the National Living Wage from 01 April 2016 and that contracted hours be set at 144 per annum.

**15/16-84 Planning Matters**

The resubmitted application 16/0141/FUL for construction of a single storey dwelling on land between 15 and 17 High Street was felt to be more out of keeping than the original (refused) application as well as failing to present a gable end to the road and it was:

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council register its objection to application 16/0141/FUL. Action Clerk**

**15/16-85 Date of Next Meeting**

19 May 2016 at Coronation Hall – AGM 1900-1930, Parish Council from 1930hrs

**Meeting closed 2125**

**Signed.....Chairman**

