

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 19 January 2017 at Coronation Hall

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED

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

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison - Peter Ayre (Clerk) - 6 members of the public

16/17-67 Apologies – None

16/17-68 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 24 November 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16/17-69 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 8 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm)

16/17-70 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>	<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Balance to date</u>
279.02 NKDC Dog bins emptying	94.71 NKDC Litter Grant	2685.72

Allocated funds of £2000 made up of £1500 grant to Sleas Navigation Trust for slipway access to the river and £500 reserved for use in the event of an election were noted.

16/17-71 Clerk Salary Review - After some discussion of Clerk's submission it was:

RESOLVED: That the formula for the Clerk's salary from 2017/18 onwards would be set at:- 144 hours pa at an hourly rate equal to 50p above SCP17 plus an annual increment equal to any increase in National Living Wage or Retail Price Index, whichever is the greater.

16/17-72 Matters arising from the public forum – Clarification was sought on the Council's intentions for a Parish Plan and its decision not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. The rationale to opt for a Parish Plan rather than a Neighbourhood Plan was outlined. The Council was to raise the matter at the Village Meeting on 30 April with a view to forming a representative working group amongst villagers to formulate a Parish Plan.

16/17-73 Action Items from previous meetings

- a) **Dog Warden Report** - Mrs Simpson had tendered apologies for her unavoidable absence from the meeting but had reported on her activities since the last meeting which had resulted in a further warning being issued by NKDC. Delay in establishing PSPOs appeared to have been the result of NKDC personnel changes.
- b) **Childrens' play area** – The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had kindly agreed to a joint approach and Cllr Clark was liaising with her and her Committee to consider (in the absence of any outdoor alternatives yet arising) use of the main hall for young people's activities.

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c) Village Noticeboard refurbishment

This will be dealt with at the next Village Tidy meeting.

Action Tidy Group

d) Village Fete progress report - Cllrs Coy and Midgley outlined progress to date. The Fete will be held over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend – location awaiting final confirmation. The festivities will comprise:

Fri 28 Apr – Evening Mediaeval Banquet/Sat 29 Apr – Evening Disco/Sun 30 Apr – Fete from 2pm including Village Meeting from 4pm.

e) Dilapidated Boat – Clerk reported on correspondence and discussions with the owner who had said that it was his intention to refurbish the boat, which had in fact been vandalised, as soon as he was able. Construction of the proposed slipway would considerably assist.

Chairman outlined relevant Regulations concerning craft on the river which he would include in his 'Tower' report.

f) South Parade NKDC Allocations Policy – The Housing Officer's response to the Council's expressed concerns had been circulated to Members. Since it was contended that no Anti -Social Behaviour reports had been received it was clear that incident reporting could be improved and residents' diaries would be supplied to the Clerk who will co-ordinate approaches to NKDC. Members noted with regret that the 2008 Good Neighbour Agreement was no longer being applied by NKDC.

16/17-74 Heckington Fen Wind Farm - It was noted that, at its meeting of 17 January, NKDC Planning Sub-Committee had unanimously accepted the recommendation that a new Noise Impact Assessment be carried out along with rejection of Section 5 of the application.

It was agreed that a further letter emphasising the Council's views be sent to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Action Clerk

Cllr Goode proposed a vote of thanks to both Cllr Head and Cllr Harrison in recognition of the considerable efforts they had made on behalf of the Council and the local community.

16/17-75 The Hume – The Clerk was now in a position to complete the nomination paperwork which will shortly be submitted to NKDC

Action Clerk

16/17-76 State of Hedgerows – It was anticipated that hedgerows bordering the road between the Old School House and Church Lane as well as those bordering Kyme Woods would be dealt with by the owner in due course.

16/17-77 Planning Applications – No new applications had been received.

16/17-78 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 23 March 2017 1930 at Coronation Hall

Meeting Closed 2100