SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 November 2016 at Coronation Hall.

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Steve Coy

Cllr Micky Clark (Vice -Chairman) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) Cllr Lesley Moore

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison (part of the meeting) - Peter Ayre (Clerk)

5 members of the public.

16/17-51 Apologies – Cllr Midgley had tendered apologies for his absence.

16/17-52 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16/17-53 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 8 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm)

16/17-54 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u> <u>Income Received</u> <u>Balance to date</u>

289.86 – Groundcare equipment 450.00 – PCC Grass cutting 2591.01

34.00 – Remembrance Wreaths 49.61 – NKDC dog warden grant

40.18 - Tidy Group expenses

Approval was given for pre-authorisation of annual expenditure on Remembrance Day wreaths.

<u>16/17-55</u> Precept 2017/18 – Reductions in income resulting from withdrawal by LCC of the grass cutting service agreement as well as reductions in Council Tax Support Grant and other likely cuts yet to be announced were noted. Coupled with known increases in costs an increase in precept to maintain present spending levels would be necessary. The Chairman proposed increasing precept by 10%. This was seconded by Cllr Clark, carried unanimously and it was:-

RESOLVED: That the level of precept for 2017/18, inclusive of Council Tax Support grant, be set at £4796

16/17-56 Matters arising from the public forum

- a) Concern was expressed about the Buddleia plant at the rear of the village notice board which was causing a nuisance for the neighbouring property. It was agreed that hard pruning will be carried out at the appropriate time and the situation monitored.
- b) One member of the public felt that not enough was being done about dog fouling. The considerable measures taken by the Council which were as far as its legal powers allowed were outlined.

<u>16/17-57</u> **Heckington Fen Wind Farm** - It was noted that Ecotricity will be commencing further public consultation shortly.

16/17-58 Planning Applications

- a) 16/1357, single storey extension at the rear of 2 Kingfisher Court
- b) 16/1489, removal of the public payphone opposite Coronation Hall

RESOLVED: that the Council has no objection to either application

Cllr Harrison left the meeting at this point.

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16/17-59 Action Items from Previous meeting

- a) Village Dog Warden Mrs Simpson had tendered apologies for her unavoidable absence from the meeting but had reported on her activities since the last meeting.
- **b)** Village Noticeboard Suitable backing material is being sourced.

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- c) Viking Link Project It was noted that consultations were ongoing
- d) Children's Play Area Approaches to local landowners to source a suitable area of land had been fruitless. A number of suggestions involving land at the rear of Coronation Hall had been received and it was:-

RESOLVED: that the Village Hall Committee be approached with a view to establishing a joint working group to investigate the feasibility of providing a play area.

Action Clerk

- e) Village Tidy Group-local sponsorship Cllr Coy reported that proceeds from next year's village fete will be donated to the tidy group.
- f) Parish Plan The need to establish a representative working group to produce a Plan will be referred to the Village Meeting scheduled for 30 April next year. Action Clerk

16/17-60 River Access Point – Slea Navigation had reported that this was now likely to go ahead but a Letter Of Agreement permitting construction on Parish Council land was required. It was RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to the construction as proposed of a river access point on land within its ownership on the riverbank adjacent to the Kingfisher sculpture.

A Letter Of Agreement to be prepared.

Action Clerk

<u>16/17-61</u> South Parade – NKDC Allocations Policy – Historical anti-social behaviour incidents had resulted in pledges being made by NKDC regarding allocations and tenancy agreement enforcement which it was felt now needed reiteration to prevent recurrences. It was agreed that the Parish Council's views be made clear to NKDC.

Action Clerk

<u>16/17-62</u> The Hume – The importance of the Hume as a public house as well as a focal point for village life was discussed and it was agreed (Cllr Moore abstaining) that the Parish Council make application to the Planning Authority to have The Hume declared an Asset of Community Value and the owners so informed.

<u>Action Clerk</u>

<u>16/17-63</u> Village Christmas Tree – It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a tree for the village. Having regard for personal circumstances an alternative source from previous years would be sought.

<u>Action Chairman</u>

16/17-64 State of Hedgerows – Deferred to the next meeting.

<u>16/17-65</u> Dilapidated boat — Concern was expressed about the decrepit boat moored on the river at the rear of 11 Low Road which had become a considerable eyesore. The owner had previously been contacted with a request to rectify the situation but little action appeared to have been taken. It was agreed that the owner be contacted again with a view to removal of the boat.

<u>Action Clerk</u>

16/17-66 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 19 January 2017 1930 at Coronation Hall Meeting Closed 2115

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