

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of 23 March 2017 at Coronation Hall

DRAFT YET TO BE APPROVED

Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) Cllr Craig Midgley
In attendance: Peter Ayre (Clerk) - Emma Simpson (Dog Warden) - 7 members of the public

16/17-79 Apologies – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Clark, Coy, Moore and District Cllr Harrison.

16/17-80 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16/17-81 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 9 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm).

It was noted that under the Localism Act it is required that the Council publish a Code of Conduct.

A document is to be produced for consideration and approval at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

16/17-82 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>	<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Balance to date</u>
139.81 LALC subscription	-	2406.70

18.00 Best Kept Village competition entry

40.19 Tidy Group fuel

It was agreed that Cllr Head would purchase any fuel required for the Tidy Group and reclaim from the Parish Council.

It was noted that there will be slight end of year overspend on budget of 131.55.

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

It was agreed that Mrs Ann Hobbs would be invited to continue to act as Internal Auditor.

Action Cllr Head

16/17-83 Matters arising from the public forum – The suggestion that the SID would be better sited nearer the edges of the village was noted. This would depend on actions agreed later in the meeting at Agenda item 11.

16/17-84 Action Items from previous meetings

- a) **Dog Warden Report** - Mrs Simpson reported on her activities since the last meeting. Delay in establishing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) as well as enforcement were discussed and it was:

RESOLVED: That NKDC be requested to clarify its intentions regarding PSPOs

Action Clerk

- b) **Children's Play Area** – The Parish Council's proposals were yet to be presented to the Village Hall Committee. **Action Cllr Clark**

- c) **Village Fete/Parish Meeting** – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the marquee at the Tower at 3pm. Cllr Midgley outlined details of festivities and indicated costs of c£2000. Further to Minute 16/17-45 of 22 September 2016 it was:-

RESOLVED: That a donation of £500 be made to the Village Fete Committee.

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- d) **South Parade NKDC Allocations Policy** – Clerk reported that no comments or complaints had been received since the last meeting so no further contact had been made with NKDC.
- e) **The Hume ACV** – It was noted that the District Council had declined the Parish Council's nomination of The Hume as an Asset of Community Value.
- f) **Best Kept Village Competition 2017** – Clerk reported that he was now in a position to submit the Council's entry form. Judging will commence on 27 May.

16/17-85 Heckington Fen Wind Farm - The Council's views had been submitted to the Secretary of State whose response was awaited.

16/17-86 Tidy Group acknowledgement – It was agreed that the Council's appreciation of the additional chipper clearance work undertaken by Mr A Mitchell be communicated to him in writing
Action Clerk

16/17-87 Village Christmas tree procurement complaint – A resident's letter of complaint had been addressed to, and published in, 'The Tower', rather than being directed to the Council. Whilst having no wish to influence editorial decisions the Chairman pointed out that because of the bi-monthly publication calendar of 'The Tower' the right of reply to complaints about the Council or any named individuals was somewhat curtailed and the Editor agreed that comment in response to such complaints would be sought before publication.

16/17-88 Speed Indicator Device – Chairman reported that the device had developed a fault and that estimates for repair were £855 + VAT. It was agreed that subject to a review of the Council's financial position the repairs be authorised. Cllr Midgley indicated that if necessary, were North Kyme Council not be able or prepared to share the cost, the Festival Committee would meet 50% of the cost in which case full ownership would reside with South Kyme Parish Council.

16/17-89 Street Lighting Defects – Cllrs Goode and Head reported on their abortive efforts to get defective street lights on both High Street and Low Road repaired. Cllr Goode had been in correspondence and telephone contact with LCC since November last year. Members deplored the inaction on the part of LCC and it was:-

RESOLVED: That written concern be expressed to County Cllr Young in the hope that immediate repairs are carried out.
Action Clerk

16/17-90 Facebook – The merits of the Council establishing its own Facebook account were discussed and so as to allow Members to fully consider the matter, and the Clerk to establish any legal implications, further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.
Action Clerk

16/17-91 Planning Applications – No new applications had been received.

16/17-92 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 18 May 2017 at Coronation Hall – 1900 Annual Council Meeting followed by a standard Council Meeting.

Meeting Closed 2110