

**SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Present:** Cllr C Chapman (Chair)  
Cllrs C Clayton P Goode T Kerr  
D Langley J Nadin

**Absent:** Cllr C Midgley

**In attendance:** Nil

**Also present:** 5 members of the public

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and opened the public forum.

A resident from a neighbouring parish advised that they were setting up a group of residents to discuss the proposed solar farms in the local area and invited local parishioners to join in. The Chair invited the resident to attend the upcoming Ecotricity Briefing that was to be held at South Kyme.

A local resident asked whether the Council would be purchasing a wreath to place on the war grave in the churchyard on Armistice Day.

The meeting commenced at 7.25 p.m.

The Chair advised the Council that a letter of resignation had been received from the Clerk.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr J Nadin carried out the duties of the Clerk whilst the Staffing Committee carried out the necessary actions to replace the Clerk.

94. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllr C Midgley.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence accepted from Cllr C Midgley.

95. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

Non-pecuniary interests:

Agenda item 107 – Cllr J Nadin.

96. **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, IF ANY, REQUIRED THE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.**

There were no items that required the exclusion of the public and press.

97. **TO DISCUSS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

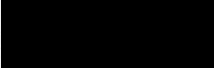
There were no planning applications to consider.

98. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE BIODIVERSITY REP AND AGREE RELATED ACTIONS**

Cllr C Clayton gave an update on the previous meeting of the Biodiversity Group.

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The meeting was closed for comments from the public at 7.35 p.m.

Members of the public made comment on the use of the VTG equipment.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.38 p.m.

Cllr Clayton requested that a skirt for the VTG Flymo's be considered to benefit the promotion of Biodiversity by allowing a longer cut of the grassed areas of the village.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That one skirt be purchased at a cost not to exceed £106.00 to trial the process.

Cllr Clayton asked whether the Council would be willing to hand over the area of riverbank alongside New Bridge NE side where the brambles had recently been removed, to allow the Community Biodiversity Group to utilise them for wild flowers.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That the riverbank alongside New Bridge NE side be managed by the village Biodiversity Group.

Cllr Clayton asked for an allocation of the money set aside for Biodiversity to fund flowers for the riverbank, up to £75.00.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That a sum not exceeding £75.00 be given to Cllr Clayton for the purchase of flowers and plants for the riverbank alongside New Bridge NE side.

99. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE CANOE PORTAGE INITIATIVE**

The meeting was advised that the materials for the Canoe platform were currently in storage and that there had been some dispute over whether a license from the EA was required for its installation. It was also noted that the purchased materials had not been closely scrutinised and that they should be checked prior to someone being tasked with the construction.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Goode would identify that all parts had been purchased and were available for the construction.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Clayton would liaise with the EA over whether a license was required prior to the installation of the Canoe platform.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Chapman would liaise with Cllr Midgley regarding the installation plans that will be required.

100. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ACTIONS RELATING TO GRANTS FOR THE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE**

As Cllr C Midgley was not in attendance it was felt that this discussion should be postponed.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That this will be discussed at the next meeting.

101. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE EXTENSION OF COIR ROLLS ON THE RIVERBANK**

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Cllr Clayton advised, having spoken with the EA, that there were currently no plans to employ coir rolls to the riverbanks in our area. There was some debate about where the Council and the EA could or could not make repairs along the riverbank and who would fund those repairs

The meeting was closed for comments from the public at 8.04 p.m.

A member of the public made comment on ownership issues along the riverbank.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.05 p.m.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Clayton approach the EA about the placement of coir rolls along privately owned sections of the riverbank where erosion has taken place.

102. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE RENOVATION OF THE KINGFISHER SCULPTURE AND IDENTIFY THE FUNDING.**

The meeting was advised that repairs were required to improve the longevity of the Kingfisher Sculpture. There was a debate on the use of a chemical application of epoxy resin and acetate that could be applied to the sculpture.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That £200.00 be made available to purchase the necessary materials and once purchased that a clear process be identified, adopting all proper Health and Safety procedures, to carry out the work.

103. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MEMORIAL AND IDENTIFY THE FUNDING.**

It was discussed that the restoration work required by the memorial was within the means and capability of the Council and volunteers.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That the Council would carry out the necessary works to maintain the memorial.

104. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ACTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS RATES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER MOORINGS.**

It was advised that the Slea Navigation committee had to submit an annual exemption to Business Rate charges that were made for riverside moorings. They had requested that they be permanently exempted.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Langley would liaise with NKDC to seek advice on a permanent extension to the Business Rate exemption for the river moorings in the village.

105. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A TRAINING PLAN FOR THE COUNCILLORS.**

The Chair presented the training plan that had been produced by the Clerk.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That the proposed plan be accepted and that all Councillors identify the courses they wished to undertake and add them to the plan when completed.

106. **TO REVIEW THE NEED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL WARDEN SERVICE.**

There was a discussion on the cost and effectiveness of the Environmental Warden.

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It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** That the post of Environmental Warden was no longer required.

107. **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO THE LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (LRSP) ARCHER REPORT.**

Cllr Nadin presented the findings of the Archer Report and advised that the monitoring site that LRSP had chosen was wholly inappropriate and those findings were flawed for our village. He advised that he intended to refute the findings by presenting CSW data that would contradict the notion that there was no speeding problem at South Kyme.

It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** That Cllr Nadin would write to the LRSP describing the shortcomings of the survey and suggesting that further surveys be carried out in the pedestrian risk areas at New Bridge and Church Lane.

108. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 19 JUNE 2023 FOR APPROVAL.**

Cllr Chapman advised that amendments to the accuracy of the minutes for approval had not been made by the Clerk and that these could be completed on the original documents and circulated for a confirmation of their accuracy before the next meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** That the approval be deferred to the next meeting.

109. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 20 JULY 2023 FOR APPROVAL.**

Cllr Chapman advised that amendments to the accuracy of the minutes for approval had not been made by the Clerk and that these could be completed on the original documents and circulated for a confirmation of their accuracy before the next meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** That the approval be deferred to the next meeting.

110. **TO PRESENT THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD.**

The Budget Monitoring report and Bank Reconciliations were considered.

It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** To accept the Budget Monitoring report and approve the Bank Reconciliation for the current financial period.

111. **TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD.**

The Accounts for Payment for the current financial period were discussed.

It was proposed, seconded and  
**Resolved:** That the Accounts for Payment for the current financial period were accepted.

112. **KYME EAU WORKING GROUP REPORT**

There was no Kyme Eau Working Group Report.

It was proposed, seconded and

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**Resolved:** That a report from the Kyme Eau Working Group be presented at a future meeting.

113. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

Cllr Nadin advised that a letter of apology to Mr Midgley and Mr Coy had been drafted and sent to the Clerk. However, the letter had not been sent to either recipient. The Chair requested some amendments to the content of the letter but had agreed with its sentiments.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That Cllr Nadin would redraft the letter in consultation with the Chair and ensure its distribution before the next meeting.

Cllr Kerr advised that the VTG equipment required significant repair and servicing.

The meeting was closed for comments from the public at 8.40 p.m.

Members of the public who were also members of the VTG made comment on the current status of the equipment.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.46 p.m.

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** That the council would request Mr Chapman of the VTG to present them with a list of which VTG equipment needed repair or replacement.

114. **CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence presented by the Clerk.

115. **TO NOTE FURTHER AGENDA ITEMS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (21 SEPTEMBER 2023).**

The following items were requested to be added to the agenda for the next meeting, to discuss:

The funding for an Armistice Wreath

The Beacon Fen planning application and proposed letter to our local MP.

The production of a riverside ownership map for future reference.

The process of employing/replacing the Clerk

The proposed footpath maintenance initiative

The funding of materials for the maintenance of the memorial.

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.