

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2017 at Coronation Hall

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Present: Cllr Eric Langley (Chairman) Cllr Peter Goode
Cllr Mervyn Head (Finance Officer)

In attendance: District Cllr Julia Harrison - Peter Ayre (Clerk) - Mr D Steels (NKDC) –
Mrs Emma Simpson (Dog Warden) - 2 members of the public

17/18-20 Apologies – Cllrs Coy and Midgley had tendered apologies for their absence.

17/18-21 Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17/18-22 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Head declared his interest as a member of the Action Group Heckoff in agenda item 8 (Heckington Fen Wind Farm).

17/18-23 Financial Report

<u>Expenditure approved</u>		<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
CMJ (Mower spares)	405.94	256.19 (HMRC refund)	4195.22
C Sellars (mower spares)	52.02		
M Head (Tidy Group expenses)	57.50		
C Sellars (mower spares)	44.28		

17/18-24 Casual Vacancies – One person had expressed an interest in co-opting to the Council but had been unable to attend this meeting. She would be invited to attend the next meeting.

Action Clerk

17/18-25 Matters arising from the public forum

- a) Concern was expressed about the invasive poplar tree on the riverbank outside 23 Low Road. It was agreed that the tree should be removed.
- b) The problem of trees planted by individuals on the riverbank and not being maintained was raised and it was suggested that mention in the 'Tower' would be appropriate.
- c) Noise nuisance from barking dogs was discussed and the complainant advised to consult the District Council.

17/18-26 Action Items from previous meetings

- a) **Dog Warden Report** - Mrs Simpson reported on her activities since the last meeting. A report of a dog dangerously out of control had been referred to NKDC. She had received an approach from a commercial company to supply free poo bag dispensers displaying an advertisement and free poo bags. It was agreed that Mrs Simpson progress the matter and arrange installation.
Mr Steels gave a comprehensive talk on all preventative measures available within the law. Additional signage appeared to be a positive first step and Mr Steels' department would assist with this

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- b) **Children's Play Area** – Chairman reported that a working group of which he is a member has been formed and Mrs Taylor elected as chairman. Proposals for an indoor option had been agreed in principle and detailed plans are now in preparation for final approval.
- c) **Facebook** – The draft policy was approved with the nominated user to be agreed at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

17/18-27 Heckington Fen Wind Farm - There had been no response from the Secretary of State and Heckoff had recently corresponded with NKDC, LCC, MPs and DBIS. A published comment from the owner of Ecotricity asserting that no radar mitigation scheme was in place and that there was little prospect of it was noted.

17/18-28 Cluster Meeting Feedback – Chairman reported on his attendance at the Cluster meeting of 04 July. NKDC had presented an update on the Local Plan. Billingham Neighbourhood Plan was still in preparation. Cllr Harrison requested that she be invited to the next meeting on 16 Jan 18 at Martin. **Action Clerk**

17/18-29 Statutory Documents Review – Standing Orders and Risk Management documents were reviewed and approved. Clerk to circulate approved documents to Members. **Action Clerk**

17/18-30 Merchant Navy Day - The council had been requested to fly the Red Ensign over the weekend of 01-04 September to commemorate Merchant Navy Day. The lack of an official flagstaff in the village was discussed and it was agreed that the Council approach the Village Hall Committee with a view to its purchase and installation of a flagstaff on the Village Hall with the Council purchasing relevant flags. **Action Clerk**

17/18-31 LCC Grass Cutting Agreement – It was agreed that the Council enter into the proposed agreement with LCC for 2017/18. **Action Clerk**

17/18-32 Grant availability - It was agreed that the Council pursue the grant on offer to local Councils by W H Smith. **Action Cllr Head**

17/18-33 Planning Applications

Application 17/0938/HOUS to convert existing garage roofspace into habitable accommodation was considered and no objections were raised.

17/18-34 Group Forum not for resolution

- a) Mr Steels (NKDC) confirmed the ASBO arrangements regarding sharing of information requested by Cllr Harrison.
- b) It was noted that permanent arrangements for the village Christmas tree was needed.

17/18-35 Date of next Meeting

Thursday 21 September 2017 at Coronation Hall – 1930

Meeting Closed 2115