

South Kyme Parish Council

Minutes

Date: Thursday 22nd September 2011 Venue: Coronation Hall Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr K Wood	Cllr M Head	Cllr C Midgley
Cllr R Walley	Cllr S Coy	

33/09/11 Apologies:

Cllr A Johnson Cllr D Wood

In Attendance: Mrs K Handley (Clerk)

Parishioners: 15

Mr A Robinson, Mr D Fisher and Mr A Clack (Environment Agency)

34/09/11 Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting agreed as a true and accurate record.

35/09/11 Declarations of Interest

None

36/09/11 Feedback on action points

- × **Land Registry**-the clerk reported that the necessary forms had been sent back but no response had been received at the time of the meeting
- × **Contact with highways**- contact had been made requesting action on another speed survey.
- × Letter to LALC regarding public transport-clerk has written to LLC regarding the cancellation of the bus service and lack of provision for South Kyme.

37/09/11 Financial Statement

Cllr M Head reported that the balance of the account stood at £2,569.10

He reported that there an invoice for the grass cutting equipment was needed and that the equipment needed to be placed on the Asset Register.

Cllr Head also reported that the move to NatWest from Lloyds was progressing and by next meeting this should have been completed.

38/09/11 Annual Return

The clerk reported that this had been sent back by Clement Keys. The bill for £60.00 was passed Cllr Head. The clerk passed on the comments from Clement Keys regarding the Return- it needed to signed by June 30th in future and an updated asset register had been asked for.

39/09/11 Environment Agency

Adam Robinson, Dave Fisher and Adrian Clack introduced themselves to the meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation. 1) The first question which the Chairman addressed to the EA concerned the water level in the river. The EA gave a lengthy response to why the water level varied during the course of the year. Various reasons were given, private irrigation sluices, ground water running low in summer months and seepage.

2) The second question directed at the EA focused on de-silting of the river. The EA's response was that their primary focus was on flood management and not de-silting. This caused a lengthy discussion between the EA and Councillors regarding

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the point that de-silting would help flood management issues. The EA responded by saying that de-silting could be carried out by a third party but any work would have to be approved by them so that it had no detrimental effect on the watercourse. **Action:** the EA will let the Parish Council know when the next bed survey will be carried out to measure the amount of silt in the river.

3) The EA were also asked about measures they were taking to ensure that weed growth was contained. They responded by saying that a weed boat cut twice a year and mechanical cutting was undertaken once a year. The next weed cut was scheduled for October. When comments arose that the river had looked better the EA responded by saying that they were constrained by budgets and also old methodologies could no longer be used.

Further questions were asked regarding the maintenance of footpaths along the river bank which the EA informed the meeting were the responsibility of LCC, the welfare of the fish stocks-EA were responsible.

The Chairman thanked EA for attending and the meeting was re-opened.

40/09/11 Planning Applications

- × An application for the erection of two semi-detached houses with separate garages 11/0918/FUL had been considered by Councillors previous to this meeting and no objections were raised. These comments had been passed to NKDC by the clerk.

41/09/11 SID data

The Chairman reported that the SID data seemed to imply that South Kyme did not have an issue with speeding as the figures were based on averages. As stated earlier South Kyme have requested another survey as some of the SID data was compiled at times when traffic would have lighter due to snow and road closures.

42/09/11 Report back regarding proposed Wind Farm at East Heckington Fen

Cllr S Coy explained that he and the clerk had attended a meeting last Thursday whereby a representative from Heckington Parish Council and District Councillor Ogden had been present. Basically, due to the number of wind turbines, the decision to grant planning permission rested with government. The clerk explained that both Heckington and Swineshead Parish Councils were not going to object as a body. It is the individual's responsibility to object. A good letter had been written by a Parishioner and this is on the website.

The clerk informed the meeting that Mr Stephen Phillips had written and suggested that if needed he is willing to arrange a public meeting for all those concerned.

Action: Clerk to inform Mr Phillips that South Kyme Parish Council would be interested.

43/09/11 Best Kept Village Competition

South Kyme had unfortunately not won and Clerk read out the information from the judges. Tealby had been placed first and Freiston second.

44/09/11 Service Level agreement regarding litter wardens and dog wardens

Held over to next meeting due to time constraints

45/09/11 Letter from Parishioner regarding dog fouling

The clerk read out a letter received from a parishioner complaining about the amount of dog fouling.

Cllr M Head suggested that the PC take a firm approach to this issue.

Action: The clerk was asked to contact LALC and Jenny Bailey at NKDC so that for the next meeting the Parish Council can move forward on this matter.

46/09/11 Clerk's correspondence

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None

47/09/11 Items added

None

48/09/11 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 17th November at 7.30 p.m.

49/09/11 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.