

Kyme Eau Working Group Meeting
1pm on 17 March 2026
Coronation Hall South Kyme

Present:

Sleaford Navigation Trust (SNT): Chris Hayes (Chair), Steve Hayes,
South Kyme Parish Council (SKPC): Pete Goode, Carole Chapman,
Environment Agency (EA): Sam MacAllister (

Apologies:

South Kyme Community Biodiversity Group (SKCBG): Carly Clayton

1. **Welcome** - The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Overhanging Tree (South Side):** It was discussed whether a tree leaning across the river posed a danger, or an obstruction to barges accessing the turning circle. As this is not a flood risk, the Environment Agency (EA) will advise the landowner on their riparian rights and responsibilities.
3. **Riverbank Damage:** Fishermen are digging steps into the bank, causing aesthetic issues and potential impact on the structure of the riverbank. Mitigation options include signposting to existing platforms, designating a private fishing area, and reporting incidents to the EA hotline. SKPC will discuss this further on 19 March.
4. **Mooring Notice Board:** It was noted that the PC lacked a key to the moorings notice board; a key was provided to Cllr Chapman.
5. **Any other business**
 - a. **Parish Council:**
 - i. **Moorings Usage:** A joint document between the SKPC and SNT regarding mooring usage will be posted on the notice board (see Appendix A).
 - ii. **Bank Maintenance:** The SKPC and Lincolnshire County Council have cleared brambles and overhanging trees from the north riverbank within the village. Wildflower seeds have been sown on the riverbank that runs alongside the white fence; the area will be mown in autumn to encourage re-seeding.
 - b. **Environment Agency:**
 - i. **Maintenance:** Two river weed cuts are scheduled (July and late summer). The EA will also perform three grass cuts on the raised banks outside the village.
 - ii. **Bottom Lock:** Anglian Water may refurbish the lock as part of their reservoir project. If not, the EA will need to consider making improvements.
 - iii. **Other Work:** Work at Chapel Hill (permissive path and ramp) will be completed by Easter. Additional work is planned for the Halfpenny seepage area in the summer.

Appending A

South Kyme Visitor Mooring Conditions of Use

1. These conditions apply to all users of the Visitor Mooring at South Kyme, which is owned by the Sleaford Navigation Trust and managed by the South Kyme Parish Council.
2. The visitor moorings can be used free of charge for a maximum of 72 hours.
3. No mooring shall be longer than 72 hours, without the permission of the Council and users should not return within 14 days.
4. All boaters agree to the terms and conditions of mooring.
5. Vessels breasting up on the moorings are not to cause an obstruction.
6. No car, trailer or other vehicle can be parked on grassed areas near or adjacent to a vessel using the moorings.
7. The boater shall not do, or permit to be done, anything that may cause damage, danger, nuisance or adversely affect use and enjoyment to persons on or about the Kyme Eau or local residents. The cost of repairing any damage caused will be the responsibility of the boater.
8. Any barbecues should be sited safely and away from the mooring structure which could be damaged by heat. Care must be taken to extinguish all barbecues after use.
9. No refuse shall be thrown overboard or left on the riverbank. All refuse should be removed from the site and disposed of in a safe and appropriate way and users should avoid using the waste bin at the mooring.
10. No sewage shall be discharged at the moorings.
11. No work shall be done to the vessel whilst at the moorings other than minor running repairs or minor maintenance of a routine nature. These should not cause any nuisance or annoyance to other users of the Sleaford Navigation, local residents or any other person in the vicinity. In the event of more serious work being required, permission should be sought from the Parish Council or Sleaford Navigation Trust.
12. The Council reserves the right to require the boat owner or user to remove their vessel at any time should it become necessary.
13. Neither the Parish Council, nor Sleaford Navigation Trust, are in any way responsible for the safety of a vessel on the mooring. The boat must be moored safely and made secure by the boater.

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