

North Kyme Parish Council

Minutes

Wednesday 10th September Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: North Kyme Village Hall

Present:

Cllr G Pout Cllr T Carroll Cllr G Panton Cllr J Dring
Cllr R Wood Cllr G Bailey

In attendance: K Handley (Clerk) District Cllr Powell Parishioners: 1

1/09/08 Apologies: Cllr J Goddard

2/09/08 Chairman's Opening Address:

Policeman has not been asked to attend this meeting. The chair read out a letter from Cllr J Goddard apologising for his absence and asking for points to be raised under items added to the agenda. The chair sent the council's regards to Cllr Goddard.

3/09/08 Minutes

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr T Carroll and seconded by Cllr G Panton

4/09/08 Feedback on action points

Caravan-Chair reported back on conversation with Mr M Sampson said that there may be a route to removal through the environmental department at NKDC treating the caravan as an abandoned vehicle. The Chair was directed to planning by the above department. Martin Hinchcliffe from planning informed the Chair that the police were not doing everything within their power to resolve this matter. If the vehicle was parked anywhere on the public highway it was causing an obstruction as it was preventing right of passage over that part of the highway. The police are empowered to remove it.

Action: Clerk to write to Sleaford police.

Standing Orders-Chair reported that he had written to the LALC and received a format for standing orders.

Action: Chair will circulate before the next meeting for councillors to comment on.

Condition of school field-Clerk reported that she had had little success with contact provided by Cllr J Dring. Discussion followed regarding health and safety issues with the school site, particularly the fence.

Action: Clerk to write directly to the LEA

05/09/08 Financial Report

Clerk reported little change from last Parish Council meeting.

Lloyds Bank	£182.65
Cheque to G Pout (min. no.05/07/08)	£17.49
Cheque to J Goddard (min.05/07/08)	£6.00
Balance	£159.16

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At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed to transfer £500 from Nationwide to the Lloyds current account.

As this has not yet happened it leaves a balance in Nationwide of £3872.68

06/09/08 Clerk's salary and job description

Discussion occurred amongst councillors regarding clerk's salary. It was suggested that the clerk would be paid a salary of £650 per year plus expenses. This was proposed by Cllr G Bailey and seconded by Cllr T Carroll. The Clerk will invoice the council in November for half of her salary. All expenses are to be invoiced with the receipts attached.

07/09/08 Budget

The clerk presented a summary of possible expenses for the year April 2009-April 2010.

08/09/08 Clerk's correspondence

- Request from Billingham Swimming Baths for a donation-discussed amongst councillors with Cllr T Carroll asking about the viability of the swimming pool in the long term. Cllr Powell commented that the loss of Lafford would have an impact. It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be given by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr R Wood and seconded by Cllr G Bailey.
Action: The Clerk was asked to write and inform the swimming baths that if they wanted further assistance then they should write to the Parish Council with a further request in January 2009.
- Request from Village Hall for a contribution towards the cost of publication of the village newsletter. The Parish Council formally thanked Mrs Di Goddard for her hard work in publishing this newsletter and commented on how useful it was. Agreed to donate £80.00 which was proposed by Cllr T Carroll and seconded by Cllr J Dring.
- The clerk read out a letter from Alison Bourne who has agreed to act as internal auditor for the period April 2008-March 2009. Her fees were confirmed at £25.
- Request from St Luke's Church for a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard and also assistance with the water rates. Discussion followed amongst councillors. Agreed to donate £200 for the upkeep of the churchyard-proposed by Cllr G Panton and seconded by Cllr J Dring. With regards to the water rates the clerk will request St Luke's to send the bill for the Parish Council to consider.
- The clerk passed on information she had received from the external auditors Moore and Stephens regarding the 2007 audit. The audit for that year has not been completed to their satisfaction and the council had been asked to provide further information. This had not been sent and Moore and Stephens are considering a Public Interest Report for North Kyme.
Action: Clerk and Chair to meet and try to resolve some of the outstanding issues.
- Planning-application received.

No. 08/0882	Chez Nous, 4 Ferry Lane	Single storey side extension
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Councillors had no objections to this application

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09/09/08 Parish Meeting

Chair explained that this was a mandatory event which all Parish Councils had to hold. Clerk had distributed information sheet to all councillors to explain legal requirements.

Meeting set for 6th May 2009.

10/09/08 Date and times of Parish Council Meetings

8th October 2008	14th January 2009	8th April 2009
19th November 2008	11th February 2009	
10th December 2008	11th March 2009	

11/09/08 Items added to the agenda

Cllr J Dring asked for action regarding the state of the bushes along Mill Lane
Cllr R Wood reported that the A153 near Pete Green's farm was in a poor state of repair.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways to ask for action to be taken on these issues.

The lack of street lighting is also a problem outside No.4 and No.58 Main Street

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Russell Shortland regarding this issue.

District Councillor Powell raised the issue of the Speed Indicator device which had been discussed at the Cluster group and which Billingham had agreed to take responsibility for. They are no longer prepared to do this and the Cluster are in danger of losing the funding or a percentage of it.

Action: Place on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting and Cllr Powell to email the service level agreement to the Chair and clerk.

12/09/08 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 9.10p.m