

North Kyme Parish Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11th February 2009	Venue: North Kyme Village Hall	Time: 7.30 p.m
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Present:	Cllr G Pout	Cllr T Carroll	Cllr R Wood	Cllr G Bailey
	Cllr G Panton	Cllr T Handley		

In attendance: District Cllr M Powell
K Handley (Clerk)

Parishioners: 1

1/02/09 Apologies Cllr J Dring

2/02/09 Chairman's Opening address:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Policeman not asked to attend.

3/02/09 Minutes

Clerk's notes agreed as a true and accurate record. Chair signed and placed in minute book. Proposed by Cllr T Carroll and seconded by Cllr G Bailey.

4/02/09 Feedback on action points:

- Letter to Di Goddard regarding memorial to Cllr J Goddard-clerk to action by next meeting
- Pot hole on Vacherie Lane-reported to Highways and actioned by Highways. Unfortunately the repair completed by Highways is already breaking up due. **Action:** Clerk to report this to Highways.
- Mud on Vacherie Lane and Church Lane: Chair has spoken to relevant farmers and the situation has improved on both. Cllr T Handley reported that he had spoken to Highways who informed him that signs need to be placed to warn of the danger of mud on the road and that the police have the power to order the road to be cleaned. If Highways are called to clean the road then the farmer will be billed. All public highways should be kept clean.

5/02/09 Planning

Planning no 08/1151	The Laurels, Anwick Fen	Application withdrawn
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Chair updated Cllr G Bailey on proposals for the old school.

6/02/09 Financial report

Clerk reported that no cheques have been issued since the last meeting. A cheque for the peppercorn rent had been received from the Village Hall for £100.

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7/02/09 Mobile Post Office

Cllr T Carroll requested this item due to a parishioner asking as to whether North Kyme would be able to have a mobile post office similar to the one which attends Anwick. The parishioner has already written to Rt Hon Douglass Hogg (letter read to council by clerk) and he suggested that she organise a petition to gauge feeling in the village. District Cllr Powell made the point that a mobile post office was used when it was two miles or more to the next nearest post office. The Parish Council agreed to support in principal the idea of a mobile post office in North Kyme.

Action: Chair to contact the post office.

8/02/09 Budget proposals for donations

Cllr T Handley raised the issue of setting a budget for donations by the Parish Council. The donations in the financial year April 2008-March 2009 were £880 and total outgoings were £2042.

Cllr Handley suggested that a limit of £75 be set except for exceptional circumstances. Councillors discussed this proposal and it was generally felt a limit should be set and also that donations should be targeted at local causes rather than national charities. Cllr Handley suggested that the council needed to be fiscally aware and also plan for the longer term – at some point North Kyme will need a new burial ground for example.

Chair suggested that a cap should be put on individual donations and also a budget be set for donations –a suggestion of 30% of the Precept.

Action: Agenda item for next meeting and Chair will write up as a standing order.

9/02/09 Clerk's correspondence

- Police authority on-line budget survey-councillors informed that the survey will help to inform the authority when it meets on February 25th to discuss the increase in Council Tax. Website available for councillors to access.
- Area of Special Advertisement control review- letter read to councillors. Parish councillors can comment via website.
- NKDC Community Service and Youth Awards 2008/2009 clerk read out information received from NKDC. Discussion regarding possible candidates. Cllr J Dring mentioned for her community work as were two parishioners.
Action: Clerk to obtain more details.
- Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association-letter requesting financial support.
Action: agenda item for next meeting
- Letter from Mencap requesting financial support-councillors agreed that their policy was to support local needs first therefore Cllr G Panton proposed that no donation be made, seconded by Cllr T Handley.
- Letter received from LIVES thanking North Kyme Parish Council for their donation of £150. Councillors agreed that LIVES should be asked to the Parish Meeting and possibly give a demonstration.
- Clerk informed the councillors that the Skid car demonstration will take place on 27th February. Councillors confirmed time of 2.00 p.m and that they will make their own travel arrangements. **Action:** Clerk to email Robin and confirm arrangements.

10/02/09 Items added to the agenda

- Cllr T Handley commented that the SID purchased was excellent but the Road Safety Partnerships offer of a fixed speed sign should be followed up.

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- Cllr T Carroll had received a complaint from some parishioners concerning the manure pile by the bench on Vacherie Lane. Cllr Handley reminded the council that the bench was in fact a memorial to Neil Tongue. **Action:** Chair will speak to concerned parties.
- Cllr T Carroll reminded the Chair regarding the Standing Orders. Chair informed meeting that these will be adopted at the AGM.
- Cllr T Carroll also asked about the Parish Meeting on 6th May. After discussion it was agreed to change the date to Monday 4th May from 2.00 p.m onwards. **Action:** Agenda item next meeting where format of meeting will be discussed.
- Chair reported back on the Cluster meeting and informed the council that the devolved fund money of £2,000 will be used for Billingham Swimming pool.
- Chair updated council on the proposals for the new village hall. To build a watertight structure will cost in the region of £60,000. It is hoped to raise the money to complete the interior by the sale of the present village hall land. The Chair informed the council that this will be done after the village hall AGM on Wednesday 18th February. Planning requirements for the widening of the road have been waived until the structure has been built. Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has agreed that the school building could be used whilst the village hall is out of action. The Chair explained that the plans needed to be actioned quickly due to the deadline of 31st March to claim the funding from LCC. Cllr T Carroll explained that the Garfield Trust had postponed a decision regarding funding for another two weeks. Parish Council agreed in principle to the sale of the land. **Action:** Agenda item for next meeting to formally vote on issue.
- Clerk informed the meeting that secretary of Village Hall Committee had asked for a copy of the trust deeds.
- Chair informed meeting that he had written confirmation that Church Lane is adopted.

11/02/09 Date and time of next meeting

Cllr Handley informed meeting that he could not attend on the 11th March due to work commitments. The Parish Council agreed to change Parish Council Meeting to 4th March 2009.

12/02/09 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m