

SOUTH HYKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Carolyn Wilkinson

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Minutes of the South Hykeham Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 6.30 pm. in South Hykeham Village Hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Mrs P Whittaker (Chairman), P Driffill, D Rowson, Mrs D Locker, S Roe (LCC and SHPC Councillor) and M Main. North Kesteven District Councillor Mrs Woodman. County Councillor Mike Thompson. There were no members of the public present. Clerk: Carolyn Wilkinson.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies received from Parish Councillor Mrs L Graham, Mr Richardson Headteacher South Hykeham Primary School, Cllr Mrs Sue Howe NKDC, Police Beat Team. Cllr Mrs Howe and PCSO Lingard had each sent an annual report which was noted.

2. Clerk's notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2017 to be adopted as the minutes of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Driffill, seconded by Cllr Mrs Locker that the Clerk's notes should be adopted as the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2017. Unanimously approved on a show of hands. The Parish Council Chairman Cllr Mrs Whittaker signed the Minutes.

3. Police Report. In the absence of the Police Beat Team the Police report was given by the Clerk. There had been a total of 14 crimes reported during the year.

April 19/4/17 – Attempt burglary of office – Boundary Lane.

May 5/5/17 – Dwelling burglary – Crow Park.

22/5/17 – Theft from vehicle – Roman Way.

24/5/17 – Theft of road roller – Garden Centre.

June 2/6/17 – Theft of vehicle – Gateway Park.

5/6/17 – Theft of ATM – Jet Garage.

22/6/17 – Theft of tools from van – Beechcroft Close

July 17/7/17 – Theft of scrap – Fox Covert.

August 10/8/17 – Damage to vehicle – McDonalds.

19/8/17 – Theft of Range Rover – Sinderson Meadows.

Sept 4/9/17 – Theft from van - Thorpe Lane.

Nov 22/11/17 – Theft of number plates - Beck Lane.

Dec 15/12/17 – Attempt theft of ATM – Jet Garage.

Jan 14/1/18 – Criminal damage to vehicle – Hykeham Roundabout.

4. Reports.

a) Chairman of South Hykeham Parish Council. During the past year the council has been operating to its full capacity of seven councillors. Our District and County Councillors continue to regularly attend our monthly meetings to give their reports which is much appreciated. Sincere thanks for their continuing commitment to supporting the Parish Council and its parishioners.

A Speed Indicator Device has been purchased through the Road Safety Partnership Community Speedwatch Initiative. The device has already been manufactured by Unipart Dorman, the partner in the Road Safety Partnership Community Speedwatch Initiative, and the Parish Council is currently awaiting for LCC Highways to install the mounting posts adjacent to the highway at the approved locations. The Road Safety Partnership has advised the Parish Council that County Council

Divisional Highways have ordered the posts for the device to be fixed to but there is no date for installation as yet. Following a bad winter, currently the priority for LCC Highways is the repair of potholes and so resource is being targeted there.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Hykeham is progressing steadily and following a period of recent consultation in compliance with Regulation 16, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to the Examiner appointed by NKDC. The Examination usually takes around 4 weeks and at that point the Examiner will issue a draft report to both of the Councils and NKDC. The draft report is an opportunity to check for errors and suggest any changes. For all of the Neighbourhood Plans in NKDC so far the recommendation of the Examiner has been to proceed to referendum subject to changes flagged up following the Regulation 16 consultation. Assuming this is the case for the Hykeham Neighbourhood Plan then the plan will need to be updated accordingly before promoting a referendum. An information statement will be published a minimum of 28 working days prior to the referendum and at this point NKDC must have the final document. Prior to that there will be some leaflets distributed through the Witham Herald and the Hykeham Gazette raising awareness of the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council continues to use litter picking services hired from North Hykeham Town Council and has increased the number of hours in order to meet the demand in order to keep the area as litter free as possible. New litterbin locations have been identified and new bins are due to be installed at these locations where it is known that litter is a problem. It is hoped that everyone will be a responsible dog owner and will continue to dispose of their dog waste in the bins provided. It is also permissible for dog waste to be bagged and disposed of in litterbins which are dual purpose.

NKDC has agreed to carry out some additional litterpicking work outside of the 30mph speed limit on Boundary Lane as the North Hykeham Town Council operatives are not able to litterpick out of the 30mph speed limit. There will also be a clean up by NKDC of the roundabout at Pennells to coincide with when Highways England/ LCC Highways have some roadworks planned and the operatives are protected by temporary carriageway restrictions.

Our information/roundup of what is happening in the Parish continues to be publicised through the Witham Herald and our website. Once again we would like to thank everyone who is involved in delivering the magazine to each household in South Hykeham on our behalf. Your efforts are much appreciated.

The Council has continued to consider and comment on planning applications in South Hykeham but will shortly be amalgamating with North Hykeham Town Council representatives to form a Joint Planning Committee. The new committee made up of 8 members from North Hykeham and 4 members from South Hykeham will meet at Fen Lane, North Hykeham usually every 3 weeks to comment on North and South Hykeham applications. Agendas for the meetings will continue to be publicised on our noticeboards and the Parish Council website along with minutes of the meetings. Planning applications may be viewed on NKDC Planning online or by application to the Town Clerk at North Hykeham or at the District Council Offices at Sleaford.

The Council recognises the importance of training and Councillors and the Clerk have continued to attend various training courses throughout the year in an attempt to keep abreast of ever changing legislation and initiatives.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their continuing support and effort and for the hard work in striving to make South Hykeham a better place to live for its parishioners.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk for her hard work and commitment to keeping the council well advised on meeting all of its legal obligations and in ensuring the careful administration of the Council's finances.

b) District Councillors' Reports. Cllr Mrs Woodman gave her report. The NK Plan for 2018 -21 has been approved by full council and is based around improving in 5 areas, Our Homes, Our Economy, Our Communities, Our Environment and Our Council. Once again the Council has produced a balanced budget.

NKDC has appointed new partners to develop and operate its leisure, sport and art services over the next decade. From April 1st Greenwich Leisure Ltd will operate the leisure centres and Lincs Inspire Ltd will run Whisby Natural World Centre.

There are plans to increase the supply of new housing and NKDC will be building an additional 19 dwellings this year. This will be facilitated by a company called Lafford Homes Ltd. which is owned by NKDC and is celebrating the completion of its first development at Station Road, North Hykeham. Phil Roberts is the Director of Lafford Homes. The company operates through its own board of directors and aims to bring more housing choice to NK by building more local homes at a market level rent. Lincoln City Council will be working a similar scheme within the Western Growth Corridor.

Economy – NKDC is also trying to work closer with businesses and is building a new depot for the waste and recycling service with other units allied to it which are already let.

Cllr Mrs Howe had also prepared a report which had been circulated prior to this meeting.

c) County Councillors' Reports. Cllr Mike Thompson gave his report. Government Action for Pothole Fund has been allocated a further £3.4 million. £12.4 million in total has been allocated for that purpose this year. The Joint Municipal Waste Strategy is currently out for consultation. Comments can be made online and Parish Councils particularly are invited to comment. Whisby tip has been mothballed although there are no plans at the moment to re-open it. Leadenham has also been mothballed but again no plans to re-open to it.

Cllr Roe gave his report. Fairer funding campaign seems to be moving on and the County is hopeful that there will be some advantage to Lincs.

Eastern bypass is estimated to be about 3 months behind time because of the Carillion situation. The company that was working beneath Carillion have stepped up and are keeping things moving along. New Chief Executive post is currently vacant and there have been some good candidates come forward.

The current Lincs Highway contract finishes 2020. Certain failings of the current contract will be addressed with the new contract.

Grasscutting starts between 3rd and 20th of May. There will only be 2 cuts during the year. Spraying of weeds will be 3 rounds this year partly because of the damage to roads and paths. No major works on highways scheduled for South Hykeham this year.

5. Hykeham Neighbourhood Plan update. As already reported in Chairman's report.

6. Community Speedwatch initiative update. As already reported in Chairman's report.

7. Parish Council Grants and Donations 2018/19. Mid Lincs Citizen's Advice Bureau was awarded £200 towards its continuing work in this and the wider area.

8. Finance Report 2017/18. The Clerk had prepared a financial statement and balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2018 which was distributed at the meeting. The Clerk will be meeting with the internal auditor who has carried out inspections of the Parish Council accounting systems throughout the year and from his overview audits has reported that the Council's financial matters appear to be managed properly. The external auditor has set the due date of for completion of the Council's Annual Return for 2017/18.

9. Project to improve the surface of Public Bridleway between Beechcroft and Mill Lane. The Council has been involved in discussions with NKDC and LCC with a view to applying for grant funding through the LEADER fund in order to improve the Public Bridleway to make it more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists. Unfortunately whilst South Hykeham falls within the qualifying area there are large areas which are ineligible as they fall within North Hykeham area which is not in the qualifying area. The Council has been advised that North Hykeham Town Council is not in a position to contribute to this project but all avenues will be investigated as the Council is committed to this project.

10. Parishioner's Open Forum and Questions. There were no parishioners present.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman

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