

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of South Killingholme Parish Council which was held on Monday 16th March 2020, commencing at 10am at the Community Centre, Moat Lane, South Killingholme.

Chair: Cllr K. Hesketh

Clerk: Jayne Gale

Present: Cllr K. Hesketh ; Chair, Cllr D. Evans; Vice Chair, Cllr P. Hull, Cllr J. Hesketh, Cllr L. Oldfield, Cllr F. Coxon, Cllr D. Robinson.

Apologies: Cllr M. Price

1. Old Mowers (small ones): To sell for £100 if already agreed previously, to put on next agenda if not.
2. Paint for hall; already agreed.
3. Martin Vickers letter to Chair regarding **Corona Virus** and support in our area. (letter collapsed for purpose of these minutes, no language edited)

Letter 1. Dear Mr Hesketh, Thank you for your email, I can understand your concern. I am working with the statutory authorities to ensure as much help as is possible is available to everyone, with particular emphasis on those most in need of assistance. Yesterday I met with the Council, the Hospital Trust and the police and will continue to work closely with them as well as the relevant voluntary organisations. Having attended briefings by the Chief Medical Officer I am satisfied that the Government have an extremely capable advisor. Thanks again for getting in touch. Yours sincerely, **Martin Vickers**

Letter 2. Dear Mr Hesketh, Thanks for your follow-up email. I can't speak for North Lincolnshire Council but your Parish Council will have links with them. I can tell you that their Leader & CEO will be receiving a briefing from the Secretary of State tomorrow morning. It will then be for them to take forward the necessary plans. We are extremely fortunate in the UK to have a close working relationship between local authorities, the NHS and emergency services through such as Local Resilience Fora. All the medical evidence is that children rarely catch the virus and are better off in school. If they were not many of them would be with elderly grandparents increasing the risk of infection. Bearing in mind what the Government has already said in respect of benefits etc I suspect the fears over community charge will not arise but SKPC can easily check that with NLC but, as yet, it is not an issue as the UK is some days behind other countries in the development of the virus. NLC will be your main point of contact for information and SKPC need to ensure that the lines of communication are clear. I would imagine that the main role of parish councils will be to use their local knowledge to check on vulnerable members of the community. Later this week the Government will be publishing details of the emergency legislation which will be based on the advice of the senior medical, scientific advice along with that from the emergency services and we will all be able to plan based on that. Yours sincerely, **Martin Vickers**
Member of Parliament for the Cleethorpes Constituency

4. Cllr Evans has started collecting names of volunteers who can help individuals who are isolated. Posters to put out. A co-ordinated safe response preferred to keep vulnerable people and data safe. Discussion about £500 budgeted Mayflower money to be used for

emergency; eg. children on free school meals if school shuts, unforeseen expenses. Heated discussion. Majority councillors will need to agree via e mail and phone calls.

5. Events: All events to be cancelled including the next Parish Meeting in April, with the exception of : Wedding in August and 2 private parties booked 9th and 10th May; to consult the individuals. Bingo to finish after this week. Playgroup; Jenna to be consulted and make that decision. We do not want our volunteer cleaners putting themselves at risk for events. Hirers to clean after their own events; this is on the hire form already. Subject to further instruction from the Government. All in favour.
6. Devolving powers to the Clerk. The Clerk to work from home using majority agreement from e mails and telephone calls from councillors. Only 2 councillors expected not to be in isolation; will step in if Clerk falls ill. End of year accounts to be signed off by email. Agar to be signed by clerk and chair if safe and appropriate. Awaiting instructions from Secretary of state. Proposed by Cllr Evans Seconded by Cllr J. Hesketh. All in favour

Meeting closed 11am