

# Council



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL



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Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 1.00 pm  
Meres Leisure Centre, Trent Road,  
Grantham. NG31 7XQ

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## Members:

Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin (Chairman of the Council)

Councillor Ashley Baxter	Councillor David Bellamy	Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth	Councillor Robert Broughton	Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Louise Clack	Councillor Richard Cleaver	Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor John Cottier	Councillor Helen Crawford	Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor John Dawson	Councillor Barry Dobson	Councillor Paul Fellows
Councillor Jan Hansen	Councillor Graham Jeal	Councillor Gloria Johnson
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown	Councillor Anna Kelly	Councillor Ms Jane Kingman
Councillor Philip Knowles	Councillor Matthew Lee	Councillor Nikki Manterfield
Councillor Annie Mason	Councillor Penny Milnes	Councillor Virginia Moran
Councillor Charmaine Morgan	Councillor Dr Peter Moseley	Councillor Robert Reid
Councillor Kaffy Rice-Oxley	Councillor Nick Robins	Councillor Penny Robins
Councillor Susan Sandall	Councillor Ian Selby	Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Ian Stokes	Councillor Jacky Smith	Councillor Mrs Judy Smith
Councillor Lee Steptoe	Councillor Judy Stevens	Councillor Jill Thomas
Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew	Councillor Sarah Trotter	Councillor Dean Ward
Councillor Hannah Westropp	Councillor Hilary Westropp	Councillor Amanda Wheeler
Councillor Mark Whittington	Councillor Jane Wood	Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Sue Woolley	Councillor Linda Wootten	Councillor Ray Wootten

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# Agenda

*For those Councillors who wish to attend, prayers will be held at 12:55pm before the commencement of the meeting. Please be seated by 12:50pm.*

## 1. Public Open Forum

The public open forum will commence at **1.00 p.m.** and the following formal business of the Council will commence at **1.30 p.m.** or whenever the public open forum ends, if earlier.

## 2. Apologies for absence

## 3. Disclosure of Interests

Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

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- 4. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council**  
To elect a Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council.
- 5. Communications (including Chairman's Announcements)** (Page 5)
- 6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2021** (Pages 7 - 16)  
Following deferral of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2021, Members are asked to consider a more accurate wording.
- 7. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021** (Pages 17 - 30)  
To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021.
- 8. Breach of the South Kesteven District Council Member Code of Conduct by a District Councillor** (Pages 31 - 37)  
To report to Council the outcome of an investigation by the Monitoring Officer into an alleged breach of the South Kesteven District Council Member Code of Conduct by Councillor Ian Stokes.
- 9. Membership of Committees** (Pages 39 - 44)  
To note the results of two by-elections held on 28 October 2021 and provide Political Group Leaders with an opportunity to review and recommend changes to their respective membership of Committees. The report also provides Council with an opportunity to establish a working group to oversee the Community Governance Review in respect of a Town Council for Grantham.
- 10. Member Code of Conduct** (Pages 45 - 65)  
To consider adopting the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct.
- 11. Grantham Rectory Farm Supplementary Planning Document** (Pages 67 - 165)  
To seek formal adoption of the Grantham Rectory Farm Supplementary Planning Document as Council policy, to supplement policies in the South Kesteven Local Plan.
- 12. Draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document** (Pages 167 - 332)  
To adopt the Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 13. Members' Open Questions**  
A 45-minute period in which members may ask questions of the Leader, Cabinet Members, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and opposition group leaders excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, Licensing and Alcohol, Entertainment and Late-Night Refreshment Licensing Committees and Governance and Audit Committee.
- 14. Notices of Motion given under Article 4.9 of the Council's Constitution:**
  - a) Councillor Ian Selby**  
South Kesteven District Council supports a fully functioned, 24/7 Accident and Emergency Department for Grantham Hospital.

**b) Councillor Amanda Wheeler**

Motion to make training mandatory

In view of recent inappropriate language spoken by a councillor at a public committee meeting, South Kesteven District Council needs to ensure that all councillors are suitably prepared for their roles as public representatives.

At present, training is only mandatory if Members sit on specific committees, such as Licensing and Planning.

There is an extensive programme of additional training offered to councillors which, disappointingly, often has to be cancelled due to lack of interest. However, if councillors are to effectively serve their community, then training to support their knowledge and understanding is essential.

As such, SKDC resolves:

- To ensure that all Councillors attend appropriate training in order for them to carry out their role and the business of the Council effectively
- To make training in Equality and Diversity mandatory for all councillors in order to sit on any Committee of the council

**c) Councillor Ashley Baxter**

This Council resolves:

- to encourage organisers of public firework displays within the South Kesteven District to publicise in advance of their events, in order to allow residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
- to write to the MPs representing the South Kesteven District, and the relevant Minister of State, urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.

**d) Councillor Phil Dilks**

Whilst welcoming the cross-party work to date towards reducing carbon emissions as a result of the Council’s activities, this motion seeks to confirm and strengthen Climate Change mitigation considerations when determining major planning applications across South Kesteven.

This Council resolves:

1. “Climate Change” is to be considered as a material consideration in all current and future major planning applications (i.e. applications to create ten or more residential units and/or any development on a site of 0.5 hectares or larger).
2. A specific “Climate Change” paragraph is included in all future reports for such applications coming to the council’s Planning Committee for determination.
3. Information is provided in the reports to committee detailing whether developments are proposed to be carbon neutral or offering reductions in carbon emissions.

**e) Councillor Sue Woolley**

This Council is determined to reduce its carbon footprint at every opportunity and will also support efforts made by others to do the same. However, the drive for renewable energy can have unintended consequences particularly when agricultural land is taken out of food production to site such schemes.

Any large scale application for solar must be balanced against the need to produce more of our own food within our country and South Kesteven's land is some of the most fertile in the UK. There is no point importing food with the carbon footprint it creates when we can grow it here sustainably. South Kesteven is at the heart of UK food production and we should not throw that away lightly.

I would therefore ask this Council to agree with me that our communities need to be made aware of all the information regarding renewable energy and any consultation exercises should be advertised as widely as possible.

I would also ask the Council to take into account the loss of valuable food producing land when making any decisions regarding renewable energy.