

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: JK Hall (Chairman), Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), Miss N Owen and A Calloway Councillors G Sisley, IG Sadler, D McGirr, K Hosell, S Anderson, P Wooddisse, Ms E Lord, K Davies, K Slade, E Simons.

Also present: Mrs J Cree – Clerk, Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, SSDC Councillors P Harrison and G Spruce, County Councillor Mrs V Wilson, Mrs B Owen, Dr R Painter.

40/24. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor S Charlesworth-Jones sent his apologies.

41/24. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillors Mrs C Allen and A Calloway declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Youth Café grant (recommendation from the Finance Committee minutes).

42/24. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2024 (copy attached).

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

43/24. To receive a report from the PCSO's relating to Kinver

The report of the crime statistics was circulated to all members, the PCSO could not attend but if there were any issues to email them directly to him.

44/24. To receive an update from the bus company

Correspondence from the Bus Company was circulated to all members with the agenda papers.

The Chief Executive of Select Busses will attend the next meeting.

45/24. Public Participation

Standing orders were raised for members of the public to speak.

Mrs B Owen reported that:-

- Number of issues over the last month, the ticket machines are not working properly– they have said that the bus was not issuing tickets on purpose, but the machines are working. She went back and stated only cash was accepted, and then he responded that cash is preferred like most retailers..
- On the 21/2/24, the 4.40 did not turn up, this was checked by her with the bus company and the school had delayed the bus which caused a knock on effect.
- She has contacted Mike Wood as the new prospective MP candidate, and not had a response, she has also emailed MP Gavin Williamson and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson, re the Government funds, we want our share in Staffordshire. She has had a holding email from the County and MP Gavin Williamson said he has lobbied his fellow MP's to get this money to the area.
- She has attended 26 meetings on this topic and won't be attending anymore.

Members thanked her for attending over the time she has been attending.

Dr R Painter commented that the School traffic is causing an issue in many Parishes, has Kinver Parish Council considered a speed limit restrictions in a targeted area. The Chairman noted that with the congestion around the schools at drop off and pick up times it would be impossible to drive at more than 5mph and the Parish Council had discussed this topic at previous meetings.

Standing orders were reinstated.

46/24. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Councillor Mrs V Wilson addressed the council on the following points:-

- She is disappointed that she has spoken to Ben Brown of Select Busses, who said he would attend this evening, but he has sent his apologies, he will be attending the next meeting.
- She will pick up with the County Officer and Mike Wood to get a reply on the questions raised re the busses.
- Wombourne have a pilot scheme to monitor inconsiderate parking, its being done by the District Councillors for the Parish.
- SPCA – Parish Councillors and email addresses – the gov.uk email addresses, appear to be going into junk folder, and SSDC have offered help if needed.
- She thanked everyone that filled in the community engagement survey 2106 responses, strongest was from South Staffs. Analysis is starting, and full details will follow. Main points of concern are antisocial behaviour and better public transport. The library profile needs to be raised as that appears to be the least important for people.
- The Community fund has now closed, it re-opens in April / May, the next round will be more towards health and wellbeing.

District Councillor P Harrison addressed the council on the following points:-

- He thanks Cllr S Anderson for the help in setting up the Well Being Event.
- SSDC have increased Band D by 4.99% per year.
- An event at Stourton Court has been planned for the 5th May, they have raised this with local residents and SSDC to ensure that the noise levels should be monitored.
- There is concern over parking and it's uncertain whether the school will be available for parking due to existing events. They have raised their concerns over the event.
- They have received a number of complaints for the new development of the White Hill site, they have liaised with the Planning Department on these.
- There are a number of funding streams coming forward and a member briefing is being put together for SSDC councillors so they can help local groups apply, there is also a bid writing clinic to help people submit grants, he will keep us informed.
- Nuisance parking – feedback will come back when its available from the Wombourne trial.
- Empty shops on the High Street – he can report that there has been discussions with the owners of the properties and pressure has been applied by the Enforcement team, in relation to business tax, a tenant has been found for 112a (the commercial property), 122 may have potential tenant. The status of the office at the back of the shops is also being clarified. With regard to the Co-Op with the lease this is a difficult situation. The to let sign needs to be removed or replaced as it is an eye sore and weather worn.
- The rear of the Co-Op the tidy up work has to be completed by mid-April, it had been reported work had started, but was never completed.

47/24. To receive an update on the Community Use Agreement

The Clerks email and response from Mr David Heywood was detailed on the agenda papers.

Cllr A Calloway reported that Kinver Colts are meeting with the school to discuss a long-term lease of the pitch, he has spoken to the school re a booking system and is working on that.

Cllr S Charlesworth Jones has arranged with Mark Court of Kinver Colts to conduct a site inspection (Saturday 9th a 1pm) and discuss long term lease with the lettings officer.

Cllr S Anderson – he has spoken to Kinver Fitness Collective and they have tried to book the fitness suite for several people and this could be funded from grants to help people use the facility.

SSDC Officer Mark Moore, has reiterated that he is willing to help the school.

48/24. To receive an update on the Climate Change group

Cllr Ms E Lord reported that they are coming to the end of the thermal camera season, they have been to over 30 homes, they are possibly taking it to SUSTFEST at Stourport. The roof top solar project is progressing with a webinar. The group will be holding their first AGM in April. It has been decided to separate the Kinver Climate Action Group, which involves residents, from the Climate Working Group of the Parish Council, which will focus on council

operations. This opens more options for grant applications by the KCAG. It is proposed that there will be 2 Parish Councillors on the KCAG to keep the connection.

49/24. To receive an update on the empty shops

This was discussed under the District Councillors report.

50/24. To discuss the Health and Well Being event.

Cllr S Anderson helped get the event to Kinver, and it ran on Saturday, the doctors did spread the word of the event, and 13 MOT's and 30 blood pressure checks took place. They would like to do this weekly in the village and need a suitable location.

One of the issues that was flagged up was the lack of Bereavement Services in the area, at present you have to go to Cannock for face to face appointments. We need to start accessing the funding that are available, it was noted that the funds need to be accessed by September.

A small group of Cllrs to meet and bring back information to the next meeting on progressing this topic.

51/24. To discuss allocation / use of the Biodiversity section 106 money

The Clerk found the name of the Officer at SSDC that we would need to speak to with regard to S106 funds which is Mathew Wall, his details were passed to Cllr S Anderson.

52/24. To discuss and receive an update on the .gov.uk emails and also adopting an email policy for the Parish Council

The emails are being set up at the present time. The email policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

53/24. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning and Development Committee 14th February 2024

The minutes were accepted and it was noted that there were no recommendations from the meeting.

Finance Committee 21st February 2024

The minutes were accepted and it was noted that there were several recommendations from the meeting listed below:-

- Accounts up to 31st January 2024 be accepted
- Kinver Youth Café grant for £990 be accepted.
- to pay the sum of £398 (inc VAT) is paid for the cost of new market signs, and taken from the Market Expenditure budget line.

The above recommendations were agreed.

54/24. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

The following items were noted:-

Discover South Staffordshire SSDC initiative.

Community Council of Staffordshire grants

BKV Entry submitted – FOC this year

Complaint re removing ceramics from graves

Community well being fund

Request for Parish events to be forwarded to SSDC

To agree to purchase D Day 80th anniversary flag this was agreed – event beacon has been purchased approval from NT has been granted

20's plenty information

Information from Support Staffordshire

55/24. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Cllr S Anderson is now a trustee of the Senior Citizens Club, he needs to amend his Pecuniary interest form to reflect this.

56/24. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting

The accounts for payment were agreed as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes.

57/24. Items for future Meetings Council.

To be with the Clerk by the 25th March 2024. CUA, Climate Change, Biodiversity, empty shops, Bus services, S106.

58/24. Dates of Next Meetings –

Planning and Development	13 th March 2024
L & A Committee	20 th March 2024
Parish Council meeting	3 rd April 2024
Planning and Development	10 th April 2024
L & A Committee	17 th April 2024
Finance and General Purposes Committee	24 th April 2024
Parish Council Annual meeting	1 st May 2024

Accounts for payment for March 2024 meeting

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Andy Read Services Ltd	Contractor work	360.00
Barclays	Monthly charge	8.00
Cat Tombs	Marketing of the market	70.00
Edge Designs	Annual Subs	632.40
ESPO	Supplies	106.98
Gif Gaf	Sim for CCTV at garage and tracker	12.00
HMRC	March	1431.45
Home and Hardware	Bolts	3.79
IONOS		10.80
J R K	Supplies	52.71
Kinver Climate Group	Domain Name	19.20
Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Monthly opening toilets	108.00
Kinver Market	Putting up stalls etc	160.00
McVeigh Parker	Fence posts	125.52
O C L	Materials	26.35
Pure Shine Windows	Windows cleaned	62.00
Salaries	March	5031.80
SCC pensions	March	1422.57
Screwfix		294.14
SSE	Parish Office gas supply 3 months	162.63
SSE	Office electricity for 3 months	754.29
SSE	Garage electricity July - Mid January 6 months	588.47
Utility Warehouse	mobile phone	37.90
Van wash		7.00
Water Plus	Water rates Kinver Edge toilets	37.08
	Total Expenditure	11525.08
Receipts		
Burial Fees		940.00
Kinver Market	February - May	760.00
Vend electric	January	0.00
Police office rent	March - May 24	1000.00
	Total Income	2700.00