

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

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Present: Councillors: S Anderson (Chairman), P Wooddise (Vice Chairman), J K Hall (Ex-Officio), Ms E Lord, K Hosell, Mrs C Allen, Mrs S Harris, S Charlesworth -Jones and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Clerk Miss J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

All members were present.

2. To record Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the above date, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Future Projects

**Update on Verges being used for wild flowers – S Harris**

Some of the verges need to be taken off the Countys schedule for grass cutting. The Clerk to ask County Cllr Mrs V Wilson for help on this matter. A map is required to be sent to SSDC highlighting the areas not to be cut due to the planting.

The 5 verges have been sown with Yellow Rattle, the next seeds are due to be planted in conjunction with the National Trust in the autumn.

A talk will be taking place in the future with the National Trust a date to be confirmed.

Funding is available for planting Trees (such as Cherry as they blossom early) in the Parish, via the South Staffs Water Community Fund. A possible area for the planting could be the Pumping Station, Hyde Lane, Enville Road or Dunsley Road.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council to ask if the Committee can contact the County Council to see if they would allow permission for possible tree planting on the verge on Dunsley Road, Hyde Lane; the Housing Association for Enville Road and South Staffs Water for permission for trees by the pumping station. This was agreed.

**River Bank Walk**

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Committee speak to County Councillor Mrs V Wilson to see if she has spoken to Holme Lacey to see if there is a possibility of allowing access for a future walk in this area.

## **Park and stride – S Harris**

Parking buddies have been used by the school at Foley, it was noted that the campaign will be restarted in the September when the new term starts.

A walking bus is being encouraged by the County Council, but a dialogue is needed with the PTA of the schools, as this is a service operated by volunteers.

## **Information Boards – P Wooddisse**

Councillor P Wooddisse has been to look at all noticeboards in the Parish and his comments on each are below:-

- 1) The Iverley Board needs to be cleaned and needs mending – it was agreed that the Maintenance Technicians repair the board asap.
- 2) Stourton Village Hall metal board – privately owned, and he has obtained the name of the supplier from it.
- 3) Stewpony – wooden and needs repair or moving. It was agreed to remove the board ASAP.
- 4) Canals and Rivers Trust at the Vine – very smart.
- 5) The 2 boards by the Vine board needs to be cleaned / replaced, and a new information sheet needs to be produced.
- 6) High Street 1 - needs a clean.
- 7) High Street 2 – needs a clean.
- 8) High Street 3 – needs a clean.
- 9) Danesford Gardens – needs a good clean and more information.
- 10) Jubilee Gardens - needs a clean and more information – put information on the Facebook Page / CA Newssheet to let businesses know this is available to them..
- 11) The Hyde – removed – needs replacing and new sheets on the Iron Works and also Bethany House on KSCA Playing field need updating / replacing.

There are 3 options for the updated replacement maps, ask a local organisation, ask Cllr E Simons and / or ask the public if anyone would like to do help prepare the maps for the project.

- 12) Giants Well – needs a sign – and a matching information map.

Cllr P Wooddisse proposed that we look at putting out information on Kinver online to ask for help on preparing new information for the areas, and look at costing for a series of historical themed new boards, the cost would be circa £4000. This was seconded by Cllr S Anderson and this was agreed.

The Maintenance Technicians to remove the board at the Stewpony, repair the board at Iverley and clean all the existing boards.

QR codes could be used for the information on the boards.

## **To discuss purchasing a new SID**

There were 3 new poles installed by SCC, and we have permission to put a SID sign on the post on the top of Meddins Lane. The costs for a new sign are detailed below:-

£2200 – Elan City  
£2522 – Stock Signs  
£2695 – Morelock

It was agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee to purchase a replacement sign using the above costs.

It was noted that SSSC have purchased some flashing SID's and they are to be used around the South Staffordshire Parishes. The Clerk to request from the District to see if these are being circulated and copy the District Councillors in on the correspondence.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters inc. Definitive Map Kinver Common / additional PROW deadlines

The entire South Staffs way is being walked on Staffordshire day in 24 hours.

The FP on Dark Lane - the temporary fence that held the sheep in has been removed now. The field has been harrowed and the path needs to be reinstated.

The kissing gate on KSCA field needs to be re-stoned as when it rains it floods.

6. To discuss plans for the Queens Diamond Jubilee

Former Councillor Mr D Wiseman has asked as part of the Jubilee celebrations, could the Parish look at planting a further 2 trees at the KSCA for the Diamond Jubilee. Each milestone 10 year period has had a tree planted however one has died, so 2 are required this time. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Cllrs Mrs C Allen, S Charlesworth-Jones and S Anderson are on a working committee to organize the days event, so far the event comprises of a picnic in the park on the 5<sup>th</sup> June with face-painting, bouncy castles, on site catering, bar open at the KSCA, musical entertainment, model Engineers will be running and it is a free event. A curtain sided lorry has been organized to use as a stage.

A flyer needs to be prepared for the public, to publicise the event, possibly large signs like used for Country Fayre in strategic places to let residents know of the event.

A drawing competition at Foley Infant School has been organised by Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones.

7. To discuss putting TPO's on trees in the Parish

The existing TPO maps from the boards have been removed and were shown to the Committee.

The Clerk has emailed Gavin Pearce re the possible process could be nominations for trees are taken from the public, and the Parish to review them, and put them forward. His response is detailed below:-

I think before we explore that particular idea we probably need to fulfil one of my own.

A while ago the lead planning manager here at SStaffs, Kelly Harris, asked me if I would be prepared to run some 'training' sessions with those district councillors who were interested regarding tree works planning applications and trees generally.

Since then I have considered that it would also prove potentially valuable for all involved if I did the same for those Parish councils who had an interest.

As Kinver PC is the most active regarding trees and in light of your proposal I feel it would be the obvious choice to extend the offer to your PC first.

The idea of the parish then nominating trees for protection could then be discussed at the same session.

If this would something of interest to you and your colleagues please let me know and we can make some arrangements for this to happen soon.

This was deferred until the next meeting.

8. Preparing a list of Parish Projects for future funding from S106 funds

Ideas put forward for possible funding for future S106 funding:-

Improving safety at Potters Cross with a possible Mini Island.

Linking PROW to make them more usable to encourage walking.

Cycle route from Kinver to Stourbridge.

Bio diversity net gain – use it to identify connected wildlife routes, return to heath land.

Possibly buy small parcels of amenity land?

Holloway improve access.

Sports equipment.

Road to KSCA to be adopted.

Jubilee Bridge at Brockleys Walk.

9. To receive an update on the section 53 applications

Clerk has written to Michael Murphy in the legal section at SCC for an update. None received to date.

10. Community Use agreement for Kinver High School

Councillor Ms E Lord reported that the draft agreement has been drawn up, with a proposed list of agreed activities and times they are suggesting for when it officially opens. It was asked if confirmation could be sort to see if the times can be adjusted if required following a review after 6 months of use.

The school are organising a questionnaire is to be circulated on the schools website asking for public opinion on the facilities that may be available. Indicative costs have been

discussed and are like other local similar facilities. The facility needs to be promoted through the village with details.

We have asked for an opinion from the Solicitor to ensure that the agreement is legally binding to stop the facilities been withdrawn if they become unviable in the future.

A user group for the facilities is being looked at also.

It was proposed by Councillor S Anderson to Recommend to the Parish Council that based on the proposals circulated we would be happy to support and agree the proposal. We would also like to help with the marketing and distributing the information. This was seconded by Councillor JK Hall and on a vote was agreed.

11. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

Larger No Cycling discs have been requested for the area and the bin has been agreed in principal at the Parish Council, and a grant has been submitted for the purchase of the bin, if this fails it will be put forward for parish funding.

Severn Trent Visit has taken place, at the Anaerobic Digester Plant. They take fast quantities of food waste and converting it into energy from a 50 mile radius.

The food waste is separated from the packaging and split into the 2 areas. The land is farmed to supply oats as they have to mix the waste with other products.

It was agreed to propose to the Parish Council that the Committee look at an opportunity to improve food wastage and look at turning into energy.

The Market ran at the weekend, it was a smaller market on Danesford Gardens, and the next one at the end of the month will be extending further up the High Street.

12. Items for the next agenda - Visit to recycling plant at Wolverhampton; Biffa quarry; South Staffs Water site in the village.

13. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that:-

- to ask if the Committee can contact the County Council to see if they would allow permission for possible tree planting on the verge on Dunsley Road, Hyde Lane; the Housing Association for Enville Road and South Staffs Water for the pumping station land.
- that the Committee speak to County Councillor Mrs V Wilson to see if she has spoken to Holme Lacey to see if there is a possibility of a future walk in this area.
- to recommend to the Finance Committee to purchase a replacement sign using the 3 quotes sourced.
- Committee look at an opportunity to improve food wastage and look at turning into energy.
- based on the proposals circulated re the Community Use of Agreement we would be happy to support and agree the proposal. We would also like to help with the marketing and distributing the information.

- we look at putting out information on Kinver online to ask for help on preparing new information for the areas and look at costing for a series of historical themed new boards, the cost would be circa £4000.

14. Date of Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022