

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018

Present: Councillors: J Cutler (Chairman), Miss V Webb (Vice Chairman), Mrs D Geoghegan, Mrs C Allen, P Wooddisse,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: H Williams (Ex-Officio), Mrs L Hingley, N Other and co-opted members Mrs M Rogers, J Glover sent their apologies for the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 14th March 2018, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Youth Cafe

The Chairman updated members as below:-

- On average there are 20+ children attending each week
- The Tuck shop brings in quite a good sum of income.
- We have a cash balance of £351.65 in tuck shop / subs and a balance from donations of £324.01
- The age group catered for was originally set at 11-16, not school years, as there are many more Year 6 children attending; we will be following the example set by the AD33 youth group, and allow Year 7 – Year 11 to attend and the last half term before the Year 6 children go to Kinver High, they will be invited to attend the Youth Café. The present policy will remain in place, but from September 2018 the new policy of Year 7 – 11 will start.
- As the Café is now becoming more successful, the numbers are increasing which presents further challenges. The Chairman has circulated a tick box sheet asking the young people what other facilities they would like to see at the Café... the favorites are karaoke, a disco, cookery, netball, basketball and a pool / air hockey table.

Kinver Fitness Collective have offered help on outdoor activities, but these need to be supervised and a further form giving permission from the parents for the children to leave the Youth Café is required.

- This is becoming a challenge also with the lighter nights as the children want to also go outside to play. To help with this move to the children going outside, the volunteers will be issued with a set of walkie talkies to enable those outside to communicate with people in the café.

- We have encountered a few issues with members of the public trying to come into the café to use the toilets and access the bar (although it's closed), John Fallon is going to address this problem as this is not acceptable.
- To help with the above problem, it was suggested that the tuck shop is located on the front desk to free other volunteers, this would also help with enabling the volunteers to interact more with the children.
- Several grants have been offered of financial support to the Café, from the County Councilor, Ken Wrigley Trust and the Crime Commissioners fund.
- Further volunteers are needed long term as we have 16 volunteers at the moment, which means they are on duty every 4 weeks. Faye Saunders is trying to recruit more Parents and the Clerk will contact the PTA at Kinver High School.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Canal Towpaths

Councilor Mrs C Allen reported that on her walks she has noticed that canal towpaths over the Dudley border have been resurfaced with tarmac and from Caunsell / Cookley side of the canals they have also had their towpaths covered with stone chippings. The towpaths in Staffordshire are very muddy and unpassable when it's been raining heavily. They are rutted and dangerous for cyclists and walkers.

County Councilor Mrs V Wilson is also assisting in trying to find out how the paths around us have been repaired and not the ones in Staffordshire...

Councilor Mrs C Allen proposed and Councilor P Wooddisse seconded that the Committee seek permission from the Council to pursue with the Canals and Rivers Trust to get the towpaths made good like our surrounding neighbors paths.

5.2 Churchill Corner

The Parish Council have refused permission for the Committee to obtain tenders to tidy up Church Hill Corner. Therefore it was noted that several of the residents and members from the Church congregation are looking to form a working party to tidy the area up.

5.3 Bulb planting

Councillor Mrs C Allen has been photographing the bulbs as they have come up as a record of where they are for future planting. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

5.4 Centenary Walk

A date is still to be set for this walk with John Glover. The Chairman to liaise and get a few dates for a walk and let members know.

5.5 Phone box in the High Street

The Clerk has written to request the box is tidied up and painted.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

Blog / Walks Update – P Wooddisse reported that he had now walked 80+ of the paths, he has encountered on one of his walks (FP79) a sign stating that there was a bull in the field and on the other end of the path that there were dogs running loose. These signs have been reported to the County Council as they are off putting for walkers approaching them. He also reported that he is will be organising some walks from the library and will document which walks he undertakes as a record the paths have been walked (this is also something that the Tuesday walking group do as well).

The field at the bottom of Hyperion Road leading to Prestwood Drive, the stile is loose and needs attention.

BP on the Roman Road, has been reported for being narrowed by land owner near the gate, County have been out to look at it, awaiting feedback on the problem / resolution.

BP Leading to the above path from A449, on weekends youths living at the Barn Conversion are riding motorbikes round their garden and causing problems for riders trying to use the pathway. The Clerk has reported to matter to the County Council.

The County Council have completed their review of the re-catergorising of footpaths and bridleways in the Staffordshire County. To summarise they have regraded the paths with only the top grade being maintained by the County Council, other paths are left to the repair of volunteer groups, Parish Councils etc.. Co-opted member John Glover did write a response to the consultation requesting certain paths in Kinver are re-categorised, however none of the paths have been changed.

For Kinver this will have little effect as we have 2 Technicians that repair and look after the footpaths in the Parish. We have one outstanding path that is on Beacon Lane that is now closed due to a collapsed culvert the Clerk is trying to get the path closed signs modified to show the alternate route around the damaged part of the path. The County are obviously aware of the damage to the path, but it will be a major job to get It repaired and quite costly...

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None was reported.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 11th June 2018.

Bulbs
Centenary paths
Update on walks / Blog
CPI Bid

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 20th June 2018.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following Recommendations were made to the Council that the Committee seek permission from the Council to pursue with the Canals and Rivers Trust to get the towpaths made good like our surrounding neighbors paths.

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