

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH
OCTOBER 2016 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

PRESENT: Councillor H Williams (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice-Chairman),
Councillors: Mrs C Allen, IG Sadler, DH Hadlington, D Light, Mrs D Geoghegan, , G
Mander, J Irving-Bell, N Other, J Cutler and BR Edwards

OPENING PRAYERS - Rev. Karen Stanton led the Council in prayer.

Before the meeting started the Chairman asked members of the public if they were happy to be filmed during Public participation which they agreed.

Mrs M Rogers, Mr I Macey and Mrs G Barnsley were in attendance.

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors J K Hall and P Wooddisse sent their apologies due to having another meeting.
Cllr Miss V Webb was not in attendance.

162. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations made.

163. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2016, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.

164. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None were reported.

165. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mrs M Rogers reported that she had not been able to get a mock-up of the sign for the noticeboard to go on the one by the Vine, but she hoped to have it for the next meeting.

Mr Ian Macey addressed the Parish Council to raise his very strong concerns over the use of Glyphosphate chemicals in weed killers.

He has researched a lot of information on these weed killers, and the main topics are they are toxic and cause cancers to animals and people.

In some Countries this chemical has been banned altogether and 44 Authorities in the United Kingdom have also banned the use of this chemical. He is very concerned that this year he has noticed (in Kinver) an increase in spraying of this chemical resulting in him being concerned to walk his dogs in various locations within the Parish.

He asked the Parish Council to consider becoming the 45th Authority to ban the use of this chemical.

Standing orders were re-instated.

Members agreed that this should be an agenda item for a future meeting, once the Clerk has been able to research the relevant facts and make a report to the Parish Council.

166. KINVER LIBRARY UPDATE

In the absence of Cllr P Wooddisse, Cllr BR Edwards reported that the official hand over from the County Council to Kinver Community Library will be on the 3rd January 2017.

167. UPDATE ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016

Cllr Mrs L Hingley reported (as a District Councillor) at the meeting on the 29th September, the traders had met and discussed events for the Small Business Saturday. Discussions are taking place with the White Harte and the Con Club to ask for free parking that day. Also activities are planned for throughout the day.

The Rotary Club are helping to organise a late night shopping evening on the 25th November with the traders. The Clerk reminded members that if they are discussing lighting the Big Tree as the Country Fayre have done previously, then a road closure has to be put in place due to the large numbers of people coming down to the village and gathering for a period of time then dispersing through the High Street all at the same time when the tree is lit. Also the relevant permissions from Kinver Country Fayre who buy the tree and install it on site.

The Clerk reminded members that this is not a Parish Council initiative, the Parish Council are putting up the Cross street lights and 70 small trees and these will be lit on the 25th which is the normal time. This was noted.

168. FUTURE PROJECTS FROM LESUIRE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

To improve parking in Kinver – to mark out proper spaces at the KSCA car park and to look at costings for purchasing 4/3 x CCTV cameras to protect Council / public property in the area of the KSCA. Members felt that this was a good idea, but Finance need to discuss the funding of the above items and bring back costs etc. to the Parish Council.

169. UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MATHEW ELLIS

Councillor D Hadlington had asked for this to be put on the agenda again for this meeting. Mathew Ellis spoke to members about what he had wanted to achieve (and had) since becoming Commissioner etc. However, some 3 months before he came to speak to members he requested any specific questions to be sent to him so he could answer our queries. 2 questions were sent, one relating to road safety with cyclists, the second being the spate of vandalism over the summer at the Children's Play area. In addition a question was asked on the night, of what was happening to the old Police station in Kinver and this was not answered fully.

Since the meeting, Cllr D Hadlington has tried to get a response from the Commissioner's Office, they have responded with saying to "speak to the Local County Councillor for funding for more signs", and when a further update was requested the response received stated we had noted your comments.

Other Police forces are actively looking at danger to cyclists and looking at prosecutions for injuries and fatalities.

Members **Resolved** that a letter be sent from the Parish Council to ask for answers to the questions asked and also to ask for support to look at improving other road users safety.

This was agreed, and the District Councillors were also asked if they would consider supporting this scheme.

170. OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM THE DISTRICT / COUNTY AND COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE PARISH

Councillor BR Edwards reported that:-

- The District have been promoting an energy advice line, this will be publicised further, but it is a free service and is very helpful in reducing costs. The Clerk will post the link on the Parish Council's website.
- The District Council are looking at using existing CCTV cameras to hotspot areas of concern.
- The District Council have won 2 awards from the Federation of Small Business for their Business Hub at Codsall.
- Cllr BR Edwards has been put forward (and short listed) for Leader of the year.
- The notes on Social Media have been distributed to all members.
- On the 7th November a National Business event is taking place, the District Council will be hosting one of the day's events.

171. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that he had attended on the 25th September a presentation at Bobbington Airport, and the Goodlife events at Codsall on the 2nd October.

172. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

172.1 Grant application from Kinver Edge Local Committee

The above grant application has been received for £800. This item was referred to Finance.

172.2 Tripartite Meeting

This year sees the start of the Centenary celebrations for Kinver Edge, therefore the Nation Trust will be holding a launch night at the Church Hall on the 6th October.

Members are invited and need to confirm their attendance.

172.3 Police Locality 5 Forums

The next meeting will be held on the 2nd November 5 – 6.30pm at Wombourne Police Station.

172.4 Annual Civic Commendation awards evening

The above evening is taking place on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm. The Chairman and all members are invited to attend.

172.5 Fire and Damage at the Play Area

The case has been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service, and the insurance company have authorised the repair to the play area. The surface has been put right and the new equipment ordered from Wickstead.

172.6 Publications to note

Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council agendas
Thank you letter from the cab for the grant given to them

173. COMMITTEE REPORTS173.1 Planning & Development Committee Meeting of the 14th September 2016

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, and there were no recommendations to Council.

173.2 Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting of the 21st September 2016

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, and there were the following recommendations to the Council:-

Youth Project

- Further information is found out about the Youth Bus, with a possible visit in situ of the bus in use.
- Talk further to PCSO Paula Wilkes re the Wombourne Youth Centre and visit the venue to see how it is run etc.
- Talk to the various partners (Rotary, KSCA, Youth Pastor etc.) to see what they could bring to the project both financially and what help / support they can offer.
- Establish contact with the newly appointed village agent.
- Contact Parents to see if they will volunteer to help run the Youth Drop in Centre (as without this the project will not be able to commence).
- Prepare an outline business plan of costs etc for the running of a youth drop in center.

The above recommendations were agreed.

Chenevare leaflet

- Approval is given to having this leaflet professionally set and printed. The Clerk and Cllr Mrs C Allen to obtain quotes in time for the next meeting. The Clerk has obtained a quote of £186.00 per 1000 or £286 for 2000 printed in colour on glossy paper. A further quote was received for £110 per 1000. This was referred to the next Finance meeting to look at funding.

173.4 Burial Ground Committee Meeting of the 28th September 2016

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, there was one Recommend to the Parish Council that the draft rules and regulations as attached to the minutes as appendix 1 are accepted by the Parish Council.

Members asked the Burial Ground Committee before finalising the updated Regulations, to look at the introductions page, to see if it could be simplified and also incorporate in the Regulations that there is an area for other faiths at Comber Ridge and show details of this section.

174. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes were accepted.

175. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Kinver Exhibition Foundation have met and appointed a new chairman Cllr BR Edwards.

The Old Peoples Welfare will be distributing vouchers for £7 per person on the first Friday in December.

176. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

If there are any additional items for the next agenda these need to be with the Clerk by Tuesday 28th October 2016.

Committee Chairmanships and members December 2016

Discussion on Glyphosphate chemical usage within the Parish

177. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Planning and Development Committee	26 th October 2016
Tripartite Meeting (St Peters Church Hall)	6 th October 2016
Finance and General Purposes Committee	12 th October 2016
Parish Council	2 nd November 2016
Leisure and Amenities Committee	19 th October and 9 th November 2016
Burial Ground Committee	30 th November 2016
School Meeting	TBC

178. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC AS THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED CONCERNED PERSONNEL

The press and the public were excluded from the meeting as the matter to be discussed involved the Parish Council personnel.

179. PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Clerk updated members on advice from the solicitor that any requests to the Parish Council from this person are asked for in writing and responded to appropriately.

This was noted.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th October

Accounts for payment 5th October 2016

Chq No Ratification

100796	Tygar Surfacing	Repair to burnt play area	4128.00
100779	Tygar Surfacing	Repair to burnt play area	858.00
100798	P & S Contracts	Grass Cutting	2970.37
100799	Play Safety	Play Area inspection	214.20
100800	Best Kept Frontage Comp	Prizes	140.00
100801	SWOPS	Fuel	70.50
100801	SWOPS	Cancel of CHQ 100713	80.02
100802	CAB	Grant	250.00
100803	Kinver Community Library	Grant	500.00
100804	CPRE	Subscriptions	36.00
100805	Petty Cash	September	124.98
DD	National Oak	Stage payment	5824.80
		Total	15196.87

Chq No Accounts for payment

100806	Grant Thornton	Audit	480.00
100807	JRK	Stationary	27.48
100808	Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Opening of toilets	100.00
100809	OCL	Supplies	29.73
100810	P & S Contracts	Grass Cutting and works to Comber Ridge	3400.25
100811	R H Electrical	Clock repair	111.60
100812	SCC	Van Lease	349.39
100813	SCC	Pensions	1500.87
100814	Swops	Fuel account Sept	128.39
100815	Viking Direct	Supplies	172.71
			5820.42

List of Monthly Direct Debits

DD	SSDC	Comber Ridge Rates	35.00
DD	SSDC	Office rates	300.00
DD	Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity	59.20
DD	Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	11.18
DD	Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	16.64
DD	Utility Warehouse	Mobile phone	38.61
DD	Salaries	October	4609.63
DD	Inland Revenue	September	1078.14
DD	Screwfix	September	267.18
DD	Dynorod	Drains cleared	96.00
DD	Midshires	Printing / rental	306.96
DD	Postage		106.00
		Total	6924.54
		Total Expenditure	27941.83

Receipts

Burial Fees		1365.00
Toilet Income		120.00
Zurich Municipal	Claim for first fire at Play Area	615.00
Precept		72354.50