

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2017 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, J Irving-Bell, N Other, JK Hall,
Miss V Webb, BR Edwards, Mrs D Geoghegan and P Wooddisse

OPENING PRAYERS - Geoff Beard led the Council in prayer.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors J Cutler and G Mander sent their apologies to the meeting due to other commitments.

37. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor N Other declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 47.1 as he is a Church Warden.

38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.

39. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

39.1 The Letters relating to the Closed Churchyard were sent recorded delivery and we have received confirmation from SSDC that they have received the letter.

40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mrs M Rogers clarified the role of the Parish Connector, not every Council has appointed a Parish Connector and those that haven't are having any work / help picked up by the locality connector.

Standing orders were re-instated.

41. SPEED LIMIT ON CHURCH ROAD AND SIGNAGE

Members discussed the speed limit (which is 60mph) on Church Road and cars travel very fast along this narrow country lane.

To get speed limits reduced is a very involved process where certain criteria has to be met, it is unlikely that this road would meet with any of the criteria.

Members asked the Clerk to chase up the County Council on having the SLOW markings repainted on the road to help the situation.

42. VULNERABLE ROAD USERS AWARENESS TO DISCUSS PRINTING OF LEAFLETS

Councillor D Hadlington as prepared a draft leaflet to highlight awareness for vulnerable road users and also a sticker design to go on cars and buses. He asked that the Parish Council consider funding the printing of the items. It was agreed that the Clerk circulate to all members the leaflet draft and if the County logo is required on the document then permission needs to be given from John Trebles. This matter was deferred until the next meeting when members have looked at the leaflet.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Ellis to ask when the press release he agreed to send is being sent out, so that any correspondence sent by the Council does not go out at the same time.

43. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON BROWNFIELD AND GREENBELT SITES

This information on the changes in the level of affordable housing allowance in the Greenbelt and Brownfield Sites is to be discussed at the next meeting.

44. 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 the following:-

- The speed limit on Church Hill has been raised again, the County have stated that the road is not wide enough to make a pedestrian lane.
- A second director Jackie Smith has been appointed as Commercial Director at the District Council.

45. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported he will be attending the flying of the Common Wealth flag day on the 13th March 2017.

46. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

46.1 Noticeboard at Iverley

A resident from Iverley has written to complain about the terrible state that the noticeboard on the Crown carpark at Iverley is in. The Technicians have been out to site and removed the board as it is rotten and has been covered with a massive taxi sign.

A replacement board is required, to be located in a new location where it can be looked after by the residents this location needs to be agreed .

The Clerk has spoken to the lady that raised the issue, she is willing to update a noticeboard with her neighbour if we post out any information to her. The cost for a noticeboard is about £200. This matter was referred to the next Finance meeting.

The Clerk was asked to write to the taxi company stating that they should not have placed their sign over the noticeboard as the board is private property and ask them to contribute towards the cost of removing the board.

- 46.2 A resident from Stourton has emailed with their concerns over the rising crimes within that area, the email is below:-

“I am a Stourton resident living on Bridgnorth Road; in the early hours of this morning we had a telephone call from our next door neighbour alerting us to the fact that he had detected two men accessing his driveway. This information was obtained from a security camera on his house that was linked to his I-phone, as he is away in Manchester at the present time. The Police had been called and duly arrived and did a search of the area. We are not aware at present of the outcome of this.

On Friday 27th last, there was an incident in Stourton Crescent, where a house had been burgled and a man was seen running down the Bridgnorth Road with a police officer in pursuit. With both these incidents happening in such a short space of time, residents are naturally concerned that we appear to be being targeted in these criminal activities. I have alerted several of our immediate neighbours to this information but wondered if this is something that the PCSO's could become involved in, as the Bridgnorth Road is a long road and obviously it would need robust organisation to contact all of its residents.

When we moved here, nearly twenty years ago, there was a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the area; sadly this has ceased to exist over the last few years, Perhaps this is something to think about resurrecting with the help of the Police.

I hope you will find the information useful and will give my suggestions some thought. I look forward to hearing from you.”

Members agreed to ask the resident to contact the Police directly with his concerns and the Clerk will contact the Commander Giles Parsons and invite him to a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss their concerns over local policing including neighbourhood watch and owl / Staffordshire Alerts.

- 46.3 Consultation on Safer, Fairer Communities Strategy 2016 - 2020

“Consultation - Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy 2016 – 2020

I would be grateful for your views and comments on the draft Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy 2016 – 2020, which is attached. It builds on the first strategy I published in 2013.

This refreshed strategy focuses on the same four priorities of intervening early, supporting victims and witnesses, managing offenders and building public confidence but also has an additional fifth priority to modernise and transform the police service.

This additional priority is essential because the police service in Staffordshire needs to reform and evolve so that new and emerging threats and harm can be tackled effectively. My strategy foreword summarises these issues.

At its core the strategy sets out why services in Staffordshire need to work more effectively together to prevent crime or harm before it happens, rather than dealing with the consequences after it has. This would also make shrinking public finances go further and be better for society.

I welcome your comments on the draft strategy. Public sector bodies, local people, businesses, individuals and community groups, charities and academia... in fact all who are interested in making Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent safer and a better place to live and work.

Consultation is open until March 24th 2017 and I welcome any comments. It would be helpful if you could consider the following broad themes.

1. Is the strategy clear in setting out the ambition for the next 4 years?
2. Are the five priorities relevant and representative of the policing and wider community safety challenges faced across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent?
3. Are the proposals within each priority area relevant and representative of what we are trying to achieve? Is there anything you would want to add?

Please respond to the consultation by emailing pcc@staffordshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk, or in writing to Veronica Powell, Executive Assistant, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0YY.

I am genuinely interested in your thoughts and will look at and consider all responses before finalising the strategy at the end of March 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Ellis
Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire”

This was noted.

- 46.4 Grant request from Kinver Community Library for the Raspberry Pi project that they are trying to start.

This item was referred to the next Finance Meeting.

- 46.5 SSDC CCTV Cameras

The District Council have offered an early scheme to purchase a CCTV camera, unfortunately they needed an answer by the end of February, the costs quoted may remain the same but a decision is needed quickly. The cost of each camera is £3200 (with a 3 year warranty), install cost £440, Electricity £500 per annum and relocate cost of £200.00. The Parish Council having just purchased CCTV cameras for the Children’s play area and surrounding area, would not be interested in buying a further camera at this time.

46.6 Locality 5 Police Forum

The date for the next event is Wednesday 24th May 2017 at Wombourne Police Station 5 – 6.30pm.

This was noted.

46.7 South Staffordshire and Cannock Tourism swop

The above event is taking place on 28th March at Rodbaston Hall, Penkridge starting at 10am. Places need to be booked in advance. This was noted and Chairman H Williams will be attending.

46.8 National Trust Centenary Dinner

The above event is for the Chairman of the Council and is to be held on the 19th May, at a cost of £40 per person at Dunsley Hall. I have informed the National Trust that until we have the elections in May, the Clerk cannot advise them who that will be so will let them know nearer the time. This was noted.

46.9 Clerks appointment at Pattingham Parish Council

The Clerk is also Clerk to Pattingham Parish Council.

46.10 Publications to note

Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council agendas
Community Lottery
The Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire publication February 2017

46.11 Superintendents Report

- We have had 1 reopening of a burial plot
- 2 headstone applications to have the letters re-gilded
- 1 interment of ashes along with the tablet

The above items were noted.

47. COMMITTEE REPORTS47.1 Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of the 8th February 2017

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

- the accounts as set as Appendix 1 to these minutes be accepted.
- the 3 year projection as listed under item 8 is accepted by the Council.
- purchase one flashing speed sign, at a cost of £3018. This is to be funded from the Internal Grants budget head.
- To replace the side office door at a cost of £1034 funded from the Internal budget Grants Budget heads

- the surface of the footpaths at Comber Ridge with crushed lime chippings and whacker plated down to be smooth, the Contractor to be engaged to do this work, at a maximum cost of £2657.85 (dependent if the maximum qty. of stone is required). This is to be funded from the Internal and the balance in the External Grants budget heads.
- that a grant is not given to FKoS as they have enough funds within their own bank account.

The above items were agreed.

Cllr N Other left the meeting for this item.

- the Parish Council will no longer cut the grass on either areas of the church yards with immediate effect.

The above item was agreed.

Cllr N Other returned to the meeting.

47.2 Planning & Development Committee Meeting of the 22nd February 2017

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, the following Recommendations in item 6 of those minutes were made to the Parish Council.

This was agreed.

48. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

49. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor J Irving Bell reported attending the KSCA meeting on the 27th February.

50. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

If there are any additional items for the next agenda these need to be with the Clerk by Monday 27th March 2017.

Affordable housing on Brownfield and Greenbelt sites

Vulnerable Road users leaflet and stickers

Future Police meeting

51. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Planning and Development Committee

29th March 2017

Leisure and Amenities Committee

22nd March 2017

Parish Council

5th April 2017

Finance and General Purposes Committee

19th April 2017

Planning and Development Committee

26th April 2017

All meetings to start at 7.00 p.m.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1ST March 2017

Accounts for payment 1st March 2017

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Ratification</u>		
100886	P & S Contracts	Final invoice for Comber Ridge	3010.00
100887	N E Fastners	Supplies of screws, nuts and bolts	124.42
100888	SCC	Van Lease	338.11
100889	Petty Cash	February	110.50
		Total	3583.03

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Accounts for payment</u>		
100990	J R K Computer Supplies Kinver Edge Farm	Stationery	50.65
100991	Shop	Opening toilets	80.00
100992	OCL	Supplies	497.54
100993	RPH	Toilet door lock repair	540.00
100994	Sage	Year-end forms	32.95
100995	SCC	Pensions for Feb	1489.74
100996	SCC	Pensions for March	1536.81
100997	SCC	Van Lease	360.66
100998	SWOPS	Fuel	78.73
100999	Viking Direct	Stationery	85.37
101000	Wicksteed	Paint for children's play area	109.80
101001	Archer Signs	Notice for KSCA car park	57.42
		Total	4919.67

List of Monthly Direct Debits

DD	Utility Warehouse	Electricity for Garage connection includes charge for meter	205.32
DD	Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity 1 month	8.81
DD	Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity	258.39
DD	Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	8.74
DD	Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	32.28
DD	Utility Warehouse	Mobile phone	31.51
DD	Salaries	March	4625.11
DD	Inland Revenue	Feb	1060.02
DD	Inland Revenue	March	1138.43
DD	Screwfix	Supplies to complete garage	39.99
DD	Postage		106.00
		Total	7514.60
		Total Expenditure	16017.30

Receipts

Burial Fees	460.00
Toilet Income	29.40
Refund SSHA	49.24
Total Income	538.64