

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

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Present: Councillors: J Cutler (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Allen, N Other, P Wooddisse, G Mander; co-opted members J Glover and Mrs M Rogers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: H Williams (Ex-Officio) and Mrs D Geoghegan 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Minute 5.2 Bulb planting (of the 8<sup>th</sup> November meeting)

*2500 bulbs have been purchased, the Chairman reported that the following groups / people have agreed to plant them:-*

- *Christine Allen /Paul Wooddisse and the Horticultural Society to plant 500 in Stourton*
- *FKOS will plant 500*
- *Rotary will plant 500*
- *Other groups that may help (Mrs Rogers to ask), Kinver WI, Scouts, guides etc*

It was noted that all of the bulbs had been planted, but if bulbs are to be planted in the future it needs to be planned who is planting, and the possible hire of a machine to help plant them.

It was agreed to have this as a future agenda item.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Youth Cafe

The Chairman reported on the following:-

- 10 meetings with the volunteers have taken place re the Café
- All DBS checks are well underway with most of the volunteers hold them now.
- 20 active volunteers, some others are interested to help also.
- We need 6 – 8 volunteers per evening, the volunteers to be located with 2 in the bar, 2 in the Committee room and 2 at reception.
- The Chairman has personally paid for the Committee room as an extra facility, and within a few weeks of doing so a very kind donation was received from Wombourne Funeral

Directors to cover the first 3 months rent, a letter of thanks was agreed to be sent to them for their very kind donation.

- Donations from Rotary for a television and football table have been received also from Wollaston Tennis Club an outdoor table tennis table. Along with Donations of XBOX games via Faye Saunders and XBOX loaned from Chloe Cree; of which all were well used on the first night.
- A noticeboard has been put up (donated by Sarah Smith) with contact numbers on and the basic rules of the café prepared by the Chairman (the rules were given to all of the young people that attended).
- Thanks to the KSCA staff and volunteers for all their help and support in getting the room set up and help with the tuck shop supplies.
- 12 volunteers came to help at the first session, with 10 young people. Subs of £10 taken and a profit on the tuck shop of £8.
- The ages of the young people were 12-14.
- The Clerk is keeping a basic set of accounts.
- County Councilors Mrs V Wilson has also offered some funding towards the facility.
- There has been no co-operation from the High School in making a presentation to the young people to let them know about the new Youth Café, but despite several members' best attempts to gain access. One of the volunteers Tasha Marks is trying to sort this out as she works in the school.

## 5.2 Churchill Corner

Members have previously discussed the problem of the untidy corner of Church Hill and Cookley Lane. When it was last looked at the costs were prohibitive as the Architect had advised that traffic management would be required to protect anyone working in this area.

Members agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that quotes are received from 3 contractors, to tidy and partially landscape the area (to make it minimum maintenance thereafter). The contractor would be responsible for all of the site health and safety issues. Cllr Mrs C Allen to meet the contractors with the Clerk to discuss some basic ideas.

## 6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

John Glover reported the following:-

- FP17 and FP93 have not been reinstated by the farmer. Needs to be reinstated. Clerk to get an update.
- *Staffordshire County Council have sent out a consultation on their proposed cuts to footpath maintenance. They are regrading paths to 3 categories and are only prioritising the A paths. Councillor J Cutler, the Clerk and J Glover to prepare a suitable response to the County before the deadline of the 25<sup>th</sup> December.* J Glover prepared a very comprehensive response to the County on this matter and members thanked him for undertaking this.
- Councillor J Cutler and J Glover walked the new Centenary path and found that there were areas where large amounts of trees had been removed, but the paths were where they should be, however, markers are required to show the footpath numbers. Members kindly agreed to take up J Glovers offer to show them the new paths, with a walk to be organized shortly.

- FP23 no post from top of Legion Drive until you reach the playing fields, a post needs to be located in-between. The first 2 kissing gates need some hardcore putting in as they are dipped and muddy.
- FP53 marker post at the Church end needs replacing.
- Shared footpaths on Kinver Edge, J Glover has had reported to him that where the paths are shared with walkers and cyclists, there have been several incidents of the cyclists almost knocking into walkers and in some cases being quite impatient It was agreed to ask the Parish Council if a letter can be sent to raise awareness of this issue with the National Trust.

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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Churchill Corner  
Bulbs  
Centenary walk

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following Recommendations were made to the Council:-

- a letter can be sent to raise awareness of the issue of the cyclists / pedestrian shared footpath problem with the National Trust.
- quotes are received from 3 contractors, to tidy and partially landscape the area on the corner of Church Hill and Cookley Lane(to make it minimum maintenance thereafter). The contractor would be responsible for all of the site health and safety issues. Cllr Mrs C Allen to meet the contractors with the Clerk to discuss some basic ideas.