

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST 2022 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), IG Sadler, Ms E Lord, G Sisley, H Williams, S Anderson, D McGirr, E Simons, P Wooddisse, K Slade, K Hosell and S Charlesworth-Jones.

Also present: Miss J Cree – Clerk and Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, Mrs B Owen

171/22. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors D Light, Mrs S Harris and County Councillor V Wilson sent their apologies

172/22. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Councillor Mrs C Allen declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Youth Café Grant and took no part in the discussion or decision on this matter.

173/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2022 (copy attached).

The minutes of the meetings held on the above dates, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

174/22. To receive a report from the PCSO's relating to Kinver

The was no police report received. Cllr G Sisley is looking at the situation relating to increased crime within the Parish and also the new police model working out of Wombourne.

175/22. Public Participation

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

Mrs B Owen raised

Kinver bus service is running well and operating regularly and passenger numbers are increasing. She has noticed an increase in passengers are getting on at Stourton.

The CUA agreement as this been called in by one of the District Council and her concerns over the agreement. Do South Staffordshire Council listen to people of Kinver?

She suggested the school should use the CA news sheet to advertise the service of the school.

Standing orders were reinstated.

176/22. To receive an update on the Community use agreement and make any decisions as required.

The school has submitted a planning application to remove the condition and a copy of the CUA was submitted to planning. The L & A Committee agreed to send a letter to Sport England with their concerns over pricing which was circulated to SSDC, Gavin Williamson and R Hillback . The response from Sport England was very firm that they would not agree to sign off the condition at this time. The letter was circulated to members with these papers in light of this information the planning committee recommended refusal on the planning application to remove the condition to enable the sports facilities to be opened to the public.

Response from Lucy Duffy after requesting an update for the meeting:-

The school have been given the opportunities to address the comments submitted by SE and re-submit an amended agreement for further consideration. I don't think the summer break has helped matters in terms of time.

Based on this information it seems that the earliest date that the CUA can come into use and the facility to be open for residents of Kinver would be October / November.

It was noted that Sport England are firm on their requirements and therefore the school should include their input in the revised CUA.

It was noted that the school should not be using the facilities until the CUA is in place, SSDC would have made the school aware of this situation as it is a breach of the planning condition. It was agreed to ask the Planning Officer for a

time frame for the new agreement to be resubmitted. Following this information then a meeting needs to be held with the school and the Parish Council to discuss the revised agreement before it is submitted to SSDC.

Lucy Duffey has agreed that she would hold a shared meeting with the school and the Parish Council via zoom to discuss this further. Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones proposed the meeting as detailed above, this was seconded by Cllr D McGirr and on a vote 6 votes for and 6 abstentions. Therefore this was agreed.

If there has been no progress by the 1st October 2022, the Parish noted that the school in breach of the planning condition and the school that they should not be using the facilities until this agreement is in place.

Active Staffordshire were suggested that they represent on the review Committee of the CUA, Cllr Ms E Lord to follow this up.

177/22. To discuss the Church Wall at St Peters

A meeting took place at Codsall with SSDC Officers, cabinet members and a member from the Church attended by the Chairman, Cllrs E Simons and G Sisley and the Clerk. The notes from the meeting were circulated on the agenda papers.

Another meeting is to be arranged by SSDC where they will give us all the information that they have used to get the costings for the repair. Cllr G Sisley has spoken to Cllr R Lees on this matter, he has also passed a letter from Mark Middleton to Cllr R Lees with Mr Middletons concerns on behalf of the church.

Cllr E Simons met / has spoken with the diocesan adviser, the Conservation Officer and he has also spoken to Historic England. A faculty is required before SSDC do anything at the Church and they will be in breach with the diocese if they do anything before getting this faculty and will be subject to an unlimited fine. The Churches Architect inspects the church and permits every 5 years and they have no issues with the wall.

Cllr S Anderson put a FOI request in to SSDC on this matter, they did not respond and the request had to go to the ICO to get a response. He requested basic information on the process of getting to a decision and also the decision. He also asked about the publicising of this agreement, as no one has been informed in Kinver that there is an unlimited liability on the houses. This could affect house sales, and this would enable the purchaser to take out an insurance policy.

This is a special one off expenditure we are being told by SSDC and is different to a chantry law item.

2 issues – duty of care using an ordinary contractor (not a grade I listed contractor) and a decision to charge people of Kinver.

It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson to ask the District Council that we ask for a form of words to communicate to Kinver Residents informing them of the charge to come forward in possibly 2023/24 to give our residents the information and to remind the District Council that a faculty and a burial licence have to be applied for before any works can commence. The Clerk, Cllr S Anderson and Cllr E Simons to prepare a letter to the District Council as soon as practicable. This was seconded by Cllr K Hossell and on a vote this was carried.

It was noted that the Parochial Church Council is for Kinver and Enville not just the Kinver rates boundary, so therefore should the cost be spread across both Parishes?

The original quote to the church from their contractor has been requested for information from Mr Middleton.

178/22. To discuss a supply for the connection of a water supply for Comber Ridge site

The cost to supply to the edge of the site of Comber Ridge is £4294.15, this does not include additional works on the actual grounds for taps and water pipes etc. It was agreed to defer this until next year and look at getting a groundworker contractor to look at the works before the budget in November 2023.

179/22. To discuss the response relating to Planning Committee from Cllr R Lee

At the previous meeting it was proposed by Cllr D McGirr and seconded by Cllr E Simons to invite Cllr R Lees to attend a full Council meeting.

The above minute extract is from the Planning meeting of the 10th August...

It was noted that Cllr Lees had refused to attend a meeting either at Parish Council or a Planning meeting and suggested that the Planning Committee from Kinver travel to Codsall on the 5th October for a meeting with the planning officers to explain the make-up and procedures for planning. He stated in his letter that he could add nothing

else to the letter prepared by Chief Executive Mr D Heywood. He suggested as an alternative that I invite your Councillors, as visitors, to the September meeting of the planning committee to see how the system works, meet the chairman and the independent vice chairman. The September meeting of the planning committee is on the 20th September.

It was noted that we are disappointed with the situation and noted the letters received from Cllr R Lees.

Cllr G Sisley has requested that an updated flood risk is prepared for Kinver, so that the members of the planning committee at Codsall when making decisions are aware of this assessment when looking at planning applications.

180/22. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Leisure and amenities Committee 20th July 2022

The above meeting minutes were noted and it was agreed to Recommend to the Finance Committee that to purchase 2 substantial trees for the Platinum Jubilee cost to be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Planning and Development Committee 13th July, 10th August 2022

The above meeting minutes were noted all recommendations were made to the District Council.

Finance and General Purposes Committee 27th July 2022

The above meeting minutes were noted and the following recommendations were made to the Council:-

- the accounts up to 30th June 2022 as set as Appendix 2 to these minutes be accepted.
- Kinver Youth Café – grant request £576.00, it was agreed to recommend to fund the sum of £576 from community projects.
- a new power socket for clock shelter – cost £150.00 it was agreed to recommend to fund the power socket for £150 from the maintenance budget line.
- Christmas High Street Traffic Management - £2500 circa (£2077.20 paid last year), if this is supported then this could be funded from the projected underspends in the budget for 2022/23. It was agreed to refer this item to the full Parish Council for a full discussion.

The Clerk has tried to get 3 quotes for the work company 1 - £1726, Company 2 - £2021, and Company 3 has not submitted a quote

- the power supply for Danesford Gardens – cost £2500 circa and a HERS registered operative has to connect into the power each time as its connected to street light power. Due to the issue with HERS it was agreed to defer this item until next year.
- Trees for Jubilee – cost £201.50, it was agreed to fund the purchase of the trees from the Jubilee budget line. The committee did discuss antivandal measures, but it was not felt necessary.
- coping stones repair for the Parish Office roof – cost £500.00, it was agreed to fund the repair from the maintenance budget line.

The above recommendations were approved.

181/22. District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor G Sisley reported on the following items:-

- Dunsley Road – fibre optic is starting into Kinver.
- A traveller site has been noticed at by the Stewpony by local residents and this has been reported to him, also another traveller site also by the Fairy Glen in a field.
- Kinver Point is the only industrial estate in the area, there are hi-tec businesses that are trading there. 4 of the buildings have been converted and are now let. The remaining buildings can be developed, but 1 building alone to convert is £650,000 and planning has to be submitted. He has been taking the officers of SSDC and the leader of the Council, MP Gavin Williamson, Chief Executive and talk positively about the site to help local employment.
- He is looking into the issue relating to the closed shops in the High Street.
- There is no update on the shipping containers.
- Also looked at taking officers etc to the Prestwood Nursing home site, they are looking at creating to 120 jobs for the Parish. The Officers see the area to be Greenbelt but it is a brownfield site. This development could reduce the total housing allocation for Kinver.

- If you need to make a breach of conduct complaint it has to be undertaken quickly, to Mrs L Fowkes.

Councillor H Williams reported that he has nothing to report due to ill health.

182/22. Report of the Chairman

Due to the summer period he has not anything to report.

183/22. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Items to note:-

Reported overgrown hedges on the Bridgnorth Road, and by Foley Infant School onto the pavement to Highways.

Burial Ground Superintendents report

2 x headstone applications.

The headstone below permit application was received some months ago, the approved application was for the decals to be left in an engraved state no infilling. When the stone image was received (as below) the decals are coloured in with different colours to the writing.

The rules for Comber ridge allow a decal to be infilled with the same colour as the writing on the stone (gold in this case) or left in an etched state, we do not allow a mixture of all of the colours and coloured in pictures.

The headstone therefore has been refused as it does not comply with the regulations of Comber Ridge, but the deedholder has requested that the Council approve the stone as it stands. So we have brought this to your attention.

It was agreed to uphold the rules at this time, and the application should be refused. It was agreed to have an agenda item to review the regulations through the Leisure and Amenities Committee particularly when a new section is being opened.

184/22. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones and G Sisley reported that they had attended the a meeting at the Edward Marsh Centre for the new CIO status and the lottery grant application plans. This will transition is now taking place from the old trust to the CIO. This enables them to apply for lottery status. The trustees are G Sisley – SSDC, L Hingley as a village representative and S Charlesworth-Jones as a Parish representative. They are also doing some work on the Sterrymere.

In the new CIO status deeds it states that the land if the trust is dissolved the land returns to Kinver Parish Council. New leases for the Model Engineering, Bowling Club and Parish Council for the areas that they look after.

Cllr Mrs C Allen has attended the Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee meeting via zoom. She reported they are working on runway 28/10 to resurface the area. There's is a Steady start to 2022 the number of flights have improved. 9 complaints inc August for the year these are in relation to flying to low over their houses in Swindon, Trysell, but only 1 complaint has related to the airport.

There is a planning application in to SSDC for the airport.

She also reported on the Walter Holdnall Trust and everything is ok, residents are happy.

185/22. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting.

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

186/22. Items for future Meetings

To be with the Clerk by the 26th September - Climate Change, Comber Ridge water supply 2023.

187/22. Dates of Next Meetings

Planning and Development Committee
Leisure and amenities Committee
Finance and General Purposes Committee
Parish Council meeting

1st September 2022
28th September 2022
21st September 2022 (if required)
5th October 2022

Accounts for payment for August meeting 2022

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Banner Buzz	Sign for Nplan	101.36
Barclays Bank	monthly charges	8.00
ESPO	Supplies	105.75
Greenacre Services	Contractor work for August(inc grass cutting)	800.00
Gif Gaf	Sim for CCTV at garage	10.00
HMRC	September	1245.27
J R K	Supplies	119.42
Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Toilet opening July	125.00
Gneeral Exp	Keys cut, postage, cleaning cloths	18.00
Morrisons	Fuel	100.00
Adam Mugridge	Roofing repairs	400.00
OCL	Wood	53.76
Pre Shine	Windows cleaned	56.00
Sharp	Copier charges oct 2021	638.42
Screwfix	Supplies	45.38
SCC pensions	September	1777.73
scc	Last lease charge for June 2022	343.04
SCC	Van hire for repairs in June	266.76
Tygar Surfacing	Repair to play area	600.00
Water Plus	Office rates	34.18
		6848.07
List of Monthly Direct Debits		
Tax for van	August	25.43
Salaries	September	4506.60
SSDC	Rates for Comber Ridge	99.00
IONOS	Web charges	1.20
	Total	4632.23
	Total Expenditure	11480.30
Receipts		
Burial Fees		800.00
SSDC	Refund for Grant rteceived from High Street fund	83.33
SSDC	Climate change fund	200.00
	Total Income	1083.33