

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE 2018

Present: Councillors: J Cutler (Chairman), Miss V Webb (Vice Chairman), Mrs D Geoghegan, N Other and co-opted members Mrs M Rogers, J Glover

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs C Allen, P Wooddisse, H Williams (Ex-Officio) and Mrs L Hingley 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 9TH May 2018, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Youth Café (Item 4 of the minutes of the 9th May 2018)

The Chairman updated members as below:-

- Numbers attending are consistent with a minimum normally of 20 youths
- Tuck shop sales are very good and we are providing healthier drinks also.
- A memo has been sent to all the volunteers re outside play, as the youths keep leaving the KSCA and going outside, the volunteers are not responsible for the youths once they leave the building unless it is for an organised activity. This information has also been posted on the Facebook page and all the parents (of the children we have forms for) have been written to.
- As the dynamics of the group has changed more organised activities / interaction is required and is currently being sorted out.
- A meeting has been called for the 26th June at 6pm to have a catch up with the volunteers and also to discuss the setting up of the café as a separate organisation.
- Volunteer Faye Saunders has offered (as she can no longer volunteer as she has been) to help behind the scenes doing the admin side and acting still as the Safe Guarding Officer.

Telephone box in the High Street (Item 5.5 of the minutes of the 9th May 2018)

The Clerk has written to Open Reach / BT and not had a response to her letter.

Churchill Corner (Item 5.2 of the minutes of the 9th May 2018)

The matter is being pursued by volunteers away from the Council, Councillor Mrs V Webb has personally offered to fund the purchase of some stones to help reinstate the high path, to make it safe for walkers to use.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Canal Towpaths

Councillor 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 Councillor 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...

Councillor Mrs C Allen proposed and Councillor 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.

The recommendation was approved at the Parish Council meeting, and as Councillor Mrs C Allen was not in attendance and deferred until the next meeting.

5.4 Bulb planting

In the absence of Councillor Mrs C Allen, members asked that for the next meeting she finds areas for bulbs to be planted along with groups / volunteers to plant them, then the Committee will approach the Council for funding.

5.5 Centenary Walk

A date is set for 21st June at 6pm. Meeting at the Rock Houses carpark, due to lack of numbers able to do the walk the walk was cancelled.

5.6 Updates on walk / blog

Councillor P Wooddisse submitted the following update:-

The Kinver Footpath Project is on slow down just now but I have done up to 89 so far, so there are only a few left to do.

When I find something wrong I report it Marita.

Recent ones (going over old ground as it were) were:

23 - Stourton Hill to the Hyde - difficult style that leans the wrong way and has a big step down onto a steep set of steps

67 - Bridgnorth Road to Newtown Bridge and beyond. Totally overgrown with brambles and nettles. Took me nearly an hour to do a 300 yards towards the Bridgnorth Road. The

lacerations have healed quite nicely and the nettle stings went after 24 hours (I was wearing shorts)

79 - Farmer has placed intimidatory notices about cattle (path going east) and going west about roaming dogs. Haven't checked lately - how has Marita got on with this one? Also the finger post on the A449 is wrong

This was noted.

5.7 CPI Bid 2018

Each year the County opens funding for bids for grants to improve Rights Of Way. If anyone has a project they think may be suitable to let the Clerk know.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

The footpath from the top of Dunsley Road to the A449 needs clearing and the fence looking at as it is dangerous.

Following the ROW consultation on re-catergorising footpaths, none of the Kinver paths identified by member J Glover were moved category. The report he prepared was submitted and an email acknowledging this fact was received from the County which included a thank you to Mr Glover for his efforts in looking through all the documents and writing the report.

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 3rd September 2018.

Centenary path walk
Tow paths
Bulbs
Walk / Blog
Youth Café update

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 12th September 2018.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no Recommendations to the Council.