

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH
OCTOBER 2017 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

PRESENT: Councillor H Williams (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors: IG Sadler, DH Hadlington, D Light, JK Hall, Mrs C Allen, BR Edwards, and J Cutler.

OPENING PRAYERS - Andy Haynes led the Council in prayer.

124/17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors N Other, Miss V Webb, Mrs D Geoghegan, P Wooddisse, G Mander, and J Irving-Bell sent their apologies to the meeting due to other commitments.

125/17. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were reported.

126/17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting with the following exception:-

Under item 103/17 Councillors Mrs D Geoghegan and BR Edwards declared a non Pecuniary interest in relation to item 113/17.

127/17. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Universal Credit – Update

Councillor Mrs C Allen asked for an update from Mrs Allcott re how the implementation of the new universal credit was going for the residents of Kinver were the first to be swapped to this new system.

128/17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For note: The public participation is for the public to address the Parish Council on matters that they wish to. The Parish Council cannot comment or resolve action on any points raised at this time. If the item requires information being sent from the Council, the Clerk will do this following the meeting. If it is a matter for further discussion it may be added to a future agenda.

Mrs M Rogers invited members and the Chairman of the Council to attend the Annual Civic Awards evening on the 16th October 2017 at the Senior Citizens Bungalow.

PCSO Alex Rathbone addressed the council and ran through some of the crime stat figures. One of the main issues for the Parish Council is the vandalism to the bus shelter. She is working on some ideas to solve this problem and will email the Clerk shortly on this matter.

Standing orders were reinstated.

129/17. HIGH STREET LAYOUT AND TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP OF THE HIGH STREET WORKING PARTY

No members of the public have put their name forward for this group. It was agreed to continue as it was previously with the councillors only.

130/17. POLICE MEETING UPDATE

No date has been set yet for the meeting and only 1 question has been received to be asked.

131/17. CLOSURE OF BARCLAYS BANK AND POST OFFICE

There has been no further update on the Post Office, however Barclays have agreed to keep the cash machine open for 6 months. It will go off line for a couple of days, but will come back on after the premises has been gutted.

132/17. OLD POST OFFICE CLOCK REPAIR

We have found a local company (based in Kinver) who repairs clocks, they have quoted £350 to repair the clock. This was referred to Finance.

133/17. TO DISCUSS OPENING A FACEBOOK INFORMATION PAGE

The Clerk asked members to approve setting up of an information only Facebook page. This would allow links to other authorities such as District and County Councils, and allow direct links from these organisations to be posted onto the page.

Only the Clerk can add news, documents and pictures to the site, it is view only.

It was agreed that the Clerk set up a page and trial it for a 6 months period, there are no financial implications.

134/17. TO DISCUSS VELO AFTER THE EVENT

The following email has been received from the County Council asking for Comments on the Velo Cycle Race.

“Firstly I’d like to thank you for fielding the view of your residents, and, in many cases acting a conduit. Your reach into the local communities has been invaluable. I wanted to take this opportunity to get an understanding of how the event was received by your communities on Sunday. I have noted the previous concerns regarding lack of communication and consultation and the short notice at which the event was implemented. I’m now really keen to hear you thoughts regarding the “on the day” delivery of Velo.

If you would prefer to discuss via phone, please feel free to call on the numbers below.

Best,

Jude Taylor

Sportshire Coordinator– Place”

It was noted that comments both for and against the race had been received, members asked the Clerk to summarise the comments received, adding in to this comments from the Parish Councillors and forward them to Councillor Mrs V Wilson to take forward to the County Council.

135/17. TO DISCUSS HOLDING PRAYERS BEFORE MEETINGS

Of the past 10 meetings, 4 times the Reverend has not come to do the prayers. These have all been St Peters representatives.

Members asked the Clerk to write to the Church to see if they still want to continue with prayers and ask for reasons why they were unable to attend the missed meetings. A decision on this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

136/17. TO DISCUSS HAVING AN AGENDA ITEM RELATING TO THE POLICE AS A MONTHLY STANDING ITEM

It was agreed to have this item on the agenda just after public participation.

137/17. TO DISCUSS FULLY YOUTH CAFÉ AND TO DECIDE IF THIS SHOULD BE A PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT (THIS TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RELATING TO FUNDING)

The Finance Committee had discussed the funding of this project at their meeting in September. The funds are available of £400. Their recommendation is below:-

- If the Parish Council wish to support the Youth Café then this can be funded from the Grants budget head at a cost of £400.

Members agreed to support the setting up of a Youth Café for the youth of the village, the Parish Council will fund and support the project for 6 months and then after this time it will be run as a community organisation. This will enable the group to get funding and support from other sources.

138/17. OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE PARISH

Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported that:-

- There has been an increase in ASB in the village, the Police are involved and the Parish Council are trying to set up a Youth Café to help with the problem
- There are many reports of Drains not being cleared, and some being filled over with tarmac! Also the pothole issues, she is looking at trying to get some action on getting these issues resolved.
- Dunsley Road Footpath has been a hot spot of complaints, the County do not have it as a priority path, but it is one of the main routes into the village.
- She is now on the Audit and Scrutiny and Safe and Strong Committee and she is a Cabinet Support member for Mental Health.
- She is looking at trying to set up Pub is the Hub, she is talking to the landlord of the Hinksford Lane pub to try to get services such as a Post Office, or shop to run from the pub. She is also in discussions with the Landlord of the White Harte in Kinver.

In addition to the above, The District Council are holding a meeting with the County Council to discuss issues of concerns that are County related. They have asked for Parish Councils to feed through their District Councillors the comments of areas of concern.

Councillor BR Edwards reported that :-

- 52 black bags of rubbish were dumped on Greensforge Lane, on the weekend of Velo that were removed by the Monday
- The Staffordshire Connect Bus Service is under threat and consultation is currently taking place.
- SSCVA have merged with Support Staffordshire

In addition South Staffordshire District Council are looking at housing allocations for 2036.

139/17. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that he had attended the AGM of CPRE on the 14th September and the Centenary celebrations of the National Trust on the 30th September.

The grant from the Wrigley Trust has been received for the Standard and he will be ordering it shortly.

140/17. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

140.1 PUBLICATIONS FOR INSPECTION AND NOTE

Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulations
Churchill and Blakedown PC agendas
The Clerk
SAD Documents

140.2 SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

September 2017

We have had 1 new burial plot, 2 new ashes plots.

The above was noted

141/17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

141.1 Personnel Committee Meeting of the 7th September 2017

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

- As of the 1st January 2018 the staff salaries are increased by 3 SCP points each, and the cleaning salary is increased to £9 per hour.

It was noted that the Finance Committee had reviewed the budget and found that if the Council approve the recommendations from the Personnel Committee the budget for 2017/18 can accommodate the increased cost. This above recommendation was agreed.

141.2 Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting of the 13th September 2017

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

141.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 27th September 2017

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

- the accounts as set as Appendix 1 to these minutes be accepted.
- Daffodil bulbs are purchased at a cost of £145.
- A speed activated sign is purchased at a cost of £3050 and funded from the Community Fund

The above recommendations were agreed.

141.4 Planning & Development Committee Meeting of the 7th September 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

142/17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts as set out as appendix 3 to these minutes were accepted.

143/17. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None were reported.

144/17. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

If there are any additional items for the next agenda these need to be with the Clerk by Monday 30th September 2017.

Prayers before meetings, Update on Youth Cafe

145/17. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Planning and Development Committee
Parish Council
Leisure and Amenities Committee
Finance and General Purposes Committee

25th October 2017
1st November 2017
8th November 2017
22nd November 2017

All meetings to start at 7.00 p.m.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th October 2017

Accounts for payment 4th October 2017

Chq No Ratification

101004	SWOPS	Diesel	88.13
101005	JRK	Replacement chq	84.24
101006	Petty Cash	September	41.65
Total			41.65

Chq No Accounts for payment

101007	ESPO		271.12
101008	J R K Computer supplies	Stationary	28.68
101009	Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Opening toilets September	100.00
101010	OCL	Supplies	40.80
101011	P & S Contracts	Grass Cutting	1653.50
101012	ROSPA	Play inspection	218.40
101013	SCC	Pensions	1565.35
101014	SCC	Van lease	Tbc
101015	SWOPS	Fuel account	tbc
101016	Viking Direct	Stationary	165.69

3578.05

List of Monthly Direct Debits

DD	SSDC	Rates Comber Ridge	38.00
DD	Inland Revenue		1033.03
DD	Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	0.00
DD	Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity	107.65
DD	Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	10.04
DD	Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	44.61
DD	Midshires	Copier rent and printing	369.17
DD	Salaries		4821.35
DD	Screwfix		145.91

Total 6569.76

Total Expenditure 10189.46

Receipts

Burial Fees		1995.00
Toilet Income		80.00
Staffs Courts	Compensation	0.00
Precept		72354.50
Total Income		74429.50