

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2024 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), G Sisley, D McGirr, K Hosell, S Anderson, Ms E Lord, S Charlesworth-Jones, K Davies, P Wooddisse, K Slade, Miss N Owen

Also present: Mrs J Cree – Clerk, Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, SCC Councillor Mrs V Wilson, Mrs S Capon and Ms N Chuter.

17/24. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors IG Sadler, E Simons, and A Calloway sent their apologies.

18/24. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

19/24. Public Participation (maximum 15 minutes)

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

Mrs N Chuter (stallholder) addressed the Council (Nicola Cooks):-

- She has attended several meetings talking about the markets following the Christmas event.
- She has been told that there will be no market in Feb due to inclement weather / the ground being wet,
- She has spoken to 14 stall holders who will said that they would have attended in February had the market be going ahead – she commented that many people have tried to get a stall and not had a response from the Clerks, and so they had not been able to come to the market because it was the Clerks have not got back to them.
- She thinks that the problems are the lack of time of clerks, set up of the kit, more people needed to help run the market.
- Clerk only work part time hours need to be extending in her opinion.
- She would be happy to pay more for a stall and those she had spoken to (other stall holders) on this matter who have agreed with her.

Sue Capon (Traders Association Chairperson) addressed the Council:-

- Traders had a poll re market in February 23, 78% out of the traders that responded to are in favour to continue with the market.
- She feels that there should be better interaction between the traders and the market organisers.
- There should be an increase in fees for normal monthly markets, for events the fees need to be substantially increased particularly for food outlets.
- Market must be on a professional footing.
- When Steve stepped down, there should have had a permanent replacement.
- Clerks are only a stop gap to run the market in her opinion and it should be moved onto a more professionally footing.
- She would like to see improved working between the traders / councillors so we can work together, for example her shop and the Deli already assist with opening the toilets at a weekend for the Council so the community can use them on a weekend.
- Traders feel it should be a credit to Kinver based on ability.
- 50m rule –SSDC – she has contacted them and disagrees with this statement that they will enforce this rule, she has also had information from John Chislett and Kelly Harris on this matter.
- Traders support the market and footfall has increased not reduced.

Standing orders were reinstated

20/24. To discuss Kinver Market and make any decisions as required

The members discussed the general process and running of the market costs and future ideas.

Cllr P Wooddisse reported he has looked at the costs, and worked out projections.

Current running of the market:-

One week before a councillor puts up the market signs around the Parish.

The Clerks prepare a schedule and map of stall locations / stall holders which is printed and given to the councillor in charge on market day. Including market directional signs including any other village events known that are happening on the same day.

1 councillor is in overall charge of the set up on the day of the market. They supervise the helpers (4) in collecting the gazebos on stack trucks taking them to the pitches and putting them up, and the same with the tables.

A councillor (sometimes the same person as above) has the mobile phone to trouble shoot any problems during the day.

Take down – as with putting up 1 councillor is in overall charge . They supervise the helpers (4) in collecting the gazebos on stack trucks taking them back to the storage area and stack them neatly away, and the same with the tables.

At the earliest convenience, one of the councillors collects in the signs

The hired help are paid through the bank.

A member of the L & A Committee to sort out the entertainment – to ensure those performing are responsible for any appropriate licences / cover required from the relevant authorities.

It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson that the market continues as it is with a stall fee of £40 which includes a gazebo, table and pitch (max 16 stalls at the present time giving a maximum income £640); the helpers rate is reduced back to the pre Coronation price of £40 per set up helper; £70 per month for marketing and any balance remaining from each market to be put to one side for repairs / replacing equipment and other market expenses. Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones seconded the proposal, and on a vote there were 10 for, so this was carried.

It was proposed by Cllr K Hosell to have an unrestricted wares market for stall holders not including street food (at Danesford Gardens and the 50m rule to remain in place on the High Street until we receive written authorisation from South Staffordshire District Council legal team), i.e no restrictions on type of competition of goods or restricted stalls from only being local businesses and all stalls are allocated / reserved on a first come first served basis after payment has been received. This over rules the original markets operational brief which was not to sell similar products with existing traders on the High Street, and had to be a local traders. Cllr D McGirr seconded this proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson and seconded by Cllr D McGirr to complete the rota for the year by members of the Council, over the next month at L & A. This was agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson to keep the market day as the last Saturday of the month from February to October , they took into account the traders comments re changing the date to the first Saturday, but felt that it should be kept as it is, Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

With regard to the 50m rule, County Cllr Mrs V Wilson reported that the Street Trading Policy is being looked at by the District Council (which is what the Parish Council were told in June 2023 by SSDC District Council Legal Department and Chief Executive that we had to work to this street trading policy until the policy had been reviewed and updated) and she will progress this further with SSDC.

Members expressed a requirement to look at using more of the High Street to have stalls further up the High Street. The Clerk to contact SSDC / SCC Officers to discuss what options may be allowed.

21/24. Items for future Council meetings.

None were recorded.

22/24. Dates of Next Meeting 7th February 2024