

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2022 AT STOURTON VILLAGE HALL, STOURTON

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), P Wooddisse, D Light, G Sisley, H Williams, S Anderson, K Slade, Ms E Lord, S Jones, I G Sadler, Miss V Webb, Mrs S Harris and County Councillor V Wilson.

Members of the public: Mrs Barbara Owen, Richard Homer, Ross Cadman, PCSO Paula Wilkes, Sgt Jason Dorrington and Kieron Hossell

27/22. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor E Simons sent his apologies.

Councillor M Smith has resigned from the Council, and the vacancy has been advertised in line with official procedures.

28/22. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

There were no declarations of Councillor interest.

29/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 5th and 26th January 2022.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 5th and 26th January 2022, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

30/22. To receive a report from PCSO's re incidents and statistics for Kinver

The report from the PCSO's was circulated to members prior to the meeting relating to incidents in the Parish for the last month. This was noted.

Sgt Jason Dorrington attended the meeting with PCSO Paula Wilkes. There have been 10 burglaries listed over the last month. A Landrover was stolen during a house burglary and this used for further burglaries in the area. Two names have been forwarded to the police and they are investigating these potential suspects.

The Local Team Neighbourhood Team, which work 7am – 12am. After this time the area is covered by a response team from Cannock. The new Chief Constable has started in the division and a reorganisation will be taking place shortly, so hopefully come June a new working model will be in place that allows a better coverage for the area.

31/22. Public Participation – 15 minutes for members of the Parish to raise matters with members of the Council

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to address the Council.

Mrs Barbara Owen addressed the Council in relation to the buses, she has been on the bus a number of times and she suggested that perhaps rather than going down Hyperion Road (4 times per day), the bus company / County Council could look at other areas within Kinver Village such as Dark Lane, Edgeview Walk etc.

Richard Homer addressed the Council in relation to the bus service as he is a resident of Hyperion Road. He has written to the Transport Department at the County Council about this new service the first week in January, he has not received a response to date. In his correspondence to them he has complained about the speed and noise of the bus and also the poor state of repair that the road already is in in the area, a bus service will make this worse. He is seeking clarification on why there has been no consultation for this service – what was the reason for this decision? There are many walkers, horse riders, cyclists that use these roads and they are now in danger. Children play in the road too and this is a dangerous situation.

The bus stops for several minutes in the road near his property with its engine running and this causes pollution for the residents which will be really felt in the summer when they are in their gardens.

Ross Cadman a resident of Hyperion Road, agrees with the valid points raised, he has a young family and he feels that children should not now play in the street due to the danger element of the bus. Concern again re lack of consultation, to see if it was needed. There are already good existing bus services on Vicarage Road and the Kingsway which have a much more frequent bus service, than this new service. So he feels it is not needed in the area.

Kieron Hossell addressed the Council that he understood the concerns raised by residents living on the new bus route roads, and if he lived on there he would not be accepting of the new route.

Standing orders were reinstated.

32/22. To receive an update on the solar lighting for the Holloway (Cllr E Lord)

Councillor Ms E Lord reported that the lights are being ordered to go on the wall of the public house. So hopefully the project will shortly be completed.

33/22. To receive an update on the purchase of the new vehicle and EV charging point

A delivery date has not been confirmed for the van. The loan should be paid to the Council by the 8th February from the PWLB. Councillor G Sisley has applied for the grant for a part funded EV Charging point for the garage. The sign writing is to be sorted also. This was noted.

34/22. To receive any further updates / information on the section 106 agreement for the new development on White Hill and Hyde Lane.

The following updates have been received from South Staffordshire District Council:-

Please can we have the information on the following matters please:-

18/00543/OUT – Has the S106 money being paid out as the development is well underway and can you confirm please where the funds have been spent – **The Panel haven't met yet to discuss where this money is to be spent so we are unable to release the money until this has been decided. The discussions are scheduled for the end of March.**

20/00621/OUT – Please can you confirm the sum of the S106, and what this has been allocated too. We have heard it's for Children's play equipment, but we would like to know if this has been agreed. If it has can we ask why the Parish Council was not consulted on this allocation. – **This S106 was only signed in late 2021 so it will not be due for payment as yet. I am unsure as to why you were not consulted on this as we were not part of the drafting process, but if you email planning@sstaffs.gov.uk they will be able to direct you to the best person to advise on this.**

Thank you for your email. I note the concerns of the Parish Council about the S106 which was signed in connection with the outline planning application for residential development at White Hill.

By law, S106 monies can only be requested in a very limited number of circumstances – they need to be necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; must be directly related to the development and need to be fairly and reasonably in scale and kind to the development.

In this case, there was a minor shortfall in the amount of public open space to be provided within the site boundary. Because of the constraints of the site, it was agreed to mitigate this shortfall in on-site play area provision with an off-site contribution, paid by the applicants to the Parish Council. However, as the contribution was to mitigate a minor shortfall in on-site play area provision, it was only possible to request a contribution that was directly linked to existing play area provision in Kinver.

The subsequent S106 which has been signed allows for the sum of £30,000 to be used '*towards the provision, maintenance or enhancement of the off site play area in Kinver Parish*'. The S106 agreement therefore restricts the use of the £30,000 solely to the provision, maintenance or enhancement of the off-site play area in Kinver Parish and '*for no other purpose whatsoever*'. As the monies are to offset a shortfall in the public open space on the site, whilst I note the Parish Councils wish to use these monies more generally within the community, they can only be used for the purposes specified in the S106.

I hope the explanation of how the money came to be available and what it can be used for is helpful, but if the Parish Council would like any further clarification, please let me know.

A zoom meeting took place with Councillors Ms E Lord, G Sisley, District Councillor Mrs L Hingley and Mrs C Allen with District Council Planners, which was a useful meeting. This was noted.

35/22. To discuss further concerns raised by the public re the Doctors Surgery

The following letter has been sent to the Doctors Surgery:-

Dear Moss Grove Surgery

We, Kinver Parish Council are writing to you following a number of concerns that have been raised by the people of Kinver. We realise that you are under great pressure as despite 'things going back to normal' for some people, the NHS is still operating under anything but normal working conditions. We want to raise these concerns with you and, try to offer some help where we can.

We value our GP surgery, the staff working in it and want to support it!

We would very much like to welcome you to our next Parish Council meeting on 2nd March 2022 so we can hear the problems you are experiencing, and, if possible how we as a parish council can help you.

For simplicity's sake, we have grouped the concerns that have been shared with us into common themes, and where we can, we have offered our thoughts, and would like to share these with you.

Access - IT

Many patients find the on line service really quick and easy to use, once you work out how to access the service and the website is not crashing. The patient access app does not always work, and googling Moss Grove Surgery Kinver or Moss grove surgery brings the surgery up, but without a link to the website - please try it! It takes a while to find the correct link, however once at the website, ordering repeat prescriptions, asking questions and requesting a GP call back work well. This is a particularly fantastic way to connect to the health service if you are on line. Issues however arise when a patient is unable to access the internet, and, doesn't have support from a family member/neighbour/friend to help them. We would like to raise this as a safeguarding issue, as, the concern is that the older, most vulnerable members of the community are struggling to access the service. It may be that you have a system in place to monitor this group of the population?

Access - Telephone.

The on-line service does close during the day, at this point, patients tend to try and access the surgery via the telephone, along with non internet savvy folk. Using the phone service can result in long waiting times with patients giving up. We appreciate there may be a number of reasons for this.

1. The surgery sending out texts for COVID vaccinations, and people phoning back to book them, when perhaps they could be directed to either book on line or phoning the national vaccination line.
2. Reduced staffing levels in reception due to social distancing.
3. Following the merger with Kingswinford, clunky IT systems meaning all calls are now going to one surgery regardless of which number is called, putting pressure on one group of receptionists - please, feel free to comment on this, we would welcome clarification.

Kinver Surgery Location.

There have been many concerns raised about the future of the Kinver Surgery itself, as, many people have found that they are having to travel to Kingswinford to see a doctor. Patients are worried that Kinver will close and there will no longer be a health service in the village. Although we are sure it often doesn't feel like your service is appreciated, it is!!! Kinver residents do not want to loose this service. In fact, with the number of homes expected to be built in Kinver, it is felt the health service should expand, rather than disappear.

Please could you clarify what the plans are for the future of Kinver surgery.

Again, we appreciate that because of social distancing and staffing levels, services have had to change the way they are delivered. If this is the case please say!

We would also like to comment that the merger has made accessing some services more accessible, easier and more streamlined. But, we have had some complaints that other services are no longer provided, such as injection clinics? Some patients have been told by GP's they do not know where/how to access services for them following the merger, we appreciate that this may be in part due to the pandemic and therefore out of your control.

We hope you find out letter in the spirit it is intended, which is one of support not criticism, and will warmly welcome you to your meeting should you accept our invitation.

Kind regards

Kinver Parish Council

Councillor Mrs S Harris thanked members of the Council and the public for their help in putting forward their points of concern to help put this together.

36/22. To discuss further High Street bins and recycling

An email from has been received from SSDC and they state that the bins that have been ordered to replace the brown / black bins will be installed in February. The Parish Council had voted they did not want the bins at the previous meeting.

Members are concerned that this is a step backwards from the current bins that are in situ, although recycling does not take place by SSDC at this time, it could be an option in the future. We should try to educate people to take recycling home? Perhaps talk to the traders to see if they would be willing to provide recycling bins.

It was proposed by Councillor G Sisley and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Harris to request that the new dual capacity bins are installed but request that on half of the bins they are labelled for recycling for the future. On a vote this was carried.

It was noted that a new Plastic tax law is coming into effect in April and this may have an impact on the issue going forward.

37/22. To discuss and agree new councillor email address provider

An email provider needs to be agreed by a majority of members. Councillor S Anderson will set up a test email address and run it through for a month and report back to the next meeting.

38/22. To discuss new bus service route

Councillor Mrs V Wilson updated members on the recent history of the bus service, with regard to the loss of the last 2 bus service providers that left the contract before the end of their term. A new company has been contracted and is now running the service.

She advised she did not know why the service goes through Hyperion Road, but there is no legal reason why its cant go that way. A school bus does come through and that's run by Prospect Coaches and runs twice a day. The County Council will review the usage data of the new service by the end of the March to see if there are fares / usage in this area.

The other areas suggested during the meeting such as Prestwood, Edgeview Walk or Dark Lane areas will be mentioned with the data review in March. Rural Bus services are a necessity for local communities.

Councillor Mrs C Allen proposed and seconded by Councillor P Wooddisse that a draft questionnaire to be circulated to the residents of Hyperion Road. This survey having been circulated to all members before the meeting. On a vote this was carried.

These will be hand delivered by local Councillors and there will be local collection boxes for the completed survey. She will organise the collection of the forms from the boxes and collate the information and prepare the results hopefully by mid-March.

39/22. To discuss and agree representation to work with Kinver High on the Community Use Agreement

It was noted that the Community Use agreement should have been in place before the sports facility was opened for the school to use for all the indoor and outdoor facilities. The facilities are being used and Planning are aware of this and are now trying to organise the agreement and making the school compliant with the planning application conditions.

Representatives from the local community need to be involved along with representatives from the Parish Council to help produce a Community Use Agreement, to ensure that the best facilities are available for Kinver Residents to use the sports hall at Kinver High and outside facilities.

Councillors Mrs S Harris, S Jones and Ms E Lord were agreed to represent the Parish Council at these meetings. The clerk to get some suitable days / times they are available and send this information to the school.

40/22. To discuss the Giants Well.

The well is now plumbed in, and the automatic tap is being ordered and should be fitted shortly.

There is a brick exposed due to water damage over the years and the water bowl being moved lower. The Technicians will be able to undertake any future brickwork / coping stones to be installed to improve the look of the

site. The coping stones could be engraved as an option in the future. It was agreed to look at the second phase of the Well (improving the aesthetics) in the autumn. This was noted.

41/22. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning and Development Committee
(including update on NPlan if applicable)

19th January 2022

It was noted that the High Street garage conversion Planning Application has been called in at SSDC, as there is support for the application by one of the District Councillors. Councillor G Sisley as District Councillor will be speaking at the Planning Meeting and Councillor S Anderson also to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. There is a site meeting the day before the planning meeting which is normal practice.

Councillor Mrs C Allen updated members relating to the Neighbourhood Plan, she asked for any volunteers to help collate information on the draft policies as references from the NPPF need to be put into the policies. The draft policies are nearing completion along with the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft policies have been sent to SSDC and there will be a zoom meeting on the 16th February 2022 to discuss comments on these documents. If members wished to see the draft or want a link on the documents to contact the Clerk for the details. This was noted.

Leisure and amenities Committee

26th January 2022

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that

- the Parish support a picnic in the park with the KSCA, and request to Finance to set a budget for this event of perhaps a maximum of £2000 for running costs from the Community Fund budget line as this is a community event. This was referred to the Finance Committee, this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- the Public conveniences are opened as unisex facilities both in the High Street and Kinver Edge, on a weekend the arrangement with the Farm Shop is reactivated and ask local traders to open and close the High Street toilets at a weekend. This was agreed.
- to send a questionnaire to residents of Hyperion Road and off shoot roads, Stourton about the bus service, a simple survey. Ensuring that the questionnaire is clear that we are not the responsible authority but will pass the comments to the County Council – this was agreed under item 38/22.

42/22. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported:-

- We are hopefully coming to the end stages of the Covid pandemic, the County has given out 7 million PPE items, 2 million LFT and 5000 incidents were reported through Covid. There have been 2000 extra deaths due to the pandemic and the average age of hospital admissions is men of an average of 41.
- Climate change fund to be applied for 24 applications received, ends this month.
- Queens Jubilee – no road closure needed.
- She will be talking to the MP regarding the open letter re Doctors and the Schools.

43/22. Report of the Chairman

The Charman agreed that we need to open the toilets as soon as practicable, for the tourists that visit the area.

44/22. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Correspondence received

Speeding on Enville Road

Queens Platinum Jubilee – calendar of events request from Maggie Quinn

Queens Baton Relay information - Inspirational Staffordshire people needed as Queen's Baton Relay participants ahead of Commonwealth Games 2022

Superintendents Report - 1 Burial in January

The above items were noted.

Police Liaison Committee - Representatives is required to put their name forward to join the above Committee organised by Maggie Quinn, meetings are twice a year. Councillor S Anderson agreed to attend the meeting.

Replacement Bin by Church – members discussed the possibility of supplying a bin and being responsible for emptying it, however they felt that this should be supplied by the District Council. Therefore the Clerk will pass onto the Church the contact details for the District Council Department that are responsible.

45/22. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Councillors Mrs S Harris and Ms E Lord attended the Kinver Eco Collective meeting this week, they discussed wanting to Discuss Fruit Trees at the next Leisure and Amenities meeting. With regard to the County Fund raised by County Councillor Mrs V Wilson, she will try to apply for a grant.

Councillors Ms E Lord and S Anderson sit on the 20's plenty group, they are about to have their website go live, where they will be asking for comments and opinions on the subject. The link to their site to be added to the Parish Councils website.

Councillor S Anderson attended a traders meeting last week, and they are looking at meeting the last Tuesday of the month to get a regular meeting going.

46/22. 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.

47/22. Items for future Meetings

Giants Well – Autumn; Platinum Jubilee – funding from SSDC for charitable organisation?

48/22. Dates of Next Meetings –

Planning and Development Committee	16 th February 2022
Finance and General Purposes Committee (6.00pm)	16 th February 2022
Parish Council meeting	2 nd March 2022
Parish Council Annual Parish meeting (6.15pm)	2 nd March 2022
Leisure and amenities Committee	9 th March 2022

Accounts for payment for February Parish Council meeting 2022

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Barclays Bank	Monthly charge	8.35
DG2 Designs	Printing Farmers market	318.00
Inland Revenue	February	1449.49
J R K	Supplies	269.50
Kinver PCC Church Hall	Grant	45.00
Morrisons	Fuel x 2	160.01
N Plan	Land searches	60.00
Npower	Charges for clock shelter Annual charge	825.42
OCL	Supplies	65.70
Pro-Electric	Solar Light for the Holloway	1914.00
R H Electrical	Christmas Lights	2356.78
Screwfix	Supplies	192.79
Sharp	Copier charges	170.04
SCC pensions	February	2204.68
Staffordshire County Council	Van lease	354.48
Urban Vison	Nplan fees	3150.00
Viking Direct	Supplies	164.27
Water Plus	Rates PC Office	45.27
		13753.78
List of Monthly Direct Debits		
Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	15.93
Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity and mobile phone	292.51
Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	11.78
Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	130.91
Salaries	February	5637.98
	Total	6089.11
	Total Expenditure	19842.89
Receipts		
Burial Fees		272.00
Vend electric	December	131.57
VAT		2623.25
	Total Income	3026.82