

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2016 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

PRESENT: Councillor H Williams (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice-Chairman),  
Councillors: Mrs C Allen, IG Sadler, DH Hadlington, D Light, , J Irving-Bell, N Other, J  
Cutler, Miss V Webb, JK Hall, G Mander, BR Edwards, and P Wooddisse

OPENING PRAYERS - Rev Anne Ferris led the Council in prayer.

Before the meeting started the Chairman asked members of the public if they were happy to be filmed during Public participation which they agreed.

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs D Geoghegan sent her apologies due illness.

201. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs L Hingley declared an interest in Greenbelt / Conservation matters.

Councillor D Light declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application number 16/00988/FUL.

202. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.

203. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

203.1 Recycling Banks High Street, Car Park

All the recycling banks have been removed, apart from the clothes bank on the Berkley Carpark. However, the Clerk has asked that this be relocated to free a further space on the carpark. It was noted that the signs in the noticeboards need to be updated with the removal of the recycling bins.

203.2 Park Ridge print

The framed print received from Park Ridge has been taken by the Park Ridge Committee and placed in the Constitutional Club. Members asked that the Chairman retrieve the print back and take it to the library to be displayed.

204. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr I Macey addressed the Council re the issue relating to Glyphosate weed spraying.

He expressed his concern over comments made at the previous meeting and also a comment that was published in the Stourbridge News from another member of the Council.

The MEP's have petitioned the EU to get this chemical banned by 2017, at least in areas where children and animals are such as play areas, parks and open spaces.

A colleague (of his) that has undertaken a lot of studies on this matter and is campaigning in Canada to stop the use of the product is preparing some further information which he will forward to the Chairman.

The Clerk for clarification, reminded members that due to the 6 month rule, they had made a decision in November to continue the use of this product and they cannot change that decision until the May meeting.

Standing orders were re-instated.

205. REVENUE BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/8 – TO CONSIDER MINUTE 9 OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

“the precept for 2017/8 is to be Precept remains the same at £144709, with a salary increase of up to 2%, burial fees increased by 5% and the other income and expenditure as it is set out as appendix 3 to the Finance minutes is accepted.”

It was proposed by Councillor D Light and seconded by Councillor P Wooddisse to accept the above recommendation, on a vote it was carried with 10 for and 4 abstentions.

206. KINVER LIBRARY UPDATE

Councillor P Wooddisse reported that there had been some further legal issues since the last meeting, however they were now resolved and the official hand over date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

207. UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MATHEW ELLIS

Councillor D Hadlington will be meeting with Mathew Ellis on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at Stafford. He has also been invited to the West Midlands Police seminar in Birmingham on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for vulnerable road users, he has invited Mathew Ellis to attend with him.

The aim of the seminar is to discuss all aspects of safety including standardising the lights on bikes etc.

He will report back to the next meeting.

208. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Chairman asked members if they wished to pursue the possibility of purchasing a speed device and organising volunteers to operate it. Members did not think that this would be the best way to combat speeding, and asked the Clerk to look at the costs for

purchasing a solar powered speed sign, that shows the speed of the vehicles travelling along the road.

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Members asked that the Clerk request that the Parking Enforcement Officer comes to Kinver as the parking along the High Street needs to be enforced.

209. COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS AND MEMBERS

Councillor J Cutler requested that this was an agenda item, he wanted members to discuss the merits of having Committee chairman in post for 2 years rather than 1. Members discussed the merits for and against of changing the length of time of these positions.

Councillors J Cutler proposed and seconded by N Other that the Committee Chairmanships and members are extended from 1 year to 2.

An alternate proposal was moved by Councillors D Light and seconded by Mrs L Hingley that the Chairmanships and members of Committees remain the same.

On a vote this was carried by 9 for and 4 against, this then became the definitive motion and was carried.

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

Councillor BR Edwards reported that:-

- Hyperion Road has now got high speed broadband.
- Highways budgets are having to be cut even further as the Government have withdrawn the grants to local authorities. The savings to be made this year are 13 million pounds.
- The District Council have a medium term 5 year plan, they have saved 3.3 million since 2011.

Councillor Mrs L Hingley reported that the small business Saturday had been a great success, Nikki Taylor from the District Council did an excellent job. Members asked the Clerk to write and thank her.

211. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman has attended the KSCA AGM, the Parish Summit meetings and the Remembrance Day Service at Kinver.

212. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

212.1 Danesford Gardens

We have received a complaint from the lady that lives in the end property of Riverside Court.

She has complained previously about the light into her property when the large Scotts pine was there.

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She is complaining that the new shrubs we planted to replace the Scotts pine are blocking her light. They are still only at ground level, as the resident that lives in the middle property has made a path for his builders / gardeners and they access his garden from Danesford Garden and damaged the plants we planted in the summer.

To get over this the Clerk is organising bollards (approx. 8) to be put on the edge of the gardens and also around this path part to stop access across.

We have all been over from the Parish Office and had a look at the area. There is a large bush that is growing but this would not affect her property (as you can see from the photos provided to all members) it is many feet from the garden wall.

Members asked the Clerk to get the shrub cut back nearest her property as soon as possible.

#### 212.2 Street Pastors

Street Pastors is a charity organisations that patrols the streets of Stourbridge at night helping young people and the homeless.

They have asked for a grant towards their running costs.

As this is not an organisation based in Kinver members agreed not to put this forward for funding from the Finance Committee. The Clerk to write to the applicant and let them know.

#### 212.3 Play area fire

Email received 16<sup>th</sup> November

“Firstly can I apologise for me not keeping in touch with you in relation to the Fire, as i have been off sick. I can now say the second male from Dorset has been interviewed, he has given an account, laying blame on co-accused, and I would have expected this if I'm honest.

Both interviews are now with Youth Offending Service, who will review all the evidence and make a decision over the next few days, they have given no exact time scale.

When you read this I shall be on my four rest days I am due back on earlies on the 20th November 2016. I have also updated Insp Parsons,”

The Sergeant dealing with the case contacted the Clerk to ask if the Parish Council wanted to proceed with a criminal charge and take this to court or look at the Community Service route, as members have previously discussed the Clerk informed him that we wished to proceed with a prosecution. This was noted.

#### 212.4 Publications to note

213. COMMITTEE REPORTS

213.1 Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting of the 9<sup>TH</sup> November 2016

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, the following Recommendations were made to the Parish Council that a letter be dropped to all local business to ask them if they would support the scheme to improve signage to Kinver and if they would be willing to contribute financially to the project.

This was agreed.

213.2 Planning & Development Committee Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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.

213.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

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

- the accounts as set as Appendix 1 to these minutes be accepted.
- the proposed CCTV system to cover the children's play area, with installation, control panel and additional hard drive unit is purchased at a cost of £2450 + VAT, this to be funded from the Community fund line 104.
- the car park at the KSCA is marked out with spaces and this becomes a shoppers car park for a period of 3 years, the cost of lining the car park is £1108. The licence agreement is to be drawn up by the KSCA as they are the Management Trustees and the costs for this of £288 to be reimbursed by the Council. Therefore the total project cost is £1396 and funded from line 56.

The above recommendations were agreed.

214. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

215. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor J Irving Bell reported that the current Officers of the KSCA will be resigning at the next AGM, and new officers will be required. He is hoping to help find some volunteers and help with the project of going for Gold to refurbish the KSCA.

Councillor Mrs C Allen reported on behalf of the Old Peoples Welfare that the group had given out 840 x £7 vouchers bringing £5880 worth of business to Kinver businesses.

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216. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

If there are any additional items for the next agenda these need to be with the Clerk by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Meeting with the National Trust  
To discuss the Burial Ground meetings  
Tree planted in memory of Mrs BK Fletcher

217. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Council	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Burial Ground Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Leisure and Amenities Committee	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Planning and Development Committee	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Parish Council	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017
Finance and General Purposes Committee	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017

All meetings to start at 7.00 p.m.

## Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 16

### Accounts for payment 7th December 2016

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Ratification</u>		
100822	P & S Contracts	Grass cutting and works to Comber Ridge	2930.25
100826	SWOPS	Fuel	74.03
100833	SSW	Rates	102.33
100834	Swinford Insurance	Van Insurance	965.28
100835	Kinver Edge Committee	Grant	800.00
100836	ESPO	Picnic bench	566.40
100837	Home and Hardware	Supplies	3.18
Bank T	Pureshine Windows	3 x windows cleaned	64.00
100838	cancelled		0.00
Bank T	Dyno Rod	Clear drains in High Street Toilets	96.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5601.47</b>

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Accounts for payment</u>		
100839	Burwarton Estates	Xmas Trees	876.00
100840	Highdown Nursery	Plants	136.46
100841	J R K Computer Supplies	Stationery	59.54
100842	OCL	Supplies	202.27
100843	R H Electrical	Christmas Lights	1425.00
100844	Sage	Support for pensions	143.86
100845	SCC	Pensions	1511.68
100846	Viking Direct	Stationery	67.28
100847	Wix Editor	Domain names registration and yearly support	134.07
100848	Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Opening toilets	130.00
100849	Petty cash	Dec	60.21
100850	S CC	Van lease	349.38
100851	ESPO	Supplies	59.27
100852	OCL	Materials to repair Turning circle at Comber Ridge	605.10
100853	P & S Contracts	last grass cutting and works to paths at CR	2277.62
100854	Dyno rod	Clearing drains on high street toilets	96.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8133.74</b>

### List of Monthly Direct Debits

DD	SSDC	Comber Ridge Rates	35.00
DD	SSDC	Office rates	300.00
DD	Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity	137.24
DD	Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	11.32
DD	Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	17.55
DD	Utility Warehouse	Mobile phone	30.36
DD	Salaries	December	4645.02
DD	Inland Revenue	November	1096.69
DD	Screwfix		160.78
DD	Postage		106.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>6539.96</b>
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>20275.17</b>

### Receipts

Burial Fees	445.00
Toilet Income	110.00
Rent for offices	2000.00