

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Miss V Webb (Vice-Chairman), IG Sadler, Mrs C Allen, Mrs E Lord, G Sisley, D Light, BR Edwards, S Anderson, Mrs S Harris, H Williams, *T Talbot-Webb, M Smith, E Simons and P Wooddisse and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson

* Joined meeting at 7.15

Public Present: C Sadler

18/21. To receive and note apologies for absence

All members were present.

19/21. To record members Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

21/21. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2021 (copy attached).

The Minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.

22/21. Public Participation – 15 minutes for members of the Parish to raise matters with members of the Council

There were no members of the public present that wished to speak.

23/21. Presentation on Contingency Planning from SSDC – Mark Jenkinson

The Clerk invited Mark Jenkinson from SSDC to attend this meeting to discuss Contingency Planning. Mark Jenkinson and Bridgette Chambers gave an excellent presentation to members and the slides were circulated to all members after the meeting.

Members asked for confirmation that there are links with Neighbouring Authorities as they may in an emergency be able to help / have additional skills cross border. Mark confirmed that these agreements are in place.

If any members have any questions then to contact Mark Jenkinson directly.

Members thanked both Officers from the District for their informative presentation.

24/21. Update on the current progress on the working group for a proposal for a 20mph speed limits around the Parish

The presentation was circulated to all members following the last meeting. This item was on the agenda for 2 reasons firstly to receive any further information (if any) and secondly to agree the next step forward.

It was proposed by Councillor S Anderson and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Allen that if a working party is set to explore the options of 20mph speed limits within the Parish, involving, Kinver Eco Collective, County Council, Local residents and Police, that the Parish Council have 2 representatives on the working party. On a vote this was agreed.

25/21. To receive an update on charging points in the Parish

The supply company confirmed that the originally proposed unit for Kinver was the unit that was still to be supplied as it is the best fit for the job. The installation date is the 5th February. The only outstanding item to agree upon is the charge to the public for using the points. Councillor Mrs E Lord will look at other point charges and in discussion with the Chairman, Chair of Finance and the Clerk will set the appropriate rate.

The only other potential issue relates to occupying parking spaces for long periods of time or if cars parked there are not using the EV Point. This will be addressed if any issue arise.

26/21. To receive a report from PCSO's re incidents and statistics for Kinver

The Clerk had requested the information from the PCSO's and they had forwarded a report on crime figures prior to the meeting. This had been circulated to all members.

27/21. To discuss the request to change the trustee status from the KSCA (papers attached)

The paperwork was circulated to all members along with the response from the solicitor. Members discussed this request at some length, and required more information before a decision can be made. It was noted that the KSCA solicitor would be willing to talk to members about the proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor D Light and seconded by Councillor S Anderson to defer any decision until the Clerk / Councillor T Talbott Webb and the Chairman look at the next stage to progress this decision and discuss further with relevant parties to enable the Council to make an informed decision. On a vote this was agreed.

28/21. To discuss request from Ryan Taylor to come and talk to the Council with regard to feeding in information towards the SSDC Climate Change policy

It was agreed to invite Mr Taylor to join the April Parish Council meeting to discuss the work the District are undertaking re Climate Change and how the Parish can feed into this.

29/21. To discuss the details sent through from Ryan Taylor re Tactical Flooding, to see if we would like to take part to be involved.

It was agreed when Mr Taylor attends the April meeting, the tactical flooding issue will also be discussed.

30/21. To Discuss bench requests and options for benches / other memorials

We have received 2 recent requests for benches on Danesford Gardens, we have explained that area is now full, and Jubilee Gardens and Comber Ridge are pretty much to capacity. We have offered other alternatives, such as a memorial tree or contact the National Trust or Canals and Rivers Trust to ask for their permission for a bench. Many just want the centre of the village.

The Clerk at the request of Councillor Miss V Webb put this on the agenda to get clarity on what as a Council we should say as a standard response. A draft bench policy is set out as appendix 1 to these minutes.

It was agreed to refer this item to the March Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting.

31/21. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Leisure and Amenities Committee

13th January 2021

The following recommendation was made to the Parish Council that the Parish Council support the initiative of the L&A to investigate and propose the creation of walking route from the village to the Edge and the rock houses with suitable signage.

The minutes as attached to the agenda papers and the above recommendation were received and agreed.

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

27th January 2021

The following recommendations were put to the Parish Council next meeting that the planning recommendations as set out in agenda item 5. The minutes as attached to the agenda papers and the above recommendation were received and agreed.

32/21. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported:-

- Covid cases are reducing with Kinver still a hot spot area.
- She has been involved with helping to alter the Kinver Bus service – to be reported on later in the agenda
- She has been involved with helping to set up a meeting re the Wild Flower planting.
- A458 works are completed and positive comments have been coming forward.
- She is assisting with helping to guide the Bridge Group on raising funds to complete the project.
- She has helped fund the banner for the Park and Stride scheme.
- She has been involved in starting discussions relating to a 20mph group being setup.
- She has been looking at an incentive for every new house built a tree should be planted, this may be useful for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to look at.
- She has been contacted about the Holloway by Councillor Mrs E Lord. She has previously looked at this with Councillor Miss V Webb a couple of years ago. Members reported the issue is the unsafe surface for pedestrians to walk down due to damaged pavements, gravel coming off a driveway that makes path slippery and also the damaged road surface. This is a designated road not purely pedestrian access. It has been reported as an issue to the County Council previously. It was agreed to ask Councillor Mrs V Wilson to obtain a cost to improve this section of pavement and roadway as a starting point for any further discussions.

Councillor B R Edwards reported:-

- He reported that there are 17 Covid cases in the last 7 days for Kinver, giving an r rate of 235 per 100,000. This has reduced.
- The County and Commissioner elections will be taking place in May as scheduled. The District Council are working hard to organise a safe way for people to vote to comply with the required measures due to Covid.
- He expressed concern of the possible liableness comments made over the White Hill Development and confirmed that these accusations were totally unfounded.

- He suggested that one of the District Councillors would be of benefit to join the N Plan steering group to feed in information from the District Council. No one has come forward to join. Councillor B Edwards cannot join as he is leader of the District Council.

33/21. To receive a report of the Chairman of his activities on behalf of the Council

The Chairman and the Clerk continue to liaise on all matters of importance during this difficult time.

34/21. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

For decision

The bus shelter that was moved from the High Street about 15 years ago to Stourton has had to be removed as it was rotting and in danger of falling down (the one by the Village Hall). This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for further decision on if funds are available to replace the structure.

Information to note:-

Updates from NALC Play areas should remain open to enable children to exercise.

Information distributed on Kitchen fires

Information on heating grants

Superintendents Report

There has been 2 re-opening of ashes in January. It was noted that a review on eligibility for the Burial Ground needs to be undertaken, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to bring forward a report for members.

35/21. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Councillor P Wooddisse reported an update from the FoKos Group, they are now a limited company, and in discussions with the local Canals and Rivers Team. They have now got 70% of funding that is required.

Councillor S Anderson attended the KSCA meeting, and the name is changing back to the Edward Marsh Centre, with new signs being brought by the Marsh family.

Councillor Mrs C Allen reported that KOBRA is operating again, with this time support being required for residents to be taken to get their Covid vaccination's.

Councillor Mrs S Harris reported that Kinver Eco Collective will be meeting with Highways and the County Councillor to look at the Wild Flower verges, and also looking at having native wild flowers planted. The Park and stride scheme is running and a banner has been supplied with funding from the County Councillor Mrs V Wilson and will be erected on the fence at the Fire Station. Parking buddies supplied on loan from the District Council will also be used to promote considerate parking around Foley Infant school.

Councillor S Anderson reported that in discussions with the bus company and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson he has arranged for the bus company to look at altering the route around the village to take into account Stone Lane, with a new stop at Lowestone Court and a stop by the Rock houses (before Meddins Lane). A practice run will be taking place this week to see if its feasible and what minor tree works to remove over hanging branches is required to clear the route.

36/21. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting.

The accounts for payment are set out as appendix 2 to these minutes. These were agreed and noted.

37/21. Items for future Meetings

To be with the Clerk by 25th February 2021

April meeting – Ryan Taylor Climate Change presentation

38/21. Dates of Next Meetings –

Leisure and Amenities Committee	10 th February 2021
Finance and General Purposes Committee	17 th February 2021
Full Parish Council meeting	3 rd March 2021
Leisure and Amenities Committee	17 th March 2021
Planning and Development Committee	24 th February 2021
APM meeting	TBC

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Policy for the location of seat/bench in the Parish of Kinver

- 1) Benches sponsored must be of a design to suit the location of installation and be agreed by Kinver Parish Council.
- 2) Kinver Parish Council will purchase the seat/bench directly following receipt of the full payment from the sponsor.
- 3) The sponsor must pay for the installation and purchase of the seat/bench, a bronze plaque (if required) and any associated delivery costs for the seat/bench.
- 4) The Parish Council will install the seat/bench at a no cost to the sponsor.
- 5) The sponsor is responsible for insuring the seat/bench in case of damage.
- 6) If the bench becomes unsafe the Parish Council has the right to remove the bench without consultation of the sponsor. The Parish Council will endeavour to contact the sponsor regarding any action taken.
- 7) The Parish Council has the right if necessary to move the seat/bench but before this action would be taken they would endeavour to contact the sponsor of the seat/bench.
- 8) NOTE: Kinver Parish Council will retain the above details of the seat/bench sponsor as a point of contact should the need arise that KPC would need to make you aware of, sponsoring of the seat/bench is taken as approval for this.

Accounts for payment for February Parish Council meeting 2021

<u>Accounts for payment</u>	Description	Total
Barclays Bank	Charges December	6.50
Christmas Direct	Additional tree leads and lights	186.86
Community Heartbeat	Defib battery	282.00
Edge Designs	Annual Support for accounts	564.00
Gemini	Van excess	150.00
Inland Revenue	February	1493.74
Midshires	Copier charges	215.04
SCC pensions	December	2168.41
Screwfix	Supplies	151.69
SWOPS	Fuel	45.00
Zoom	Monthly charge	14.39
Viking Direct		90.50

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List of Monthly Direct

Debits

SSDC	Toilet rates	109.00
SSDC	CR Rates	55.00
Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	13.59
Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity and mobile phone	192.41
Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	9.56
Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	-336.54
Salaries	February	5638.94
	Total	5681.96
	Total Expenditure	11050.09

Receipts

Burial Fees		320.00
	Total Income	320.00