

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

Present: Councillors: S Anderson (Chairman), P Wooddisse (Vice Chairman), Ms E Lord, Mrs S Harris (arrived at 7.30pm), G Sisley, Mrs C Allen and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Miss J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

An apology of absence was received from Councillor J K Hall (Ex-Officio).

2. To record Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29TH September 2021

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 29th September 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Future Projects

Giants Well – G Sisley

The items for finance have been refereed to the next meeting. Cllr G Sisley is looking at insulating the water pipes.

Update on Verges being used for wild-flowers – S Harris

A grant from South Staffs water has been received for £2000 by Kinver Eco-Collective to be spent within the next 2 years, for buying seeds. This will feed in with the National Trust have the Sandlands Project to link wildlife areas between Kinver / Enville and Highgate.

The National Trust are looking at clearing land with the correct equipment and plant seeds on the fresh areas.

National Trust are running an event relating to the Sandlands project which we will be invited to.

On the 4th November Cllrs Mrs S Harris and S Anderson will be looking at further areas for planting.

Park and stride – S Harris

The Parking buddies have been requested from Staffordshire Council, to ask for them to be put by the schools.

2 new signs need to be purchased to for the Park and Stride, costs to be looked at to replace the signs for the spring.

High Street Grant - Farmers Market

Another market is planned for 30th October, with a few more stalls and again in the High Street. We are hiring tables from Kinver Country Fayre and also an additional 5 gazebos.

Mrs M Fullwood has prepared a sign to show where the stalls are so that people don't miss the 2 locations. One to be located on the a frame at the Chip Shop nearest Mill Lane.

The stalls for this market will be free, but there will be a small charge to cover costs for the November market.

The markets have been well received by traders and residents alike. We have achieved the 3 markets as planned. We need to look at a model to keep the markets running with negative cost to the Council. There is circa £4000 of the grant left to spend after this next market.

We need to look at working with traders and other organisations to set up a steering type committee to help keep the dialogue and positivity of the relationship between traders and the Parish.

It was agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that the funds remaining are used to purchase equipment like the gazebos and tables, and continue with the markets on a monthly basis, starting from February / March next year and start to look at setting up a steering group to run them. On a vote this was agreed.

5. Members reports on PROW / Kinver Common / Definitive Map

There are several issues the first is to recover any lost footpaths that are missing of the definitive map.

Mr David Tibbetts passed over maps he has worked on to look at new paths, circular bridlepaths, etc. The Chairman will look at the documents and report back and issue copies if they are useful for other members.

The fp marker discs at the rear of the gun club have been removed and need to be replaced, and they need to be reminded of the health and safety issue relating to the shooting over the path.

The footpath has been moved on Union Hall Farm, shows on the OS map as the former believed location through the farm, and it is now at the side of the farmyard, this was noted and will be raised by the Clerk with County Rights of Way for clarity.

It was agreed to have a new project around Rights of Ways, and ideas to be brought forward to the next meeting.

Councillor P Wooddisse agreed to invite the Stourbridge Ramblers Association to attend a future meeting and discuss finding lost paths.

6. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

None was received.

7. To discuss budgeting requirements for the next financial year

The Clerk reported that the draft budget has been prepared ready for Finance in November and in that document there is an allocation of £4500 for grants / internal projects and £4000 in the Community Fund.

8. Items for the next agenda

Visit to recycling plant, PROW definitive map (Kinver Common FP), Stourbridge Ramblers invite, public toilets in the High Street / Kinver Edge, Kinver High School Leisure facilities.

9. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that:-

- the funds remaining are used to purchase equipment like the gazebos and tables, and continue with the markets on a monthly basis, from February / March next year and start to look at setting up a steering group to run them.
- to request that the Clerk write to the school and ask for up to date information on the leisure facilities and how they will operate.

10. Date of Next Meetings

10th November 2021