

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

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Present: Councillors: S Charlesworth -Jones (Chairman), Miss E Lord (Vice Chairman), , J K Hall (Ex-Officio), P Wooddisse, D McGirr, S Anderson and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Clerk Mrs J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Allen, Mrs S Harris and K Hosell.

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

4. Update on Future Projects

(a ) Information Boards

Cllr P Wooddisse reported that with regard to the information boards he has not progressed any further.

The original posters are in the office and it was agreed to forward these (via David Tibbetts) to Dr Paul Collins as he may be able to update them. Co-opted Member D Tibbetts to speak to Dr Paul Collins and report back to the next meeting.

The cost of a standard blank notice style board is £500, and any printed matter can be put inside.

The current boards with information in is not clearly signed as to what they are and should be clearer.

The Clerk circulated the existing information board details.

It was agreed to include the purchase of 2 boards to replace the damaged / missing boards at the Hyde and Canal entrance area by Hyde Lock in the funds already requested from the Finance Committee.

(b) Noticeboards

The committee has requested £4000 for the boards which we will include the information boards above.

(c) Visit Kinver website update

Cllr D McGirr reported that he has asked for a specification which he can forward to suppliers to quote and he is going to meet with him to discuss this later in the week. He has suggested that the Parish Council write it for themselves.

The 3 quotes should be 2 elements the website design and the uploading of relevant data for the area.

Cllr Ms E Lord will ask for information from other website of this style to see who they use, costs website hits etc.

It was discussed using the vehicle of the traders association to run the website as a group, Cllr S Anderson will ask members of the traders Association at their next meeting to look to see if this type of project would work.

(d) Kinver Archives

Cllr D McGirr reported that he has not been able to move the project further forward at the time, he is costing a proposal to set up a Kinver Archive with help from Staffordshire Archives.

(e) Blue Plaques for buildings / walking trails

Cllr Mrs C Allen has obtained a quote for ceramic blue plaques at a cost of circa £1800. It was agreed to defer this until a future meeting.

(f) Trees obscuring church view

Cllr D McGirr met with the owner of the land containing the offending trees, today up at the Church. They looked at the relevant trees and he has agreed which can be cut down. Photos were shown with numbered arrows and a description of the work to be completed detailed below:-

1. The main group of trees hiding the Church tower. He would like them cut down to 6 feet high.
2. 2nd group to be cut down.
3. 3rd group to be cut down.
4. The maximum distance from the church wall, nothing to be cut down beyond this.
5. The height that he would like left to still provide him with some privacy in his cottage below the trees.

The Clerk informed members that at this time it has not been approved as a council project and for this to be a council project there needs to be recommendation for the Council's agreement to go out to competitive tender for the works without committing to the project until costs are found.

Cllr D McGirr will be happy to arrange to be there when the tree surgeons are doing the job, to ensure that the areas is left tidy. The owner would be happy to allow the tree surgeons to leave some of the cuttings in piles for the benefit of the local wildlife.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council to set up a Community Group to look at clearing low level scrub with volunteers on the land below the church with no costs to the Council. Following this we can review the larger tree work, but at this time this is only to be looking at clearing lower scrub.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters

The Staffordshire Way and Wiggly Bank is very muddy needs to be looked at. The Clerk to notify the County Council.

A grant has been received from South Staffordshire Council for 2 circular walks , starting from the Clock Shelter around the canal and back through the village and a little further on towards Brockleys Walk Park area which are slightly different lengths.

6. To receive an update on the Community Use agreement for Kinver High School

The following email has been received from the District Council :-

“Sports England requested some minor amendments that the High School have agreed to. It has since gone back to them for final approval, please see attached.  
Regards Lucy “

The Chairman reported that Lisa Barratt is working on Health and Safety and training, we need to find out if the school are ready for the doors to open when the green light is received from the signed documents. The Clerk to forward an email from the Chairman to the School.

7. To receive a report / information on the newly formed Working Party for Climate change for the Parish Council.

Cllrs Ms E Lord, G Sisley, D McGirr and S Anderson held a scoping meeting and the first action was publicity for the new green electric van for the Parish Council. It was suggested to put forward to the Parish Council to declare a Climate Emergency, with a terms of reference. The Parish Council takes over the responsibility of the Parish Council and it is a standard item on each Parish Meeting.

Cllr Ms E Lord reported that the group would like Kinver Parish Council to resolve to join Staffordshire County Council, South Staffordshire District Council, and other councils across the UK, in declaring a Climate Emergency.

It was proposed by Cllr Ms E Lord and seconded by Cllr S Anderson that there is an agenda item at the Parish Council meeting in December for a Climate Emergency Resolution , on a vote this was carried.

8. Items for the next agenda - S106 list to be added to; date set as Recycling Plant date 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.
9. Recommendations to the Parish Council

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

- to set up a community group to look at clearing low level scrub with volunteers on the land below the church with no costs to the Council. Following this we can review the larger tree work, but at this time this is only to be looking at clearing lower scrub.
- is an agenda item at the Parish Council meeting in December for a Climate Emergency Resolution

10. Date of Next Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022