**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2019**

Present: Councillors: J Cutler (Chairman), Miss V Webb (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Allen and co-opted members J Glover and Mrs M Rogers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councilors H Williams (Ex-Officio), P Wooddisse, Mrs L Hingley, N Other and Mrs D Geoghegan sent their apologies for the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 16th January 2019, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

4.1 Work completed on the following paths:-

FP53 No marker post; FP32 Vicarage Drive – Compa end no marker post; FP42 Compa end no number.

The following item was reported to the County Council but no response has been received:-

From Gothersely Lane end, the stile has completely collapsed needs repair / replacing.

Electrical type fencing has been fixed across the stile area making access very difficult. The next fenced area is fixed across the path, the one after this can be unfastened but is very difficult.

The land owner needs to be made aware that access along the path needs to be improved.

FP23 Past the KSCA and after the second raising gate large amounts of horse manure are still being dumped and edging onto the path when we have any rain there will be liquid manure running onto path. This is a regular problem and it would be appreciated if the land owner would remove the manure and avoid this happening again.

It was noted that the footpaths that are awaiting repairs to stiles etc, have had the landowners written too and all of the paths of concern belong to Enville Estates. Permission has been given for the footpath at Dunsley but not until the crops are harvested.

4.2 Bulb planting

It was agreed to record where all the bulbs have been planted to date for future reference when planting further in the autumn.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Update on walks

The Civic Society would like the walk leaflets they produce to stay the same, and would not like to extend them by adding further walks.

Councillor P Wooddisse is working on some circular walks at the moment. He arranged to meet a representative from the County Council at FP3, but they unfortunately could not make a meeting. He believes that with caution the path is still useable.

The Clerk has put on the Parish Council’s Facebook page a post asking for people to let us know when they are walking paths, what they find etc. She will also add on to that page the 5 circular walks that John Glover prepared some years ago.

5.2 Canal Towpaths

This is still ongoing, Councillor Mrs V Wilson, is chasing up those that attended the site meeting. If this route can be officially added to the Cycle route network a better surface will be put on the towpath.

5.3 FP3

This path is still officially closed by the County but as there are now no closure signs on it, it is being walked again.

5.4 SID Location / device – Stourton

The Parish Council have still to decide on the purchase of a further SID at Stourton, but have agreed to purchase several more sockets to locate the existing signs on around the Parish.

5.6 Tourist Information Point

The Clerk is looking to add to the Parish website information on parking in the village, if anything further such as adding the businesses etc were to be added, this needs to be driven from the traders of the village who should run a formal tourist information website.

5.7 Future Projects

Funding is available through central government for installing green energy points, i.e. car charging points. This may be something for a future committee / Council to look into for the village.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

Co-opted member J Glover reported the following for noting for future reference:-

FP 0.86 and FP9 paths are following the wrong line and they do not follow Official OS line.

FP 0.82 – part of the path on the north end a short length of path is not an official right of way, so if this section were to be closed then the path would meet a dead end.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

As I will not be standing for Council in May elections I would like to thank all members, both past and present for all their hard work and support whilst I have been Chairman.

I have been on the L & A committee for all 8 years of my time on Kinver PC. Many of these as Chairman) , of all the time spent doing council work my time on the L & A Committee has been by far the most satisfying.

As opposed to the main council this Committee is pro-active and initiates lots of projects/work which benefits many people in the Village. Examples of these;

* Children’s Play Area
* Adult Exercise Equipment
* Upgrade work to Danesford and Jubilee Gardens (we can actually see the river now and rest on benches! )
* Resurfacing of Legion Drive and Entrance to playing field
* Tree screen Management to enable church to be seen from the Village
* Historic Noticeboards and Village borough sign
* Continuous bulb planting programme
* New Chenevare Leaflets
* The Establishment of Youth café
* Regular review and maintenance of our wonderful Rights of Way

Finally the meeting have always been conducted in great spirit making our volunteer work so much more enjoyable

Many thanks to everyone and best wishes for the committee in future years.

Councillor Mrs C Allen presented the Chairman with a bouquet of flowers and the Committee thanked him for all of his hard work and efforts on this committee and the Parish Council.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 3rd June 2019.

Tourist Information, canal towpaths, walks, FP3, SID update, green village, charging points for green vehicles.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 12th June 2019.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no recommendations to the Council.