

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

Present: Councillors: S Anderson (Chairman), P Wooddisse (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Harris, G Sisley, J K Hall (Ex-Officio) and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Miss J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

An apology of absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Allen.

It was noted with regret that Co-opted member J Glover has resigned from the Committee.

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14th July 2021

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 14th July 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Future Projects

Giants Well – G Sisley

The drinking bowl has been re-coated and is ready to be reinstalled onto the brickwork. The cost to date is circa £200 for this work.

The plumbing work to reconnect the water and a tap would cost £330, there would also need to be a contingency sum of £100 for any extra emergency works. The Clerk has strived to get 3 quotes and have only been successful in obtaining one quote but 5 plumbers were contacted.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council / Finance Committee that this project is formally adopted by the Parish Council, the plumber is engaged to complete the plumbing work with a contingency sum totaling £430, and the retrospective costs to date of circa £200 are paid. On a vote this was agreed.

The second phase will be signage explaining the history of the site, improve the brickwork / stone work.

Update on Verges being used for wild flowers – S Harris

It was reported that she had spoken to Ewan Chapman the Ranger for the National Trust. He has secured funds to connect a wildflower corridor to High Gate Common. They are looking at employing someone to liase with land owners, Kinver Eco Collective and the Parish Council.

The Eco Collective have applied for a small grant for bulbs, they are awaiting confirmation.

The Verge Licence to date has not progressed any further forward at County by Diane Firkins. A list of areas that have the grass cut by the County / District Contractors has been requested so that areas that we do not want to be mown that have wild flowers can be identified on this list and removed so that they are not cut.

It was agreed to invite the Ranger Ewan Chapman to attend the next meeting to update members on his initiative.

Park and stride – S Harris

Councillor Mrs S Harris updated members on the project as it was a new school year. The Parking Warden has been requested, and the County Council have looked at increased white lines, but the homeowners would have to fund this themselves. We are receiving several complaints about the parking from both school traffic and also residents parking in this area.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that the Clerk to ask the PCSO's to attend the school and see if they can assist with educating the new parents / residents.

The Eco Group are looking at revamping the Park and Stride scheme for the new year and look at getting Parking Buddies for the school and ask the school to send information home with the school children on this scheme.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Clerk writes a letter to the school and forward the complaints that we have received with the parking in this area and ask if there is any help that the Parish can support them on. On a vote this was agreed.

Cllr Mrs S Harris will get a quote for replacement Park and Stride signs due to some of them being damaged.

Community wood and orchard – P Wooddisse

Councillor P Wooddisse reported that he had spoken to Friends of Kinver Open Spaces, and they are happy to have the small orchard at Brockleys Walk Park enhanced. If a member of the public requests a memorial tree this could be discussed at the time.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that the Parish adopt the existing small orchard at Brockleys Walk, any new trees can be purchased by residents in memorium and they would be sourced and installed through the Parish, and the Maintenance Technicians would take over the minimal maintenance of the orchard (strimming the ground only by the trees annually and pruning the trees every few years). On a vote this was agreed.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters

Councillor G Sisley has reported the Staffordshire Way from Wiggly bank to White Hill, to the County Rights of Way team and they have been informed that it is a County Highways Matter as it is a Green Lane. The surface is very eroded and muddy.

FP23 has been reported directly to the PROW department as it is a major project that needs to be looked at quite urgently by the County Council.

6. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

None was received.

7. Update on High Street Bid for funds

The Grant has been awarded of £5000 to encourage traded in the High Street following the pandemic, to date 3 markets were scheduled and 2 have been run so far and a further one is scheduled for 30th October. Comments from Local Traders and residents have been very positive.

The Clerk will forward any comments and pictures from the last market, to the District Officer who is dealing with these projects to update him on the project to date.

It is hoped that there will be a November market will take place on the 27th which will be a Christmas Market. The Christmas lights switch on will take place on the 26th November.

A traffic management scheme is required for both of these days to keep the public safe as there will have to be market stalls only in the High Street on the Saturday due to the weather conditions (hard standing as opposed to grass at Danesford Gardens), and on the Friday evening with the Sleigh being in the village. The cost for the traffic management for both days is £2417.50. It was noted that this is short notice and the application needs to be submitted as soon as possible as there is a 6 week notification period required by the County Council. This could be funded from the Community Fund, as this is money set aside for the Community. The Committee is aware that the protocol is to go to the Finance Committee for funding, however, time does not allow this to happen. On this occasion it is requested that funding is agreed at the Parish Council meeting in October.

Therefore, it was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that the sum of £2417 is funded from the Community fund for the Traffic Management for the Christmas events. This was agreed.

8. Items for the next agenda

Visit to recycling plant, PROW definitive map (Kinver Common FP), budgeting for next years projects.

9. Recommendations to the Parish Council

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

- this Giants Well project is formally adopted by the Parish Council, the plumber is engaged to complete the plumbing work with a contingency sum totaling £430, and the retrospective costs to date of circa £200 is approved.
- the Clerk writes a letter to the school and forward the complaints that we have received with the parking in this area, and ask if there is any help that the Parish can support them on.
- the Clerk to ask the PCSO's to attend the school and see if they can assist with educating the new parents and local residents with regard to parking.

- the Parish adopt the existing small orchard at Brockleys Walk, any new trees can be purchased by the public in memorium (instead of a bench) this would be progressed through the Parish, and the Maintenance Technicians would take over the minimal maintenance of the orchard (strimming the ground only by the trees annually and pruning the trees every few years).
- the sum of £2417 is funded form the Community fund for the Traffic Management for the Christmas events.

10. Date of Next Meetings –

27th October 2021