

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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), D McGirr, Mrs S Harris, J K Hall (Ex-Officio), S Anderson, and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Clerk Miss J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors P Wooddisse, Mrs C Allen, K Hosell and and co-opted member and G Spruce.

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8<sup>TH</sup> June 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. Future Projects

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

The Yellow Rattle has taken well in most areas. Whittington Hall Lane planting has been strimmed. Cllr Mrs S Harris spoke to Street Scene via email to tell them about our Wildflower areas again.

The cuts of the flowers last year was done by several volunteers and the National Trust, it needs to be strimmed, so the seeds drop and then be cleared , the surface scraped and plant some new seed. This to be discussed on the National Trust walk on the 17<sup>th</sup> August evening walk to see if they can help cut and clear the areas.

There will be some wildflowers planted at the back of the office and Cllr D McGirr has planted wildflowers either side of Vicarage Drive.

(b) Park and stride – S Harris

This is deferred until September.

(C) Information Boards / noticeboards – P Wooddisse

Deferred until September.

(D) Trees on verges – S Harris

We have been trying to get permission for the areas held by the County, District, Housing Association and Severn Trent, but to date responses have not been positive. In light of this it was agreed to take this off the agenda until there is any additional information / progress.

(E) Visit Kinver website update

Cllr Miss E Lord has spoken to Andy Calloway about help with a website, and he would be keen to help set up a website for Visit Kinver. Ideas are needed on what needs to go on the site, taking inspiration from other sites. The type of content for the sites pages are businesses, footpaths, footpath walking routes etc. Sustainability is the key to keep it updated and interesting, at Bridgnorth they buy developer time to publicise the site on other media sites.

To run the site perhaps look at 5 or 6 administrators to refresh the site, made up of 3-4 traders and 2 Councillors. It was agreed to discuss with the traders at their meeting next week. It was agreed to look at funding from the District Council. Also to investigate the costs with a local PR Company when the initial stages are progressed.

Members to look at local Visit websites and bring forward members favourite ones. Members Cllr Ms E Lord, S Anderson, S Charlesworth-Jones and D McGirr to brain storm some ideas.

Footpaths walks can be recorded using strava and also the footpath maps (the 10 walks published by the Civic Society) and also there are other specific walks that can be put on to the webpage.

#### (F) Kinver Archive / museum

Cllr D McGirr asked if he could look at a museum / archive as he is concerned we are losing knowledge and information from people in the Parish as well as the potential to lose historic items. The Parish has looked at this in the past but not for a long time.

He is speaking to Helen Johnson from Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Department to discuss what they can help with and for advice. He thought of a Kinver Heritage website, to photograph historical items, have recordings of stories of Kinver etc. He has also spoken to Martin Tanner also has many items of importance and memories that need to be captured. He will keep the Council are apprised of what happens with his meeting with Staffordshire Archives.

Co-Opted member D Tibbetts reported that he knows that Mr D Bills had 1000's of slides from his father and grandad as they were all into photography.

He has cataloged the library's post cards that have been donated and is going to put them online. The Chairman suggested linking any information onto the information boards with a QR code so people can find out more about Kinver.

It was agreed that Cllr D McGirr will find out as much information as possible with the Staffordshire Archives Officer and invite her to come to our next meeting.

#### (g) Jubilee Trees

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that to purchase 2 substantial trees for the Platinum Jubilee.

### 5. Members reports on PROW Matters

The Clerk reported that she has contacted the land owner and has no response to the fence falling into the permissive footpath through Severn Trent land off the A449. So she has escalated this with the Public Rights of Way Officer.

The state of Kinver's Brockleys Walk Park was reported as not being kept in a good condition. This is a District Council matter but a response should come from the Full Council so it will be an agenda item for September.

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

The school have submitted a formal planning application to agree the Community Use Agreement. The District Council have confirmed that there is still time for further negotiations.

The main agreement there seems to be no issue with , however the rates are of concerns as they are not comparable with the nearest local facility which is Wombourne leisure centre for £25 per month, this includes classes, gym access free swimming and available from 7am till late 7 days a week. The school have set a basic price and they are wanting to charge £30 for gym membership which is limited access times due to the school opening times. Wombourne Leisure Centre is a South Staffordshire run facility.

The school have said they have to use the Invictus Trust policy for pricing. It was noted that they are the only one school that has these facilities in the trust.

Lucy Duffy has offered to attend a meeting with the Parish and the school if it is required. It was agreed that the Committee Chairman and Cllr Miss E Lord to prepare a list of costs against what is proposed by the school for the Planning Committee to take into account when making their recommendation to South Staffordshire Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Sport England to give them further information on the costs issues and concerns of the Parish Council. The Chairman will prepare an email and circulate it to members before its sent to Sport England and the 3 District Councillors and Cllr Mrs V Wilson.

It was noted that the carbon footprint to stop travel to Wombourne and enable people to walk to the facility is a key factor for having a local services, GP's can offer exercise prescriptions, they cannot in Kinver due to until recently we do not have a fully open facility. Also exercise is good for mental health of people.

It was noted that any decision should not be to the detriment of the children of the village.

It was agreed to highlight with the 3 district Councillors and Cllr Mrs V Wilson to let them know that this could be an issue, and it needs to be called in by one of them at the planning meeting.

7. Climate change and low carbon initiative for the Parish Offices

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

None were received.

9. Items for the next agenda - s106 list to be added to; Recycling Plant ca, gs, sa, dm, dt, el – dates tbc from members;

10. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that to purchase 2 substantial trees for the Platinum Jubilee cost to be confirmed at the September Parish Council Meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022