

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 AT THE KSCA, LEGION DRIVE, KINVER**

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Miss V Webb, IG Sadler, G Sisley, BR Edwards, E Simons, H Williams, S Anderson, Ms E Lord, D Light, Mrs E Lord, M Smith and P Wooddisse

136/21. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Harris, T Talbot-Webb and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson sent their apologies.

137/21. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

138/21. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 (copy attached).

The Minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting with the exception that on item 122/21 – the Office of “Vice Chairman” needs to be added.

139/21. Public Participation – 15 minutes for members of the Parish to raise matters with members of the Council

No members of the public were present.

140/21. To receive an update for the KSCA re change of status to a CIO

A meeting took place with the Management Trustees of the KSCA, and members of the Council earlier in the month to discuss the Parish Council's concerns re the asset transfer of the Marsh Playing Fields.

Following this meeting a second meeting was set up with members of the KSCA and some members of the Parish Council along with the Parish Council's solicitors and the KSCA Solicitors.

The KSCA solicitor is sending to the Parish Councils solicitor the information relating to the land ownership and the CIO and they will advise the Council shortly.

The Land Registry documents show the Parish Council as the land-owners of the land, however Council have been advised that as Custodian Trustee this land should have been registered with an entry showing the Charity link. This was registered by the former solicitors Higgs and Sons not the current solicitors.

The two current solicitors both agreed on the role of the Parish Council as stating that they do not have the right to the land as it stands, it is in the ownership of the charity.

Councillor D Light reported that the documents relating to the KSCA Trustee going back to 1953 were passed from him to the Parish Office, which have been scanned and stored. These documents state what the solicitors have advised in relation to the land.

It was proposed by S Anderson is that the Parish Council formally supports the KSCA changing to a CIO status and we fully support the grant applications. The Parish council will support the safeguarding of the land for the people of Kinver following advice from the solicitor. This was seconded by Councillor Ms E Lord and on a vote there were 11 for and 1 abstention.

In addition the Clerk to clarify the access for the children's play area with the solicitor to see if a lease is required.

141/21. To receive a report from PCSO's re incidents and statistics for Kinver

The statistics for the latest crime figures were circulated to all members.

142/21 Reopening public toilets update

The Clerk took advice from the District Council, and it was reported that the High Street toilets are open and will remain open in the week and the Kinver Edge toilets will remain closed and this will be looked at in the September meeting.

143/21. To discuss the Boundary Review

There are no implications for the Kinver Wards, therefore this was noted.

144/21. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Leisure and amenities Committee 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council the following items that:-

- the bench policy as set out as appendix 1 be accepted.  
This was agreed.
- to purchase Bat / bird boxes to be put on Parish buildings / Toilet blocks, at a cost of £150 .
- to allocate £4000 of the Community fund for the purchase of Solar Lighting for the Holloway.

These items were referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

A vote of thanks was made to the outgoing chairman for his hard-work and a round of applause was given to thank him by all members.

Finance and General Purposes Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

- The accounts up to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 as set as Appendix 2 to these minutes be accepted.
- Replacement bus shelter for Stourton - a letter is sent to those residents that have expressed their concerns, stating that due to the current Covid restrictions, this should be deferred until the September meeting.
- DPO Service - we do not need this service as we have adequate cover in place.
- Kinver Bowling Club £2500 - this application is not progressed, due to the Parish Council have a maximum grant limit of £250 per application
- To look at costs of buying the existing vehicle from the County at the end of the lease, and investigate other options.
- L & A Bulbs - a sum of £250 is reserved for expenditure for the bulbs / plants.

These recommendations were agreed.

The above meeting minutes were noted and there were no recommendations to the Council.

145/21. County / District Councillors to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor BR Edwards reported that SSDC are now meeting in the Council Offices with face to face meetings. Zoom meetings are still being held for training events. The Government have had a large response from Authorities across the County to continue to hold zoom meetings.

There is also a Parliamentary Boundary review taking place.

146/21. Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that he would like to support a Farmers Market type of event as has recently been proposed, to get people back into the High Street. The Council will support the initiative and the L & A Committee are looking at this through the High Street Fund from the District Council. The L & A Committee are looking into the detail of how this can be achieved. It was agreed in principle to use the 2 gardens in the village owned by the Council, and liaise with the traders to see what is the best day etc...., perhaps using the smaller garden first to see demand.

Councillor G Sisley left the meeting at this point 7.45pm.

147/21. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Updates / correspondence were received on the following items:-

### **SCC Community fund information**

2021 Community Fund Staffordshire has always had a fantastic voluntary and community sector. We know that things have taken a knock over the last year, and this year our county councillors are using their funding to help get community activity back to where it should be. Each county councillor has up to £2,500 to allocate for:

- Projects to get Staffordshire's voluntary and community sector back to thriving, including initiatives that will help groups to develop or restart their own fundraising
- Projects to help paused community activities get going again in a safe way
- Projects looking to build on the community energy of the past year and keep it going, e.g. by transitioning new community networks into more formal community groups or Good Neighbour schemes

To find out more and apply, visit [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/2021CommunityFun](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/2021CommunityFun)

This was noted.

### **Correspondence from resident re Dark Lane area re development in the Greenbelt of Kinver – this was noted**

### **A458 hedge growth – this was noted**

### **20's plenty update – this was noted**

### **Correspondence re Church Hill access- this was noted.**

## **Library Postcards**

The use of the cards was agreed subject to them not breaching copyright.

Councillor M Smith left the meeting at 7.50.

148/21. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

None were reported.

149/21. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting and give delegated authority for the payment of the accounts due to no Council meeting in August.

The accounts as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes were agreed and noted. Approval for the Finance and General Purposes Committee was given to ratify and agree the accounts for payment for July. This was agreed.

150/21. Items for future Meetings

Rural Town Presentation.

151/21. Dates of Next Meetings –

Leisure and amenities Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Planning and Development Committee	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Parish Council meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

<b>Accounts for payment</b>	Description	Total
Barclays Bank	Charges	6.00
BHIB	Insurance	1923.94
Ebay	Litter Pickers	85.28
Inland Revenue	June	1494.03
Inland Revenue	July	1487.43
J R K	Supplies	82.20
Med UK	Defib pads	43.95
Parcel Hub	N Plan Mailing	2867.56
Power Equipment	Strimmer head	67.20
Screwfix	Supplies	54.75
SCC	Van Lease June / July	695.51
SCC	Van Lease Apr / May	695.51
Staffordshire County Council	June	2235.62
Staffordshire County Council	July	2233.62
SPCA	Training course	60.00
SWOPS	Fuel	90.00
SWOPS	Fuel	100.00
Zoom	Monthly charge	14.39
Viking Direct	Supplies including replacement printer	351.77
		<b>14588.76</b>
<b>List of Monthly Direct Debits</b>		
SDDC	Toilet rates	0.00
SDDC	CR Rates	0.00
Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	6.91
Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity and mobile phone	130.26
Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	14.74
Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	41.89
Salaries	June	5692.95
Salaries	July	5699.72
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11586.47</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>26175.23</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Burial Fees		890.00
Vend electric	April income	92.40
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>982.40</b>