

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), IG Sadler, G Sisley, D McGirr, , K Hosell, S Anderson, P Wooddisse, Miss N Owen, S Charlesworth-Jones, K Slade, County Councillor Mrs V Wilson and District Councillor P Harrison.

Also present: Mrs J Cree – Clerk, Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, Mrs B Owen, MP Mike Wood.

171/23. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors A Calloway, Ms E Lord, E Simons and K Davies sent their apologies.

172/23. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

173/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2023 (copy attached).

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Page 4 160/23 – Should read we have some free independent advice looking at the Senior Citizens, Library, Parish Office and other community buildings in the parish will be examined.

Item 161/23 – should read “Up to the officers SSDC”

Item 163/23 - Cath Perry was not in attendance at Brockleys walk but met at a separate time.

174/23. To receive a report from the PCSO's relating to Kinver

The Police report was received and circulated prior to the meeting. Sargent J Dorrington reported that Vehicle Crime is ongoing issue in the area and increasing, Operation Bulmas team is back up and running to work between 10-4am.

Each of the 5 response teams with 10 pc's and are all stationed at Codsall, after 10 pm officers have to come from Codsall to emergency calls.

Staffordshire Police are still giving out the Faraday bags and look at types of vehicles that are currently being targeted and speak to other car owners with similar vehicles to want them of the potential risk of theft.

With regard to ASB at the Edward Marsh Centre they are looking at speaking to possible suspects for the fire damage.

There are 3 neighbourhood teams operating, only 1 has full capacity of officers.

Chances Wood music event, he gave an overview / update, they had a premises licence which was approved, the process that took place was the correct procedure, as the applicant has to advertise in the newspaper and also in the local area. Due to its location local residents did not see it, therefore did not know about it until the event was advertised.

The officers were concerned that the lack of parking of the event would cause an issue and the people that attended did park on the verges causing people to walk in the road to get home. This has been raised at the after-event meeting.

The new Years Eve event has been cancelled at this time. The noise issue was reported to SSDC and there have been many complaints about the noise.

It was noted that the school parking also needs to be continued to be looked at.

There have also been several unlicensed bikes that are going around the area and look suspicious, they are looking into this. If there are any sightings, then to report it to 999.

If the Council can support the officers, then they would.

175/23. Public Participation

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to speak.

Mrs B Owen reported that:-

- 2 years she has been attending the meetings re the busses.
- The busses running well, she has used them 6 times this week.
- It's been reported that 1500 bus routes have been cut across the country over the past 2 years and at the moment there is a £2 fare cap, this is increasing to £2.50 and over 65's get it free.
- The Barclays bank is closing in Stourbridge and the nearest bank is now Kidderminster where we have only a bus 3 times per week, this is not convenient bus routes are needed trough to Merry Hill, Kingswinford etc.

Standing orders were re-instated.

176/23. To receive an update on the Community Use Agreement

The following update was given from the school by Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones:-

He has asked about membership and their response is - the membership arrangement is with finance and I raised this again on Tuesday. I have suggested in the interim that we set up a monthly membership that can be paid by card until the platform is up and running. Again, I am waiting for the CFO to confirm. It has been our financial audit since we have returned in September hence the delay.

In addition the job vacancy situation he has received the following response - We have to deal with the Invictus Trust, not just the school itself. He was contacted by the Chairman Enville Cricket Club, his secretary was trying to book the indoor facilities from March this year, they have finally had a reply this month, by the time they had response all the slots have been taken by other users.

In the CUA section 3, proving opportunities for local organisations, Enville have used these facilities since 1970, they are now not able to use this facility anymore. The slots are filled on a first come first served bases. There is a clause for prioritising local priority Groups in the agreement, this could be discussed at the Committee meeting (scheduled for December). He has copied the response on this matter to the District Council Officer that has helped on this matter.

Cllr Mrs C Allen left the meeting at this point.

177/23. To discuss and agree a response to the 20's plenty report and other road safety issues at Potters Cross.

The Members met on Wednesday 27th September to prepare a draft response for members to look at.

This was circulated with the agenda papers and is below:-

"Thank you to the authors for preparing the report as it is an enormous task to put together.

The report has also highlighted other safety concerns in the village of Kinver, i.e inconsiderate parking, narrow roads, narrow pavements or no pavements, school run .

Based on this report alone we are not ready to make any decisions on the solution for Kinver, and this is a starting point but further assessments of improving safety and the perception of safety in the village need to take place before any decision could be made.

We would like to see more people not using vehicles to move around the Parish, and encourage walking, cycling etc.

Correspondence has been received relating to parking issues at school times."

It was agreed that the response was acceptable. It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson and seconded by Cllr K Hosell to accept the comment to be made. This was agreed by majority. It was noted that the Government is changing 20 mile a zones, so further details will be coming forward.

It was agreed to request that the data strips are located in Hyperion Road from the County Council to monitor the speeds.

Potters Cross junction – to have a meeting to look at the traffic problems, County Cllr Mrs V Wilson will arrange a site visit.

The District Councillors have contacted the schools following a meeting with Chris Cotton to raise the concerns over the parking issues and the response has not been favourable.

178/23. To receive an update on the Kinver Climate Action Group

The Climate change event on the 1st October was a great success, Cllr Mrs V Wilson opened the event.

There were several talks and people selling Eco items / business models.

There are 2 work streams from this moving forward, which are the thermal imaging camera to look at houses that leak heat, (at the event there was a sign up sheet for this). There was also a company for solar panels, which if there is enough interest it may be possible to get an area discount on installation / purchase.

179/23. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning and Development Committee 13th September 2023

The above meetings minutes were noted all planning recommendations were made directly to the District Council

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been officially adopted by SSDC and is running the part of the Development Plan for South Staffordshire. They have also being asked to help with other plans in the future. The Planning Committee will be using the plan on its recommendations moving forward.

L & A Committee 20th September 2023

The above meeting minutes were noted the following recommendations were brought forward:-

- to instruct Wolverhampton University to go ahead with this project, to design a brand for Kinver to link into the Visit Kinver website.
- To start the process to get permission for a permitted footpath from the Canal Towpath to Brockleys Walk car park (to incorporate the bridge).

The above recommendations were agreed.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Finance Committee to purchase 500 wildflower daffodil spring bulbs for £125, this is part of the Finance recommendations below.

Finance Committee 27th September 2023

The following recommendations were made:-

- the accounts as set out as appendix 1 and 2 to these minutes are accepted.
- A grant of £250 is given to Kinver Folk Singers funded from the 117/03.
- A subscription of £25 is paid for Support South Staffordshire and paid from budget line 117/1.
- A grant is given to Kinver Youth Café for £432 and funded from the Community Projects budget Line 120.
- To purchase bulbs at a cost of £125.

The above recommendations were agreed.

- if a letter is received requesting funding for money towards the Church Wall repairs then a response based on minute 6 above can be sent. It was noted that they mention in the letter that SSDC suggests that local councils set up a Heritage Fund for local projects. This was received with some enthusiasm.

It was proposed by Cllr P Wooddisse to accept the final recommendation, this was not seconded so was noted at this time.

180/23. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Councillor Mrs V Wilson addressed the Council and raised the following items:-

- Work at Church Hill, Stone Lane, and Kingsford Lane re-potholes has been started , a press release has been issued on the stats for surface dressing by Highways. Pot holes increase in the winter months and only emergency ones will be repaired and in the summer they will be looked at.
- Complaints re the busses, she does not have jurisdiction on the busses, they have evidence that they are on the route and the times but if they don't turn up its usually because of breakdowns. The bus company have put the flags on the bus routes in Hyperion Road and the County have agreed the route is safe.
- Climate change fund needs clarification on applications from the Parish and the Climate Change Group.

District Councillor Paul Harrison addressed the Council and raised the following items:-

- The Chance woods music events, the noise was heard through the Parish and this was raised at the SADS meeting, the promotor provided information on the noise levels. There are more constraints put on the owners and they have to submit an event management plan 3 months before the event. They have agreed not to call the licence in at this time, and this is being discussed further.
- 19th October Parish Summit at Codsall.
- Working with residents with planning applicants
- Working with applying Rural funds for grants
- Looking at Brockleys Walk to look after the area and take ownership of the land to improve the management.
- Church Wall – there will be a meeting, with SSDC, Church and architects to get agreement on what work needs to be undertaken, and they are trying to facilitate this over the next couple of weeks.

181/23. Report of the Chairman

The Chairman made no report as he has been away on holiday.

182/23. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Invite to the Civic Society Annual Commendation Awards 16th October 2023

Complaint copied to the Parish Council re Fibre Heroes installation

Enquiry who was responsible for the High Street and Acre Car Park – put them in touch with the 3 new SSDC Councillors.

Contractor booked to check electrical connection boxes on w/c 9th October as per County Licence requirements and also the connection in November.

Road closure has been booked for Christmas Event.

To accept an updated EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY – accepted and agreed.

Play area report received, no immediate repairs, benches have already awaiting to have the wooden planks replaced as they are rotting, this was a low item on the report.

Superintendent Report - 5 Headstone applications – no interments to date.

183/23. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Cllr S Charlesworth-Jones reported on the EMC Centre – hard landscaping has been put in the Sterrymere, and received positively. A leaky dam has been installed on Kinver High School property, by a grant sourced by Mrs A Becke.

Cllr P Wooddisse reported that:-

Kinver Exhibition foundation – Annual General meeting held 2 weeks ago, £9000 of grants issued, Cllr E Simmons has asked if he can be on this foundation, this was agreed.

Kinver Old People's Welfare fund - they meet in December to issue the vouchers.

Cllr S Anderson reported that:-

Kinver United Charity – Rev Clarkson his looking at responses to possible issues re heating / food for people struggling in the Parish , it looks to work a little like the way Cobra operated.

Traders meeting, they are concerned that the Christmas event has more catering being brought in and they would like confirmation of the traders coming and the location of stalls.

184/23. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting

The accounts as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes were accepted.

185/23. Items for future Meetings Council.

To be with the Clerk, by the 24th October 2023.

186/23. Dates of Next Meetings –

Planning and Development Committee	11 th October 2023
Leisure and amenities Committee	18 th October 2023
Parish Council meeting	1 st November 2023
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 th November 2023

Accounts for payment for September 2023

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Andy Read Services Ltd	Contractor work	815.00
Barclays	Monthly charge	8.00
BKV Prizes		100.00
Edward Marsh Centre	Balance of car park rental	208.00
Edward Marsh Centre	Room hire Climate Change (grant funded)	225.00
ESPO	Toilet supplies	117.77
F M Branding	Signs for market	312.00
Gemma Perkins	Climate change event (grant funded)	437.50
Greenacre Services	Contract work and grass cutting	695.00
Gif Gaf	Sim for CCTV at garage and tracker	12.00
HMRC	September	1462.54
HMRC	October	1345.10
IONOS		10.80
JRK		35.94
Kinver Country Fayre	Gazebo bags 50%	232.50
Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Monthly opening toilets	162.00
Kinver Market	Publicity	50.00
Kinver Market	Costs for erecting Gazebos etc for August market	175.00
Midshires	Printing costs	212.14
NFU Mutual	Van Insurance	1291.10
NPlan	Website domain name	14.39
OCL	Supplies	5.61
Pure Shine Windows		62.00
Rospa	Play area inspection	238.80
Salaries	September	4935.61
Salaries	October	4769.61
SSE	Kinver Edge Toilets 1/4	71.97
SCC pensions	September	1918.35
SCC pensions	October	1836.81
Screwfix	Work boots and scraper	143.98
Signal Traffic Mangement	TRO Road closure Xmas event	2418.00
SPCA	training for councillors	36.00
Utility Warehouse	mobile phone	37.90
Viking Direct	Latex gloves	20.94
	Total Expenditure	24417.36
Receipts		
Burial Fees		980.00
Vend electric	August	84.86
Toilet income	June - August	50.00
Kinver Market	September	145.00
Gazebo Hire	Harleys Smokehouse	140.00
Police rental	September - December	1000.00
Fibre Heroes Grant	Visit Kinver	2470.00
Misc. income	Copying NDP	7.00
Precept		81067.00
	Total Income	85943.86