

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillor H Williams (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors: IG Sadler, DH Hadlington, Miss V Webb, D Light, Mrs C Allen, N Other, JK Hall, J Cutler, Mrs D Geoghegan, E Simons and County Councillor V Wilson

OPENING PRAYERS – Rev. Karen Stanton led the Council in prayer.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Edmund Simons to the Council.

57/18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors P Wooddisse, G Mander and BR Edwards their apologies for the meeting.

58/18. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were reported.

59/18. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018, having been circulated in advance of the current meeting, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings at that meeting.

60/18. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Post Codes for Brockleys Walk

Cllr Mrs C Allen has found that the ambulance and fire service use grid references to locate incidents. Therefore if the resident that was concerned needs to contact any emergency services she should give her grid reference rather than a nearby postcode.

61/18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For note: The public participation is for the public to address the Parish Council on matters that they wish to. The Parish Council cannot comment or resolve action on any points raised at this time. If the item requires information being sent from the Council, the Clerk will do this following the meeting. If it is a matter for further discussion it may be added to a future agenda.

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

Residents who live near the Burgesses development in Mill Lane and the High Street, (Mr Rhodes, Mrs Rhodes, Kevin Cole, Mark Jenkins and Pam Jenkins), expressed their concerns over the proposed developments of Mill House and the Burgesses. Their concerns included, loss of privacy, over development of the sites, if any underpinning takes place for the new properties it will impact many of the nearby properties as some are built on sand stone and have little foundations, or they have been underpinned for additional support. There are regular rock slides in Mill Lane and heavy development could potentially spark further rock falls. The strain on village services is also of a great concern re Doctors etc.

The Chairman informed them that plans have not been submitted as yet for the Parish Council to discuss and make representations on and they had not been informed when they would be received.

The Clerk and Councillor J Cutler explained the predetermination rule to the members of the public. This is why at this stage the Parish Council cannot be involved in any campaigns for or against the development as they have to remain objective when they receive the formal planning application from the District Council.

There is then a minimum 6 week consultation, for a development of this size as there are many authorities to consult this will take longer to have a decision made on.

Standing orders were reinstated

62/18. POLICE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The latest Police statistics were circulated at the meeting, the PCSO's were not able to attend.

63/18. YOUTH CAFÉ PROGRESS UPDATE

Councillor J Cutler reported that:-

- The Café has been running for 12 weeks, and they held a meeting with the volunteers to update on how it is going.
- 45 youths have attended some of the 12 sessions.
- 24 of those have attended at least 4 sessions.
- We have 18 active volunteers and 11 that have not yet been able to help.
- Each night we have 5-6 volunteers.
- We have from 10 – 27 each evening, apart from bank holiday weeks which we learnt from the first session that we remain close for those weeks.
- The venue at the KSCA is working really well, and the younger generation are now associating it as not just for the “older people”
- The main age attending are 11-14 year olds, but is up to age 16.
- The 2nd quarter of the Youth Café, we would like to look at outdoor sessions, Kinver Fitness Collective are keen to be involved, and they are looking at providing a basketball coach for a night and similar items...
- The third quarter we may look at doing further activities away from the KSCA but this is a way off yet.
- Storage is an issue at the KSCA so we are speaking to them about perhaps getting a pool table that can stay in situ and they can use to earn funds from it also.
- The youths have been asked what they would like, and a simple tick sheet is being circulated to the regulars of the Youth Café, requests so far are for board games, music etc. We are keen to get involved the board game society that are in the village to help.

In all very positive start to the project, and watch this space.

Members thanked John for all his hard work in getting the project up and running so successfully.

64/18. OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE PARISH

Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported that:-

- April is the start of dealing with Potholes, Staffordshire have been given a further £5million to tackle the problem.
- Some temporary repairs have taken place on Dunsley Road.
- Gully emptying is still a big issue, there are only 4 machines for the whole of Staffordshire and she is trying to get them to Kinver.
- A458 will be resurfaced from the Fox to the traffic lights in the next few months, this is preventative carriageway repairs and differs from emergency pot hole repairs.
- As an example of the back log of works that the County is working with, there was a landslip on Hinksford Lane in December 2016, temporary lights have been in place on this road since then. This is scheduled to be repaired this summer almost 2 years after the land slip happened.
- She is working with the Clerk to try to build a case for getting a camera van similar to Dudley's where they drive past vehicles that are badly or illegally parked by schools. She is building a case to try to get this in Staffordshire.
- She recently attended a meeting re the need for further housing and part of those discussions was the Infrastructure around the developments i.e. GP surgeries, busses etc....

Councillor Mrs L Hingley reported that:-

- She and Councillor H Williams have attended the Code of Conduct Training and urge members of the Council to attend it.
- Inspector Richard Mead has been replaced with a new Inspector Mark Ward.

65/18. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

He attended the Common Wealth day and introduced the Parish Standard, and he reminded members of the Civic Service on the 22nd April 2018.

In addition the Chairman asked if members would like to invite Dr Hopkins from the village GP Surgery to attend a meeting with them, he has asked for support from the Parish Council for applying for funding from Staffordshire CCG. At the present time the practice is solely funded from the Dudley CCG and he would like to get additional funding from Staffordshire which will enable the practice to offer more services. Members agreed to invite him to attend a meeting at 6pm on the 2nd May.

66/18. CLERK'S REPORT

Invitations to attend

Code of conduct training

We will be holding two sessions for parish councillors on Code of Conduct issues – one in Wombourne and one in Penkridge. The Wombourne session will take place on Tuesday, 5th June 2018 at 6.00 pm and will be held at Wombourne Parish Council offices, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA in the council chamber.

The Penkrige session will take place at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th June 2018 and will be held at Penkrige Parish Council offices, Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkrige, Stafford, ST19 5DT in Room 16.

I should be grateful if you would please extend the invitation to your parish councillors and let Helen Astley, my PA, know who from your parish council will be attending by Friday, 25th May 2018 and which session they will be attending. Helen's contact details are h.astley@sstaffs.gov.uk or 01902 696254.

It is very important for all members to try to get to one of these sessions.

For information

Over 60's event at Council Offices on the 10th April 2018
26th April Localities celebration Masterclass
Let's Work Together session 20th April 2018

To note

Council news round-up edition 58,59,60
Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council agendas and minutes

Superintendents report

1 x new headstones have been installed
1 x reopening of ashes plot and 1 x grave reopening

These were noted.

67/18. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Development Committee Meeting of the 28th March 2018

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, the following Recommendations in item 5 of those minutes were made to the Parish Council.

This was agreed

Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting of the 14th March 2018

The minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, were **Received**, and the following recommendations were made to the Parish Council:-

- to request funding for a further 26 weeks of funding the Youth Café at a cost of £30 per session giving a total cost of £780.00.
- quotes are received from 3 contractors, to tidy and partially landscape the area (to make it minimum maintenance thereafter). The contractor would be responsible for all of the site health and safety issues.

The above 2 items were referred to Finance.

- to ask if the Clerk can write to the relevant authority / company to ask if the red phone box can be painted in the High Street.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to British Telecom to ask them to paint the phone box.

68/18. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

69/18. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Mrs C Allen attended the Safe Guarding training session at Codsall, she has brought back with her a Safe Guarding protocol, which she will pass on to the Clerk.

The Youth Café have appointed a Safe Guarding Officer, and they have a policy in place.

70/18. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

If there are any additional items for the next agenda these need to be with the Clerk by 23rd April 2018.

71/18. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Finance and General Purposes Committee	18 th April 2018
Planning and Development Committee	25 th April 2018
Parish Council	2 nd May 2018
Leisure and Amenities Committee	9 th May 2018

All meetings to start at 7.00 p.m.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th April 2018

Accounts for payment 4th April 2018

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Ratefication</u>		
101076	SCC	Lease invoice not received January	349.39
101077	SWOPS	Fuel	77.54
101079	Newton and Newton	Flag accessories	210.00
101080	SPCA	Annual subs	694.00
101081	Restore Data Shred	Shredding paperwork	118.80
101082	J R K	Supplies	122.42
101083	OCL	Supplies	174.60
101084	OCL	Supplies	80.32
101085	ESPO		183.32
101086	SCC	2 x van lease	664.95
SO	Pureshine Windows		40.00
SO	Office Needs	Bench	538.66
		Total	3254.00

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Accounts for payment</u>		
101087	CIS	Sockets and poles	1620.00
101088	Eastern Purchasing	Cleaning supplies	189.52
101089	J R K Computer supplies		13.51
101090	Kane Mailing	Ink for franker	71.99
101091	Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Opening toilets April	100.00
101092	SCC	Pensions	1725.94
101093	SSDC	Legal fees	600.00
101094	SWOPS	Fuel account	90.42
			2791.38

List of Monthly Direct Debits

DD	Inland Revenue	February	1288.00
DD	Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	58.28
DD	Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity	279.10
DD	Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	10.42
DD	Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	153.28
DD	Salaries	April	4960.05
DD	Screwfix	Supplies	400.51
	Midshires		68.00
		Total	7149.64
		Total Expenditure	13195.02

Receipts

	Burial Fees	265.00
	Toilet Income	60.00
	Bench donation	445.00
	Total Income	770.00