

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

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Present: Councillors J Cutler (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice Chairman), N Other, Mrs C Allen, Mrs D Geoghegan, P Wooddisse, H Williams (Ex-Officio) and G Mander and co-opted members J Glover and D Tibbetts.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councilor J Irving Bell due to work commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

4.1 Email re BP / FP 44 from Paul Rochfort:-

*"My colleague Gordon Batey has inspected this route following your request for our works team to undertake clearance. Gordon has said that on the ground there is a parallel track on the Worcestershire side of the border which appears to be the route the public use. There are two long standing metal gates on the bridleway which are difficult to open and there are also well established trees within the bridleway surface. It does not appear that the definitive line has been used for many years. In view of the fact that there is an adjacent route which appears to be very well used I do not propose taking any further action at the present time to undertake any physical works.*

*If you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Kind regards, Paul"*

*J Glover was not happy with the above response, and stated that:-*

*"I last walked this section of path in 2014, the rest of the path is walked every year. If the path is not cleared it will never be walked and we would be losing this section. This is the part of our network FP43 and FP41 join. The path running along the side is a National Trust path and can be rerouted at any time.*

*About half way up from the Sandy Lane there is a way through the hedge, taking you onto National Trust path and at this point a marker post has been erected and has a green 44 number on it, which effectively diverts the path. I assume it has not been formally diverted.*

*This path is also part of the North Worcestershire path and the alternative diversion is outside of the Parish boundary. It is also a bridlepath. It is very important that all our paths are kept open, neglecting them is the best way of losing them."*

*The Chairman and J Glover will look at the path and contact the Clerk when they have done so*

The Chairman and J Glover walked the path, they felt it is very important not to lose this right of way, and asked that the Clerk put it on the list of winter jobs for the Maintenance Technicians if they get time to clear it.

- 4.2 FP 0.86 the footpath again has not been reinstated and the path is un-walkable. Reported to the County Council.

*The National Trust are proposing a new Centenary path system to improve access across Kinver Edge. J Glover is concerned that this should not impinge on the marked numbered paths that are on the site. This will be raised with the National Trust at their event on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. Update from those at the Tripartite meeting.*

A representative from the National Trust will be attending the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this matter along with another area of concern.

FP76 Stile at junction with FP 0.82 (Ridgehill Wood) been there for years, but is too high either needs replacing or another step added. Reported to the County Council.

All the items below were put right w/c 26/10:-

FP11 from Union Hall Farm end needs a marker post at first hedge on the right. ?

FP31 (to old Post Office) no marker at junction with FP23. ?

FP 0.84 No marker post at Junction with FP 0.85. ?

FP43 stile at Sandy Lane end by Keepers Cottage, the stile needs reducing in height if possible and the hedge cutting back. The tall directional post with the white end is missing and needs to be replaced also.

## 5. FUTURE PROJECTS

### 5.1 Youth Drop in Centre

Mrs ER Davis has reported that she has found out the following:-

#### **KSCA Plan of Action for Youth Facility Tuesday 7.00 till 9.00... 11yrs +?**

#### **Advice from Lucy Cox... Development Worker at Staffs Council Voluntary Youth Services. 02/10/16**

- Informal drop in centre is what most want.
- Somewhere warm, safe to meet and chat
- Tuck shop a good idea
- See how it goes and then think about offering other activities suggested by them

- Lucy offered to come to speak to us and interested parties when we had a better idea as to what we are doing.

**Advice from Jon Pedley Youth Pastor in Kinver.** 13/10/16

- Runs to Christian based clubs in Kinver and regularly visits the schools to deliver assemblies. Mentors some “difficult” youths.
- He has spoken to some re possibility of youth club and the response was the same as the advice given above. They just want some space... ( Nick Other has spoken to him briefly)
- He discussed with them about having to behave responsibly and that they would need to police themselves to a certain extent.
- He appreciated the importance of the CCTV cameras.
- Free Wi Fi would be an advantage/ attraction
- Need for a tuck shop
- Need for at least 3 supervisors ... One of which would run Tuck Shop. Obviously all would need to be police checked. Looking at a pool of 20 or more?
- Rota of helpers essential.. this being the most difficult part...Jon said that he could probably commit once a month...**How to find supervisors? Councillors? Rotary? Parents through PTA? Football clubs/ Scouts etc?**
- Discussed the Youth Bus... he saw problems with this if it was introduced at the start... If the equipment such as music stuff was up to date and successfully attracted youths they would expect it to be there on a regular basis... this is impractical from the financial point of view. If it had old equipment it would not be used and a waste of money. Better to start simply and offer the basic space...
- Possibility of providing simple equipment after discussion with youth,, eg table tennis table, bats balls, board games, playing cards
- Later possibility of allowing darts in the bar lounge, and ask indoor/outdoor bowlers for volunteers to offer indoor bowling.... not necessarily every week?
- Finances. Ad33 is helped by various charities and they do not pay for the youth hut as Jon provides other services to the school as already mentioned. KSCA would need to charge hire fee to cover costs. Starting off in the Committee Room £9 per hour... £18per week... funding for a year £566. Plus cost of some basic equipment.  
**Money from Council? Rotary? PCC Fund?...**

All of the recommendations put to the Parish Council (summary below) were agreed:-

#### Youth Project

- Further information is found out about the Youth Bus, with a possible visit in situ of the bus in use.
- Talk further to PCSO Paula Wilkes re the Wombourne Youth Centre and visit the venue to see how it is run etc.
- Talk to the various partners (Rotary, KSCA, Youth Pastor etc.) to see what they could bring to the project both financially and what help / support they can offer.
- Establish contact with the newly appointed village agent.
- Contact Parents to see if they will volunteer to help run the Youth Drop in Centre (as without this the project will not be able to commence).
- Prepare an outline business plan of costs etc for the running of a youth drop in center.

The Chairman had spoken to Councilor G Mander to ask if he would lead on this project and he had agreed, the Committee were more than happy to support him as project leader.

A small steering group was agreed of Councilors D Geoghegan, G Mander and N Other, they will report directly back to the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

The next stages for this project would be as follows:-

- To look at the facilities that are running in other local towns such as Wombourne etc..
- To decide what type of facility we would like to offer the youth i.e youth drop in evening.....
- Utilizing the work already undertaken by the KSCA on this item.
- To obtain costings and running costs for the option decided upon.
- Start to prepare a draft business plan, ready .....
- To talk to the potential partners for the project and give them as much detail as possible

#### 5.2 Chenevare leaflet

The leaflets have been approved for purchase by the Parish Council a qty of 1000 at a cost of £110. The final draft needs to be confirmed and be sent to the printers from this meeting.

Members agreed that the draft that was prepared by the Historical Society and put together with images by Councillor N Other be sent to the printers for preparing to be printed. The Clerk has added a note of thanks to the Historical Society for their help in the preparing of the leaflet and that it is printed by Kinver Parish Council. When the draft is received this will be circulated to all members before final printing.

It is to be distributed to all local business, pubs and restaurants in the Parish.

#### 5.3 New Project – Taking over other Local Authority Services / update on Road sweeping

*Bob Taylor has responded stating that there is no spare capacity for the road sweeper so they could not let the Parish Council Hire it. The Chairman Councilor J Cutler agreed to see if a sweeper could be hired from anywhere else.*

This was differed until the next meeting.

#### 5.4 Tourist Signs for Kinver from all village entrances

*Members of the Committee will try to go to the Traders meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September to talk to those present about this topic.*

The Chairman attended the Small Business Saturday traders meeting to raise the idea of local businesses supporting financially improving signage to Kinver Village. The consensus of some that were at that meeting was that they would support the idea but not necessarily financially as the cost for this venture (if signage is placed in the center of the A449) would be circa £6000. The letter should include all potential costs that are known so they are fully informed of the facts and a deadline for response of 7 to 10 days.

Members agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that a letter be dropped to all local business to ask them if they would support the scheme to improve signage to Kinver and if they would be willing to contribute financially to the project.

#### 5.5 Waterworks fencing and walk Mill Lane

*The Chairman and J Glover have still to meet with representatives from SSW the fence, tidying up their land and a possible walk on their land on Mill Lane. They will also raise with them tidying up the trees and hedges so it opens the view up more from the bridge and across the landscape. This may also cross over to the Canals and Rivers Trust too.*

The Chairman and J Glover met with a representative from South Staffs Water. They have not been successful in getting the area opened up further for a walk around the grassed areas or to move the fence back. They are having to increase security on all of their sites, and once the fence is move back to enable a proper grass verge, this would increase dog fouling and litter collection, which is a cost they cannot afford to take on.

They have agreed however to repair / replace the dilapidated fence and move it to the edge of the pavement so that this is not such a litter trap as it is at the moment.

They are undertaking a 2 year program on their tree maintenance on the site and they will be cutting back a large tree on the river bank, which will help it the view across. However, there is a large tree on the river bank the opposite side that needs attention by the land owner.

#### 5.6 Map Boards

*In addition Councilor Mrs L Hingley asked if members could look at the Map boards and come up with ideas to update them for the next meeting. This was agreed.*

Members asked the Clerk to get an updated cost from the printers of the maps to see how much new maps would be; also find out how many are still left, and the condition of the boards themselves.

5.7 Future Projects

None were reported.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

FP0.87 the finger post is missing and the Staffs Way disc to be put on the post.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None were reported.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Maggie Quinn for the Good Life and SSCVS to talk to members

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The members **Resolved** to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that a letter be dropped to all local business to ask them if they would support the scheme to improve signage to Kinver and if they would be willing to contribute financially to the project.