

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM
SOFTWARE**

Present: Councillors: P Wooddisse (Chairman), T Talbot-Webb (Vice Chairman), S Anderson, Mrs C Allen, G Sisley and Mrs S Harris.

1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors J K Hall (Ex-Officio) , M Smith due to work commitments and co-opted member J Glover who is shielding.

2. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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 9th September 2020, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. FUTURE PROJECTS

Update on walks

The chairman reported that he has completed walking the South Staffordshire Way.

The chairman reported correspondence received to the Parish Council relating to the reinstatement of a circa 1700 public right of way from Kingsford Lane to Compton Road. Members agreed to support the request to have this path put back on the Definitive Map. Therefore it was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that a letter is sent to the County Council to support this footpath being reinstated. On a vote this was agreed.

We would also support the path going around the edge of the field rather than through the middle as an alternative route.

Giants Well

The Clerk and the Maintenance Technicians have met on site to discuss moving the bin, we have come up with several locations it can be moved too and these have been submitted to the District for permission to move the bin, as it belongs to them.

The Clerk contacted Severn Trent, and they have a fixed fee that has to be paid to get a quote of £137.88 including VAT. It was agreed to get an idea of cost for the supply to be installed that this be a Recommendation to the Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting on the 28th November.

It was noted that a recycled noticeboard would cost £499.00.

The Chairman has contacted Councillor E Simons and he is looking at preparing a few words on the topic for the information board.

Christmas 2020

The library have been unsuccessful in getting permission from the County Council to plant a living tree, so for this year again the Big Tree will organize a cut tree to be installed, the Parish Council have given £900 towards this cost.

Additional rights of way

Previous minute:-

The deadline for submission to include paths on the definitive map is 2026. Members discussed the following paths as needing to be included:-

FP98 – Stewpony

Hyde Lane to the A458

Prestwood Drive to Woods

Hyde track to the Playing fields

Permissive paths on Severn Trent Land off A449

The Clerk to contact J Glover to ask for any paths he can think of and the Chairman will contact D Tibbetts also.

It was agreed to invite Paul Rochfort to a meeting in January to discuss various issues relating to PROW.

No further update has been received, the Clerk to progress where the applications are for the paths that have been requested previously to be reinstated as official rights of way.

Bus Service

The Clerk has contacted County Councillor Mrs V Wilson to look into what options may be available and the process to request changes to the services.

Plastic Free Communities

The Parish Council adopted the Plastic free policy at the November Parish Council meeting. The next phase is for Kinver Eco Collective to discuss this project with the Local Businesses. But due to the current lockdown restrictions this has been put on temporary hold. Several businesses have however already started to support this project.

Wild Flowers on verges

Councillors Mrs S Harris and S Anderson have met and looked at several areas that would be ideal to make into wildflower areas the first area they have suggested to look is the verge at the bottom of Meddins Lane.

Councillor Mrs S Harris has been trying to find out who is responsible for this verge, and it is thought it is owned by the Housing Association, the Clerk passed on the details for a contact at the Housing Association for clarification.

It was agreed at this stage to look at getting a group interested volunteers to a zoom meeting to discuss options with this area.

5. UPDATE ON KOBRA

It was noted at this time KOBRA is not up and running at this time, an Officer from the District Council has contacted several members of the Group, and Councillor BR Edwards was going to organize a meeting with KOBRA, to discuss putting information in his news sheet that is due to be printed shortly.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

The paths discussed at a previous meeting on Kinver Edge, one has been cleared by the National Trust and the second is due to be cleared shortly. This was noted.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None has been received.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for a future agenda –

Presentation from Canals and Rivers Trust; Recycling plant visit; Walking route / circular walk from the village to Kinver Edge; Invite Paul Rochfort to a meeting in January.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting 13th January 2021 at 7pm.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following recommendation was made to the Council that the Clerk send a letter of support for the reinstatement of the footpath from Kingsford Lane and Compton Road.

The following recommendation was made to the Finance Committee that the cost of £137.88 (inc VAT) is given permission to allow a quote to be prepared for the re-instatement of the water supply at the Giants Well.