

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

Present: Councillors: S Anderson (Chairman), P Wooddisse (Vice Chairman), J K Hall (Ex-Officio), Ms E Lord, Mrs S Harris (arrived at 7.30pm), G Sisley, Mrs C Allen and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

Also present: Miss J Cree.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

All members were present.

2. To record Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27TH October 2021

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the above date, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Future Projects

Giants Well

Councillor G Sisley reported that he has had a panel made for the rear of the well which will enable the water connections to be connected and then they can then be insulated. The Plumber should be attending site on Friday. A tap still needs to be sourced and connected.

Update on Verges being used for wild flowers – S Harris

Councillor Mrs S Harris has received a large grant from South Staffs Water, which has enabled yellow rattle seed to be purchased, and planted on Whittington Hall Lane, and Meddins Lane already.

Additional areas to be planted are the cut through from Enville Road to the Huntsmans Walk and the triangle at the bottom of Church Hill. The National Trust are going to help clear the area at the bottom of Church Hill and in that location only a different type of seed will be planted due to the tree lined area and lack of sunlight.

Park and stride – S Harris
Deferred to the next meeting.

Information Boards – P Wooddisse

The current boards need to be updated and looked at. There are 4 in total, the locations are at the Vine, by the path off the Hyde Track, the start of the footpath to Chance woods on FP23 and by the park at the KSCA.

Any ideas to improve the boards to be brought forward to the next meeting.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters inc Definitive Map Kinver Common / additional PROW

The following items were raised:-

FP5A – flooding reported to County.

FP43 – stile needs attention – Maintenance Technicians has been requested to replace it.

FP55 – Collects water and the surface needs to be looked at.

Fp54/64/69 – 2 manholes one is leaking and needs to be reported to the relevant authority.

Section 53 orders – all for the area including the Playing fields to Hyde Track – are still awaiting to be made a permanent PROW paths.

FP3 - Footpath to rear of Gun Club, signage needs to be reinstated and the new owner need to be reminded of the rules of the footpath. Also, the field has been ploughed and the path is not clear so needs to be reinstated. Waymarkers are in place but due to it being ploughed this is not now clear. If you go around the edge of the field it is dangerous for walkers as they will go nearer to the club. Members will visit the site and discuss it again at the next meeting.

FP3 – A tree is down by the culvert.

BP74 - Gothersley Lock / Prestwood – FP closed notice due to the bridge being unsafe – Clerk to clarify what is the issue.

FP82 – Castle Hill – Path being reinstated / improved.

The Clerk will report the paths to the relevant authorities and action any works that can be undertaken in house by the Maintenance Technicians. She will report back to the next meeting.

6. To discuss plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Chairman reported that there have been 3 discussions held in the Parish.

Firstly with traders with what sort of event we may wish to undertake for the Jubilee weekend, Beacon on the 5th, picnic on the 6th / road closure did not seem of interest.

He has spoken to the Country Fayre if they have an ideas, they are not going to be an able have the fayre in June, due to the time to organise it and also there are several other local shows happening that weekend.

He has also spoke to the KSCA for them to host a picnic in the park on the playing field which they are keen to support. With local home grown talent to entertain. The miniature railway could be asked to run – also have a trailer as a stage? Possible treasure hunt.

Possible Jubilee Market could be considered, Councillor S Anderson to discuss with the traders.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Parish support a picnic in the park with the KSCA, and request to Finance to set a budget for this event of perhaps a maximum of £2000 for general running costs which could be funded from the Community Grant budget heading. On a vote this was agreed.

The Clerk to reserve some porta loos for the day due to the time frame.

National Trust are concerns of the Fire risk of having a beacon on the Edge in June, the Beacon could be shared with Enville on the Sheepwalks. Or have a laser light show on the Edge without having to set any fires in a National Trust area.

7. To discuss reopening Parish Conveniences

The toilets at Kinver Edge are in the process of being repainted and tidied up. Ventilation holes have been drilled through the walls and vents put in to ease the issues of the current pandemic.

We have made the toilets unisex, so as they could be opened one on a Saturday and one on a Sunday to enable them to be reopened without the need for them to have to be cleaned each day on.

This is the suggestion Councillor G Sisley made some time ago for the possibility of opening the High Street toilets on a weekend. This could also be actioned for these toilets in the High Street if we can resolve who will open and close the padlocks on a Saturday and Sunday.

All facilities could then be reopened.

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council that the Public conveniences are opened as unisex facilities both on the High Street and Kinver Edge, On a weekend the arrangement with the Farm Shop is reactivated and ask a local trader to open and close the High Street toilets at a weekend. On a vote this was agreed.

8. To discuss new bus service particularly around Stourton area

Following complaints from residents from Hyperion Road, it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a questionnaire is sent to residents of the new route taking in Hyperion Road (and off shoot roads of this road) at Stourton about the bus service, a simple survey. The questionnaire is to be clear that the Parish Council are not the responsible authority but will pass the comments to the County Council.

9. Preparing a list of Parish Projects for future funding from S106 funds

This is on the agenda, as concern has been expressed that when S106 is discussed in relation to sites in the Parish at District level, the Parish Council do not always get a say in how the money is to be spent. This was highlighted particularly at White Hill, which has now been agreed by SSDC that the funds have to be used on new play equipment.

We would like to have a list prepared that when S106 agreements are being drawn up, the Parish Council can put forward projects for funding, such as Dark Lane pedestrian issues

i.e Holloway; Bridge over the river at Brockleys Walk; Cycle routes; former British Legion Site.

Could members put forward their ideas for the next meeting.

10. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

None were reported.

11. Items for the next agenda - Visit to recycling plant – clerk to organise; visit to the Roundhill Site.

12. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that

- the Parish support a picnic in the park with the KSCA, and request to Finance to set a budget for this event of perhaps a maximum of £2000 for running costs from the Community Fund budget line as this is a community event.
- to send a questionnaire to residents of the new route taking in Hyperion Road (and off shoot roads of this road) at Stourton about the bus service, a simple survey. Ensuring that the questionnaire is clear that we are not the responsible authority but will pass the comments to the County Council.
- the Public conveniences are opened as unisex facilities both in the High Street and Kinver Edge, on a weekend the arrangement with the Farm Shop is reactivated and ask a local trader to open and close the High Street toilets at a weekend.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 9th March 2022