

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), E Simons, D Light, IG Sadler, Ms E Lord, G Sisley, H Williams, S Anderson, D McGirr, K Slade, and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson.

Also present: Mrs J Cree – Clerk and Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, Mrs B Owen, PCSO A Rathbone.

41/23. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), P Wooddisse, S Charlesworth-Jones, Mrs S Harris and K Hosell sent their apologies.

42/23. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

43/23. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2023.

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

44/23. To receive a report from the PCSO's relating to Kinver

The report from the Police was circulated prior to the meeting. PCSO Alex Rathbone ran through the report she had sent in. Officers from the newly formed Police Car Crime Team have found a targeted car and dog theft and both are returned to their owners, and the newly formed task team are making progress in relation to car thefts and working cross borders with Neighbouring Police teams.

45/23. Public Participation

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

Mrs B Owen reported on the following issues:-

- The bus service running well, few problems with diversions, and is awaiting news on the potential changes to the service. She has emailed the operator of the bus service, and they responded promptly saying there are no plans to change the service at this time. Any support for keeping the service going is vital.
- With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan she has made her comments as promised in support.
- With regard to paperwork issued by SSDC in relation to the elections, the document sent out does not have information on the reverse as it should. She has raised it with SSDC.

Standing orders were reinstated.

46/23. To receive an update on the Community use agreement and make any decisions as required including correspondence re use of the lecture theatre.

A meeting was scheduled for the 28th February, for all parties to meet involved in the CUA. Cllrs G Sisley, Ms E Lord and S Charlesworth-Jones attended and it was reported :-

- A member of SSDC Leisure Department attended the meeting along with the schools representatives, the schools reason for it not being operational fully is due to staffing matters.
- SSDC said they will help and Kinver Parish Council to publicise the vacancies.
- The other item was to agree the Management and Operational / review committee one from the Trust, SSDC, and one from KPC, as it progresses it could have someone from the users of the service.
- It was agreed that the CUA as written stands and can now be signed subject to written confirmation of the Management Committee from the school, subject to the issue relating to staffing is progressed as quickly as possible.
- The current users of the site are detailed below:

1 Pilates club
2 badminton teams

3 cricket clubs
2 grass roots football teams – 1 mens and 1 ladies
3, 5 a side football teams (indoor)
1 netball team
1 under 9 girls football training team
1 Dance group for children

They also have a children's football training team starting with us every Saturday from 11th March and 2 cricket teams confirmed for 2024.

It was agreed that the Chairman will sign the document when further information from the school re staff is known.

47/23. To discuss the Church Wall at St Peters

A meeting took place on February on the 17th at Codsall, for Cllrs G Sisley, JK Hall, MP Gavin Williamson (who chaired), PCC Mark Middleton and SSDC Officers. From the meeting they are looking into other ways to finance the works to the wall. A vehicle to do this has to be agreed, with a possible 5 year plan to undertake the works. This was noted.

48/23. To discuss the Parish Council Climate Action Group update

The IR camera has been purchased with a grant of £500 received from Staffordshire County Council. The idea is to show people where heat is escaping and start a conversation with people.

Cllr Ms E Lord presented her report detailed below:-

Discussions on working together have been held with District council, who were very positive and put forward some good suggestions for further networking and support. On their advice, we have joined SBEN (Staffordshire Business and Environment Network), and can now use their business Carbon Tracker to assess the Parish Council's carbon footprint.

Members have met the Housing Association (Homes Plus) to hear about their plans for retrofit of their properties to improve their climate carbon footprint. They were interested in the Thermal Camera, which may help when discussing improvements with tenants.

The first full meeting of the Action Group was held on 23 February, where several residents joined.

Current projects include:-

- engaging local people in simple actions they can take to reduce their carbon footprint, via the Giki zero app; <https://zero.giki.earth>
- promoting ways of reducing energy bills, especially heating costs. The IR camera is being used to help identify points of heat loss, and residents are invited to apply to use it on their homes.

49/23. To receive an update from the 20's Plenty Group including results of the options consultation

Cllr Ms E Lord presented the report on the Options consultation as in appendix 1 to these minutes.

Of the 438 people who responded, 83% favoured some extension of the 20 mph limit, with by far the most popular choice (66%) being for 20mph across the whole village. This was considered reasonable evidence to show there is an interest from residents, and so to provide a basis for further discussion with Highways. To support such discussions, a technical report is being prepared by the Group. The report will be sent to the Parish Council for forwarding to local councillors and Highways.

50/23. To receive an update on meeting with the Edward Marsh Centre (KSCA) in relation to land transfer and Car Park lease and take any actions required

A lease for the car park has been received from the Edward Marsh Centre, and was circulated to all members with their agenda papers. They are asking for a £50 per year peppercorn rent.

Item 3.10 relating to not depositing rubbish or litter is beyond the control of the Parish Council but they litter pick the area during the week days.

It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson and seconded by Cllr K Slade to approve and sign the lease with the slightly amended words relating to the litter, on a vote this was carried.

The documents relating to the land transfer to the newly formed CIO were also circulated to all members with their agenda papers.

51/23. To discuss the Methodist Church Car Park Lease

A lease for the car park has been received from the Methodist Church, and was circulated to all members with their agenda papers. They are asking for a £600 per year rent.

It was proposed by Cllr Ms E Lord and seconded by Cllr G Sisley to approve and sign the lease and agree to pay the rent of £600 from the 1st April 2023 subject to signage being put up to say it's for use for people from 8am – 5.30pm Monday to Saturday excluding Bank holidays. On a vote this was carried.

52/23. Update on Fibre broadband for Kinver Parish

It was reported that Cllr Mrs C Allen and the Clerk along with Cllrs G Sisley and S Anderson met with the representative of the Fibre Company. Mr Smith informed those present that the deadline was close for the closing of the funding for getting Stourton area upgraded to full fibre connections. Only a small area on the A458 were eligible for funding and for the scheme to be successful (if submitted before the deadline) then 15 households needed to be signed up. Therefore, Cllrs Mrs C Allen and G Sisley leaflet dropped the area, and information was put out on social media the next day, and we believe we have achieved the 15 required and more.

This information has been submitted by the Fibre Company and funding confirmation is now awaited.

53/23. To discuss and agree Kings Coronation event

The recommendation from the Leisure and Amenities Committee on the 15th February is below:-

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council to set up a working party to run and organise the Coronation Event, with each role person being on the working party.

The proposal is to have a Kinver Coronation Party on the 29th April 2023, with a road closure for the main High Street from Church Hill to Stone Lane. The cost for this to be covered hopefully by Fibre Heroes. Barriers will be gated and supervised for emergency access. A working group of people leading on roles to organise the event. Street food organised by the traders and some street entertainment for the day.

At the traders meeting there was a request to move the event to the Sunday, but members of the Council agreed to keep the date as it is.

Cllr S Anderson proposed and Cllr K Slade seconded to go ahead with the Coronation Street Party for Saturday 29th April, and release the funds of £2000 for the event. On a vote this was agreed.

54/23. To discuss a response / support to Open Letter from Lower Penn Parish Council

Cllr S Anderson proposed and Cllr E Simons that the Parish Council write to SSDC in support of Lower Penn Parish Council's open letter, on a vote this was agreed.

55/23. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning and Development Committee 8th February 2023

The above meeting minutes were noted all recommendations were made to the District Council.

Leisure and Amenities Committee 15th February 2023

The above meeting minutes were noted and there was 1 recommendation which was dealt with under agenda item 53/23.

The above meeting minutes were noted and the following recommendation to the Parish Council was made:-

- the accounts up to 31st January 2023 as set as Appendix 1 to these minutes be accepted.
- A grant of £224 is given to the Youth Café to pay for the room hire and funded from the Community Projects budget line.
- the 3 year projections as set out as appendix 2 to these minutes are accepted.
- The grants for the National Trust and Edward Marsh Centre (KSCA) are refused on the grounds that there are no funds remaining in the grants budget line for year ending 31st March 2023.

These were agreed.

56/23. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

District Councillor G Sisley reported that:-

- Sometime ago it was looked at the bent road sign poles etc, this needs to be looked at by the County Council.
- No further update on the High Street empty units.

District Councillor H Williams reported that a pre-app application has been received for Mill House.

County Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported:-

- Climate Change – Staffordshire County Council have issued 5000 free trees to residents Rowan, Hazel, Crab Apple, and Wild Cherry.
All their buildings are being retrofitted to use LED lighting and renewable energy. The gritters are being swapped to oil based fuels.
The waste to landfill is less than 1% and SSSC are doing the same.
- She is concerned over pavements being dug up for Fibre Broadband and a stop has been put on resurfacing pavements due to them being dug up by these companies across the county.
- Stone Lane – speeding the SID data is available from SSSC and the Parish Council.
- Windsor Holloway is still ongoing and it has been escalated to a senior officer to deal with at County.
- Parish Summit at Codsall, she spoke on behalf of the County Council, its everyone responsible to look after their health. The SPCA and other organisations are looking to work with the County Council to formulate a plan in relation health. Sarah Moor is going to get in touch with further details.
- School Markings need to be repainted by the High School – these were assessed by the County In November and she will chase it up as work was agreed to start a couple of months after the meeting.

57/23. Report of the Chairman

No further report than he gave for the APM.

58/23. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Correspondence received

Letter relating to a tree to be felled from the Bowling Club - referred to the CIO Edward Marsh Centre
Parking on Stone Lane – Tickets have been issued and builders spoken to by the Police to move vehicles up the road
Letter from Crest Nicolson relating to White Hill site, letting the Council know part of the hedge is to be removed
before nesting season.

Complaint re bollard on Acre Car Park – referred to SSSC.

Andrew Aston now looks after the SIDS that are moved around the localities.

Dog Fouling by Foley Infant school

Complaints over signage at Hyde Lane development – already reported to Enforcement

Damage to toilets signs and seat reported to the Police end of January

Reported Youths breaking in to the closed off clock shelter first day of works, nothing else has happened since.

Film Society correspondence re lecture theatre opening times at the school

Burial Ground Superintendents report

We have had several burials during February and Headstone applications.

Letters have been sent to deed holders in regard to keeping items on the plinths of the headstones

These were noted.

59/23. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Cllr S Anderson reported on behalf of the Edward Marsh Centre, that they are looking for their own postcode and Road Name. When the name changed to Legion Drive, the definitive map was never updated at that time , so the whole of the road is still known as Sterrymere Gardens.

60/23. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting.

The accounts for payment as set out as appendix 2 to these minutes were accepted.

61/23. Items for future Meetings

To be with the Clerk for the 29th March 2023.

62/23. Dates of Next Meetings

Planning and Development Committee	8 th March 2023
Leisure and Amenities Committee	15 th March 2023
Parish Council meeting	5 th April 2023
Planning and Development Committee	12 th April 2023
Leisure and Amenities Committee	19 th April 2023
Finance and General Purposes Committee	26 th April 2023
Parish Council meeting (Annual Meeting)	17 th May 2023

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7. Public Consultation on Options

Introduction

An initial consultation with local people in Spring 2022 gathered opinions on road safety, areas which people felt were particularly unsafe, and ideas on what could be done. The outcome showed clear support for improving safety and reducing speed limits in Kinver.

The results of this initial consultation, and the views of the 20 mph Working Group on next steps, were discussed with Kinver Parish Council. At the meeting on 6 July 2022 the Parish Council resolved to write to the 20's Plenty group to request that the group come forward with proposals and costs for possible 20 mph schemes for the Parish.

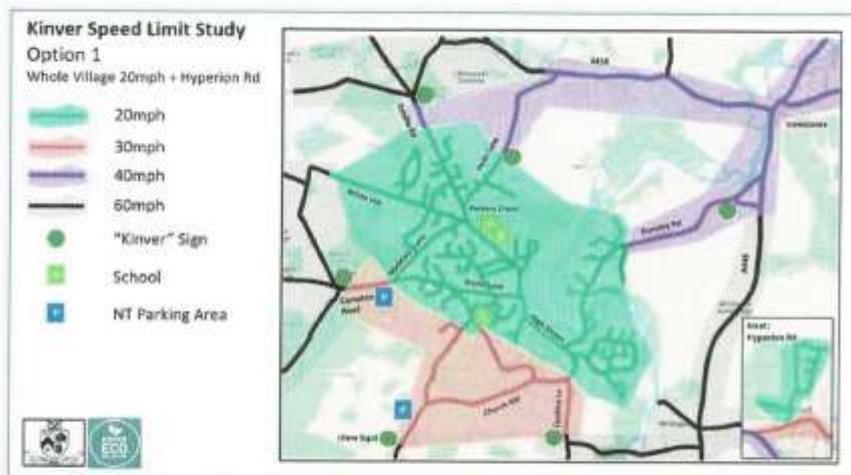
Between October and December the 20mph Working Group set out three options for speed limits in the village and local area. These were designed to test whether local people would wish to see lower speed limits and if so over how much of the village; or retain the status quo.

The Options

The 3 Options put forward to the community were:

Option 1. Whole Village 20mph plus Hyperion Road

All Kinver 30 limits replaced by 20 limits; and reduced speed limits on the approaches to Kinver. Hyperion Road limit changed to 20 mph.



This option would replace all current 30 mph limits in Kinver with 20 mph limits. The same would apply to Hyperion Road and its side roads.

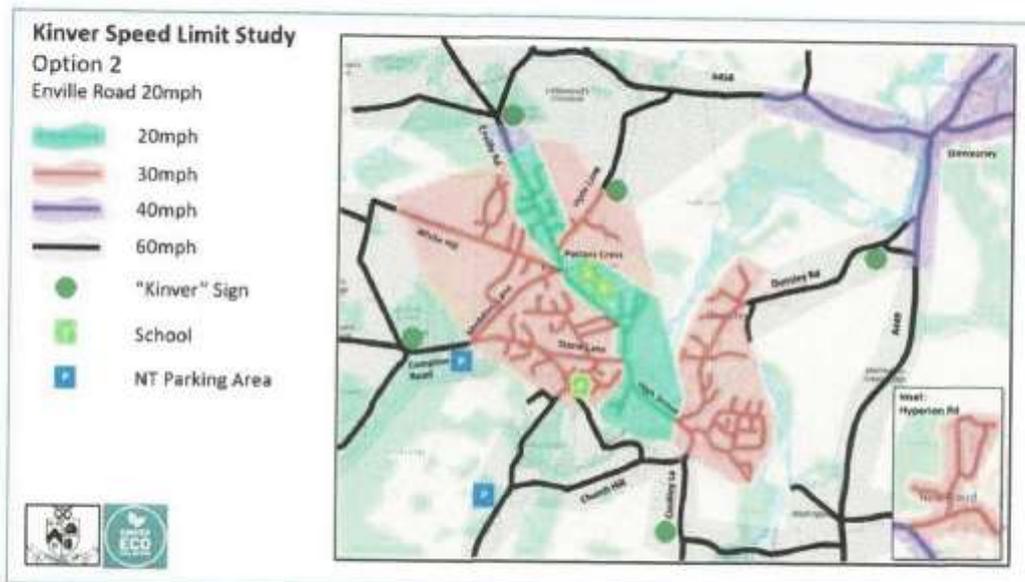
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In addition, there would be a reduction in speed limits to 30mph or 40mph on all the approaches to the village to improve safety and create a gradual reduction in speed:

- A458, Hyde Lane and Dunsley Road: 40 mph extended from the Stewpony area, to remove stretches of 60 mph on the approaches to the village
- Enville Road: 40 mph from near Chester Road junction to gradually reduce speed
- Kinver Edge (Compton Road and Sandy Lane): 30 mph from start of the main parking areas
- Church Hill: 30 limit throughout
- Cookley Lane: 30 limit to The Windsor Holloway

Option 2. Enville Road 20mph

20 mph limit extended from the High Street along Enville Road through Potters Cross to the end of the village, where the 30 mph sign would be replaced by 20 mph.



By extending the 20 mph limit along Enville Road, this limit would include the KSCA junction and the bend at the Royal Exchange; the Brindley Heath and High School entrance; Potter's Cross; and the brow of the hill. Minor side roads would be included, as is usual in such schemes.

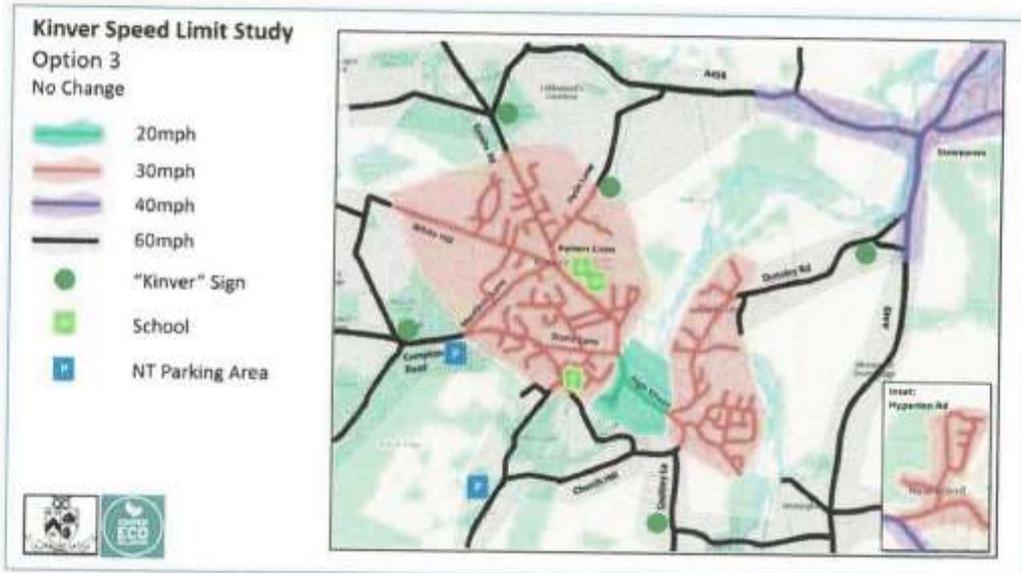
To create a gradual transition, there would be a 40 mph limit from the Chester Road junction to the village edge.

This option addresses some of the most commonly cited danger points at Potters Cross; but misses out others, including Dunsley Road, Comber Road and the Foley exit onto it, the Kinver Edge/ Rock Houses parking areas, Hyde Lane, Meddins Lane and Church Hill/Cookley Lane.

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Option 3. No change

Keep the current 20 mph Zone in the High Street, the 30mph limit throughout the village and Hyperion Road, and the 60mph limits coming into the village.



This option would keep the existing speed limits, including the 20 mph Zone in the High Street.

The Options were explained by online information, and also on two occasions at Kinver Market, where the group manned a stall displaying the options, and discussed them with residents. Views were invited either via a website form; or in person on paper forms offered at the market stall. Freeform comments on the Options were also invited.

Results

A total of 438 people gave their views. There was a clear majority in favour of extending the 20 mph speed limit. The headline results were:

- 66 % for Option 1 - Whole Village and Hyperion Rd 20mph
- 23 % for Option 2 - Enville Road and High Street 20mph
- 11 % for Option 3 - Keep Existing Limits

	Market	Website	Total	%
Option 1	197	92	289	66%
Option 2	62	38	100	23%
Option 3	7	42	49	11%
Total	266	172	438	

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There is clearly a very strong majority wishing to see lower speed limits, and most favour 20 mph throughout the village and beyond. It may be noted that both the online survey (which was fully anonymous) and the responses collected in-person at the market showed a strong majority in favour of extending the speed limit. Slightly more women than men voted, and over 60's were somewhat over-represented. At the market a majority of respondents were over 60, while online a majority were under 60. However all categories of voters returned a majority vote in favour of a wider 20mph speed limit.

Conclusion

These results show strong and consistent support for lower speed limits throughout Kinver. Given this strong response, it was felt that detailed proposals based on these options should be prepared, as a basis for discussion with relevant bodies as to the next steps.

Accounts for payment for March meeting 2023

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Amazon	Climate change exp (grant received)	571.49
Barclays	Monthly charges	8.00
Edge IT Systems	Annual Support	603.60
Enville Oak	Payment 2	6532.80
Greenacre Services	Work for Part January and February and grass cutting	985.00
Gif Gaf	Sim for CCTV at garage and tracker	12.00
HMRC	March	1480.99
IONOS	Web charges	1.20
Kinver Design and Marketing	Van Logo design	100.00
Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Monthly opening toilets	100.00
Salaries	March	4973.69
SCC pensions	March	1996.88
SPCA	Members training	66.00
Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilet	23.49
Utility Warehouse	95 High Street (Bill checked against last years bill usage is less for Gas and Electricity but rates)	664.91
Utility Warehouse	EV Point / water pipe heater	542.33
Utility Warehouse	Garage	341.03
Viking Direct	Batteries and Cable	19.63
Water Plus	Water rates Kinver Edge Toilets	26.66
	Total Expenditure	19049.70
Receipts		
Burial Fees		1530.00
Vendelectric	January	191.35
Police office rent		1000.00
SCC pensions	Grant	500.00
	Total Income	3221.35