

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018

Present: Councillors: J Cutler (Chairman), Mrs L Hingley (Vice Chairman), P Wooddisse, G Mander; co-opted member Mrs M Rogers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: H Williams (Ex-Officio), Mrs D Geoghegan, Mrs C Allen, N Other and co-opted members J Glover sent their apologies for the meeting.

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 17th January 2018, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Youth Cafe

It is very early days but after 9 weeks except for half term attendance has been between 10 and 27 per night.

In total 35 different youths have attended with 23 coming at least 3 times.

Youth seem happy with what we are providing but we have started a suggestion box to see what else they would like to do especially with the summer coming.

Our thoughts are to bring in specialists, one night only sessions for activities, Kinver Fitness Collective have offered their time and Cllr Mrs V Wilson suggested linking with Baggeridge Aerial ropes for a trip out.

We have received grants without formal application from Wombourne memorials, Kinver Rotary, and Kinver Country Fair and are also generating income from nightly charge and the tuck shop.

The L & A Committee meet next week where we shall discuss future plans. Also we intend to have a volunteers meeting in the next month to listen to their opinions and to thank them all again. So far we have 18 volunteers working the rota and such is their enthusiasm we have more than we need most nights. We have other volunteers who so far have been unable to attend but will do so in the future. What is really encouraging is we have several volunteers in age range 18 – 25 who are regular supporters on the rota.

Finally the PC get a lot of criticism in the village, some of it unfair and ill-informed but we are getting a lot of positive feedback for this pro-active initiative and it has been very well received in the village.

A meeting is to be called for the volunteers on the 27th March at 5.30pm at the KSCA for the volunteers to discuss how it's going, ideas etc. Councillor J Cutler also has asked for all the volunteers to come forward with ideas and then these will be put forward to see if the youths attending would like the volunteers to look into them further.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Hingley and seconded by Councillor G Mander to Recommend to the Parish Council to request funding for a further 26 weeks of the Youth Café at a cost of £30 per session giving a total cost of £780.00. On a vote this was carried unanimously.

It was noted that 3 grants had been received for the Youth Café, and the Clerk will write and thank them for their kind donations.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Churchill Corner

Previous minute:-

Members have previously discussed the problem of the untidy corner of Church Hill and Cookley Lane. When it was last looked at the costs were prohibitive as the Architect had advised that traffic management would be required to protect anyone working in this area.

*Members agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that 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. Cllr Mrs C Allen to meet the contractors with the Clerk to discuss some basic ideas.*

Parish Council minute from February 2018

Members were reminded that the land is not owned by the Parish Council and would be classed as a Highways Verge, therefore it was agreed to write to the County Council and ask them to tidy up the area.

The Clerk emailed the county and the emails are detailed below:-

From: Jenny Spaul [mailto:kinverparish@btconnect.com]

Sent: 09 February 2018 12:00

To: Keeling, Mark (E,I&S)

Subject: Church Hill Corner

Hi Mark

Is it possible you can arrange for the corner of Church Hill and Cookley Lane to be tidied up please.

It is in a terrible state I have attached images from google earth from a few years ago, and a map, I will try to get a picture of how it is now, but is in a terrible state and really over grown and full of branches that have been dragged off the road.

If you could have a look at getting it cleared that would be great.

Thank you

Jenny

From: Keeling, Mark (E,I&S) [<mailto:mark.keeling@staffordshire.gov.uk>]
Sent: 09 February 2018 13:12
To: Jenny Spaul kinverparish@btconnect.com>
Cc: Firkins, Diane (E,I&S) diane.firkins@staffordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Church Hill Corner

Good afternoon Jenny,

I will ask Diane Firkins the officer for the area to take a look at site to see what is required, however I should advise in the absence of any Neighbourhood Highway Team the work is unlikely to be prioritised for some time.

As advised previously in writing (Cllr Mark Deaville 2016) environmental maintenance resource has been reduced as we concentrate our finite resource on priorities.

It may be the District Council can help in this case however we would also support any community capacity to address this type of local concern.

I understand we may have sent the Parish details of our dedicated Parish website 'Highways Your Way'? This site contains lots of information with regards amenity maintenance and self-help.

Kind regards

Mark Keeling

From: Keeling, Mark (E,I&S) [<mailto:mark.keeling@staffordshire.gov.uk>]
Sent: 01 March 2018 21:47
To: 'Jenny Spaul' kinverparish@btconnect.com>
Subject: RE: Church Hill Corner

Hi Jenny,

I have spoken with Diane about this one and she has visited site. She agrees the area looks untidy however the reality is there is no designated resource available to address this type of work and any clearance or tidying up or the area would not be a current priority.

I am sorry we are unable to action this request however hopefully my previous comments provide some insight.

Kind regards

Mark Keeling

In light of the above responses, members agreed to put forward again the previous recommendation as below:-

It was agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that quotes are received from 3 contractors, to tidy and partially landscape the corner of Cookley Lane and Church Hill (to make it minimum maintenance thereafter). The contractor would be responsible for all of the site health and safety issues. Cllr Mrs C Allen to meet the contractors with the Clerk to discuss some basic ideas. On a vote this was carried unanimously.

5.2 Bulb planting

Councilor Mrs C Allen is photographing the bulbs as they come up so we know where they are located.

Further bulbs would be purchased and be planned where they are to be planted. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

5.3 Centenary Walk

A date is still to be set for this walk with John Glover.

5.4 Phone box in the High Street

Members agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council 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.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

Councilor P Wooddisse reported that he is currently walking the 100 paths of Kinver, he is documenting these walks with a blog on the Kinver Community Library Webpage. He is also updating / looking at the Civic Society Map at the same time. Members suggested that he liaises with John Glover on this as he recently updated the map and the narrative. In addition it was noted that the maps displayed do not make reference to the Civic Societies Walk leaflets, the Clerk advised that the walk leaflets are sold to benefit the Civic Society (all be it at a minimal profit...), and therefore the Parish Council cannot put adverts into the map display boards. If the Civic Society wanted to update their information page and highlight in more detail the walk leaflets and maps, then they could do this. This information is in the general Community noticeboards.

In addition it was noted that there are markers missing off the posts on Kinver Edge. The Clerk advised that they are currently changing the markings from bird names to color trails, so this may be why some are missing. In addition some of the number path markers are missing, it was noted that Co-Opted member John Glover is looking into this with Ewan the Ranger.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None was reported.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 30th April 2018.

Bulbs
Centenary paths
Update on walks / Blog

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 9th May 2018.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following Recommendations were made to the 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.
- 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.