

MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: Councillors JK Hall (Chairman), IG Sadler, Ms E Lord, S Charlesworth-Jones, G Sisley, H Williams, S Anderson, K Slade, Mrs S Harris, D McGirr

Also present: Miss J Cree – Clerk and Mrs M Fullwood – Assistant Clerk, Mrs B Owen, Mr J Cutler.

137/22. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Mrs C Allen (Vice Chairman), P Wooddisse, D Light, K Hosell, E Simons and County Councillor V Wilson. sent her apologies.

138/22. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

139/22. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th and 25th May 2022 (copy attached).

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

140/22. To receive a report from the PCSO's relating to Kinver

The report from the PCSO's was circulated to members prior to the meeting relating to incidents in the Parish for the last month. It was noted that a road traffic accident on Compton Road was not on the list. This was noted.

141/22. Public Participation

Standing orders were raised for members of the public to address the Council.

Mrs B Owen raised the following points:-

In response to the loss of the subsidies for the bus service, she contacted the County Councillor and lobbied the MP Gavin Williamson. She raised the fact that we have not been able to receive a grant from the Government. There is a further scheme "Bus Back Better" can he try to get funding for Kinver. We are an ageing population and tourist destination and the service is needed. He called her and she raised her concerns directly with him, he stated he could not get involved as it was a commercial initiative and the County Council had to apply.

If any information is distributed re the busses, could it be out on the noticeboards as well as social media.

Mr J Cutler came to the meeting on behalf of the Tennis Club, he came re the decision re loaning of the speed sign. He gave the members a background on the issue that led to the request. The Chairman asked that the full details are passed to the Clerk for circulation to members.

Standing orders were reinstated.

142/22 To discuss Planning Committee seat allocation at SSDC

The Chairman informed members that the District Council has set up a new Planning Committee. As with the Boundary review they are reducing the total number of District councillors in May 2023 by 3 and they have amended the members on the Committee in preparation. The Chairman has been to speak to the leader and Chief Executive David Heywood at SSDC and Cllr Mrs L Hingley has also raised her concerns.

Cllr H Williams reported that Mrs L Fowkes she divides the councillors via their political party and there is a ratio that is set (a formula) for sitting on Committees.

Cllr D McGirr thinks its imperative that we are represented.

Cllr S Anderson – reported that it feels like this is a vote of no confidence in our 3 district Councillors and we have a high level of applications in the area so need representation.

District Councillors for our area, can call in plans and also speak to the application at the Planning meeting for 15 minutes even though they are not on the Committee.

The 3 SSDC Councillors on the Council, the argument for not having a Kinver Councillor on the Committee is that the 2 long standing councillors are retiring in May, all SSDC councillors on planning are there to represent South Staffordshire as a whole so it is not a necessity. Cllr Mrs V Wilson is on the Committee, and she would represent the whole of the area and Kinver.

The make up of the Committee is on a ratio to enable other party councillors to get seats, but the total membership is put together by the leader of the Council. All members of SSDC should represent all areas of South Staffs.

Councillor H Williams stated that in his opinion that the Parish Council write to demand that we have a seat on the Planning Committee.

Cllr S Anderson said that we have 2 issues – one is that we do not have a SSDC Councillor on the Committee, and the other is who does what where or when re the district seat which we do not have any control over.

The Councillor S Charlesworth -Jones proposed and this was seconded by Councillor D McGirr that the Parish Council write a full letter to the Planning Committee asking for the reasons why this decision has been made, how – is there a formula used relating to political parties, how are the members chosen for the seats available and request a response in good time before our next meeting in July. On a vote this was carried with one abstention.

143/22. To fill vacant seats on Committees

It was agreed that Cllrs S Anderson and E Simons to join Planning, Cllrs S Anderson and D McGirr to join L & A.

144/22. To receive an update on the purchase of the new vehicle.

The new vehicle should be delivered by October. The existing vehicle has broken down and it is in for repair and should be returned by next week. The Clerk to write for an update from Vauxhall directly.

145/22. To receive an update on the Community use agreement and make any decisions as required.

Councillor S Charlesworth-Jones reported that Kinver High School as put out a questionnaire on the use of the facility for public consultation. He has spoken to the site manager and her team are waiting for the feedback before they confirm rates / requirements from users. He has pushed the community to complete the questionnaire.

Councillor Ms E Lord is dealing with the few queries of concern on the agreement and a revised draft from the school is due anytime.

Councillor Mrs S Harris said the questionnaire did not state if there were under 16, or 18, family memberships? And this needs to be looked at. A committee meeting is needed to run through some of the queries. It was proposed by Cllr S Anderson that the Community Use Agreement with the amendments is signed off by the Parish Council, this was seconded by Councillor Ms E Lord and on a vote this was agreed.

146/22. To approve the Neighbourhood Plans Regulation 14.

The plan is at SSDC for screening, and the next step is to put the plan to the Community, to get feedback on the plan as it stands. This is due to take place at the end of August.

Councillor S Anderson proposed that the Parish Council support the Regulation 14 for the Neighbourhood Plan with its policies to allow the plan to move to the next stage. It was seconded by Councillor G Sisley. On a vote it was unanimous.

The final document will have a summary section to help people understand it.

147/22. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning and Development Committee 11th May 2022
(including update on NPlan if applicable)

The above meeting minutes were noted and there were no recommendations to the Council.

L & A Committee 11th May 2022

The above meeting minutes were noted and there were no recommendations to the Council.

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that:-

- the accounts up to 30th April 2022 as set as Appendix 2 to these minutes be accepted.
- To purchase 2 new laptops and docking stations directly from Dell at a total cost of £1931.64 and 2 Microsoft office licences.
- Youth Café Grant request of £374.00 funded from the Community projects budget line.
- Clock shelter –to put in a planning application for works in a Conservation area.

These were agreed.

148/22. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

Councillor G Sisley reported that the main issue of the concern for the Parish has been the change in the blue bins. He requested that Mrs Fullwood copy the leaflet that should go with the new bags, and he will distribute them. This has also gone online. He will collect some bags and have some spares in. You can apply for additional bags if required if you find that the bag is not enough after a few weeks.

149/22. Report of the Chairman

He reported that the market is running well, there were 19 stalls on the last market day. The marketing of the market is being looked at to increase footfall.

150/22. To receive and note the report from the Clerk including Burial Ground Superintendents report.

Correspondence received:-

- Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee – email re future attendance meetings by Zoom.
- 20's plenty meeting agenda.
- The KSCA have requested the invoice for Fields in Trust to be made to them and they are going to pay the invoice and transfer this to the new CIO.
- Correspondence on trees in Dark Lane being removed.
- Several emails re SAD in Dunsley.
- Email from Mark Keeling re information on our SID locations.
- New SID has arrived.

Burial Ground Superintendent – we have had 1 Burial and 1 cremation in May.

This above was noted.

151/22. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

It was noted that the National Trust had refused permission to light a beacon on the Edge due to Fire Risk as it is in June and the risk is higher. A laser could be used but this was very expensive to do.

152/22. To report back on the Climate change event attended by Cllr Ms E Lord.

Councillor Ms E Lord prepared a document on the event and this was circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

The most interesting speaker was the Clerk from Kendall, and they have canvassed a whole town to get people's ideas in the community what are their priorities. One of the suggestions was to start with an audit of Council activities and parish emissions. Sustainable movement – car usage, better bus services, genially go for walking and cycling friendly. Grants may be available.

The second thing was renewable energy like Solar panels, wind power, community energy and crowd funding.

Insulation is important, especially for new homes. Existing homes are a big problem to get funding.

Bio diversity etc was discussed. This was noted.

153/22. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting.

The accounts as set out as appendix 1 to these minutes were agreed.

154/22. Items for future Meetings

BKV competition 2023 Sept; Church wall; H Baines to speak to members (July), Climate change for councils (autumn).

155/22. Dates of Next Meetings –

Personnel Committee	9.30am	6 th June 2022
Leisure and amenities Committee	7.00pm	8 th June 2022
Planning and Development Committee	7.00pm	15 th June 2022
Finance and General Purposes Committee	7.00pm	29 th June 2022
Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	6 th July 2022

Accounts for payment for June Parish Council meeting 2022

Accounts for payment	Description	Total
Amazon	Jubilee bunting	44.94
Barclays Bank	Account Fee	8.00
BHIB	Insurance renewal	1988.80
B & M	Disinfectant Spray	17.94
Chairmans Allowance		500.00
Ebay	HDMI Cable	34.99
Ebay	Power adapter	2.79
ESPO	Supplies	44.75
HMRC	May	1725.01
Jubilee	Bunting for Jubilee & Expenses	51.00
J R K	Supplies	89.94
Kinver Edge Farm Shop	Opening toilets	110.00
KSCA	Car Park rental	875.00
McVeigh Parker	Posts	134.00
Morrisons	Fuel	160.00
Morelock	New SID	3288.00
Express Mowers	Supplies	42.00
NALC	Course fee	51.71
OCL	Supplies	83.09
R H Electrical Installations	Repair to garage alarm	144.00
R H Electrical Installations	Install light on Holloway (funded from last years budget)	396.00
South Staffs Water	PC Office	45.89
South Staffs Water	Toilet rates	38.58
SCC pensions	May	2341.72
SPCA	Annual Charge (funded from last years budget)	712.56
Turf and Surf	Replacement Canopy	124.00
Viking Direct	Supplies	137.92
Water Plus	Water rates Kinver Edge	32.89
		13225.52
List of Monthly Direct Debits		
Utility Warehouse	Garage electricity	14.55
Utility Warehouse	95 High Street Gas and electricity and mobile phone	295.20
Utility Warehouse	Kinver Edge Toilets	14.17
Utility Warehouse	High Street Toilets	244.20
Salaries	June	5743.72
	Total	6311.84
	Total Expenditure	19537.36
Receipts		
Burial Fees		590.00
Vend electric		134.30
Barclays Interest	April	0.06
Precept	1/2 year	76987.50
VAT	Year ended 31/3/22 last quarter	3058.62
	Total Income	80770.48