

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM
SOFTWARE**

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

Also present: Miss J Cree, Mrs M Fullwood and D Tibbetts

1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from J K Hall (Ex-Officio), M Smith 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 13th January 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. FUTURE PROJECTS

Canal and Rivers Trust - follow up

Several members of the Committee have contacted Mr Stevens from the Canals and Rivers Trust, to discuss various projects in the village.

Giants well - progress and signage

The Clerk has submitted the form to obtain a quotation and also the payment of £108 to process the quote. Hopefully the quote will be available shortly.

The signage needs to be agreed, having uniform signs and possibly looking at using an artist to prepare a bespoke sign, similar to the one already produced that is displayed in the village.

Rights of Way

Mr Rochfort will be attending the next meeting of the Committee. Members were reminded about the section 53 application for Lawnswood, if members have any evidence then they should let the County Council know by the 4th March.

Bus Service update

Councillor S Anderson reported that he had been in discussion via zoom with the bus company, and they have been supportive and brought a bus out to go through the new route, which includes Stone Lane, Meddins Lane and then picks up the original route. Some branches need to be cut back which the bus company have agreed to cut back, and they are hopeful to get the route running as soon as possible.

They have also offered to wrap the bus in advertising for Kinver to show the Rock Houses, etc.

Wild flowers

Councillor P Wooddisse is growing Yellow Rattle seeds for the library.

Councillors Mrs S Harris and S Anderson are having a meeting with Diane Firkins and Victoria Wilson to discuss locations for the seeds to be planted. The areas proposed (which will be prioritised) are Meddins Lane – top and bottom; Chester Road; Jenks Avenue / Windsor Road; Dunsley Road.

The Committee will need to contact the District Council to let them know where the verges are when they are planted to ask them not to cut the areas.

Walking Route signage and more walking routes? Historic Buildings/sites survey (Ed Simons)

Kinver Eco Collective are leading on this project. It was agreed to send a letter/leaflet to the properties on Astles Rock walk to inform them of the proposed walking route.

The local school Brindley Heath Junior School are running a competition to design a logo for the walks.

The blocks that were used to print the walking leaflets are available and further leaflets can still be printed.

Community Wood and Orchard Update

Councillor S Anderson has been in contact with the Mr Stevens from the Canals and Rivers Trust with regard to a community orchard and also an area in Brockleys walk which has some fruit trees and we have asked the District Council if we can take on the maintenance of the existing trees and also be allowed to offer memorial fruit trees to the public.

He also spoke to Mr Stevens about the Community Wood, which will hopefully be moving forward and residents will be able to buy a tree for planting. The exact location needs to be agreed still. The local Scout Groups would like to help with the planting when it happens.

Eco Collective update

The Group will be meeting next week. Brindley Heath Junior School will be plastic free by Easter. The Group (Covid allowing) in April will be organizing a litter pick in April in line with the Surfers against sewage day.

5. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for a future agenda – Paul Rochfort to the March meeting; Becoming a Wildlife Friendly village; Primrose and snowdrop planting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meetings 17th March 2021 at 7pm.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The following recommendation was made to the Council that Mr David Tibbetts be co-opted onto the Committee for the rest of the life of this Council.