

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER**

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

Also present: Miss J Cree and Mr D McGirr.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Harris.

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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 – G Sisley**

There has been a small amount of vandalism on the well, they are going to put a stainless steel plate to stop this happening again. This is the same man that did the box section fabrication.

The technicians can undertake the brickwork repairs / replacement when the Council is ready.

The Clerk will find the original design that was drawn by John Greaves-Smith.

Members thanked Cllr G Sisley for all his hardwork.

A noticeboard / information board needs to be looked at for information for the public on what this is. This information to be circulated to all members.

**Update on Verges being used for wild flowers – S Harris**

Some of the verges need to be taken off the Countys schedule for grass cutting. The Clerk to ask County Cllr Mrs V Wilson for help on this matter.

Park and stride – S Harris

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**Information Boards – P Wooddisse**

Cllr P Wooddisse is looking into the information boards, and will report back.

The board by FP23 Hyde Track has been removed its beyond repair and the one by the Stewpony.

It was noted that the noticeboard needs looking at by the Stewpony.

## Trees

An email has been received to ask for permission to plant some trees in the area, looking at Brockleys Walk Park Orchard. If the trees are donated / funded then there will be no cost to the Parish.

The orchard trees need to be cut back by the Technicians, the clerk to chase this up.

Hedgerows also could be looked at in place of trees where trees can not be planted. This could be a funded item.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters inc. Definitive Map Kinver Common / additional PROW deadlines
  - a) To discuss FP by gun club following walk –
  - b) Path by Vermin Valley, Lee has been to have a look at the tree but needs a spotter to cut it back, so Steves due back end of next week so will get onto this. He will also at that time walk it and put up any missing markers.
  - c) FP74 – The path has had to have the closure notice on it, as the stream bridge – not the canal bridge is in a bad state of repair. The path is designated as a BP, However in years past it is a road of sorts like an old cart track / green lane. Therefore this makes the level of repair to the bridge difficult, as if its just for a horse to go over it's a certain level of bridge, if its for a car its another level etc. The County are writing to the land owner to ask what they level of access is required and this will determine the repair level. So not a short term fix, but the signs up and people can walk / ride along it as you cant block access to the property on the road.
  - d) FP5A no update from SCC reported 211137899
  - e) PROW deadlines has been dropped.
  - f) FP72 a planning application has been submitted for a fence around the footpath and needs to be watched.
  - g) The gun club path The Chairman and Cllr P Wooddisse walked the path and the controls in place are working with the new owners. Walkers should keep to the path not walk close to the hedge as this is near the fallen clays.
  - h) FP23 – is still awaited for repair from SCC the Clerk has requested an update from County but this is still awaited.
  - i) SCC councillor Mrs V Wilson is working with community helpers (Sarah Bently) to try to work together with local groups to help to get issues resolved in the parish. The Chairman will speak to the County Officer to see if we can get some help. They will look at the Staffordshire way also leading from Wiggly bank to White Hill.
6. To discuss plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

There have been 2 meetings with local organisations. Location Edward Marsh Playing – billed as picnic in the park. Free event, number of bands could be provided, PA system

being sourced. A curtain sided wagon is required to use as a temporary stage, members to try to source a trailer.

The event starts at 12pm, national anthem at 12.30pm and officially opened by a village celebrity. For children's entertainment i.e bouncy castle, face painting etc, is being looked at by the KSCA and they are trying to get funding from SSDC for this.

Caterers are being looked at for burgers , hog roast, Indian food, with the Youth Café doing a tuck shop and cakes by the Old House Tea rooms.

Mr Bennett from the Gun Club has offered to support the event, it was agreed to ask if he has access to a curtain sided trailer.

7. To discuss putting TPO's on trees in the Parish

To discuss any trees that may be worthy of having a TPO on them. The Chairman raised that anyone can add trees to the register, in the Conservation area they are automatically in the area. The boards in the former technicians room to be brought out to see what's on them.

The possible process could be nominations for trees are taken from the public, and the Parish to review them, and put them forward.

The Clerk to speak to Gavin Pearce to let him know the thoughts of the Committee.

8. To discuss EV points for the Parish information from Annette Roberts

An email was received from Mrs Annette Roberts from the District Council to ask if the Parish had any ideas on where additional public EV points could be located. She was aware of the areas owned by SSDC.

Cllr S Jones is following up with a contact at Marstons to put one on their carpark.

The members discussed the possible areas in the village and we could only see existing Council carparks. However, Brockleys Walk, Acre Car Park, Opp Parish Office, Stag Meadow and the small car park on Legion Drive, the Methodist Church Car park at Potters Cross or Windsor crescent car park (Housing Association), also Edgeview Walk / Huntsmans Drive are all possibilities.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mrs Roberts with the above suggestions and perhaps suggest that she speaks directly with the Housing Association re land that they own that could be useful around the Parish.

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

Ideas put forward for possible funding for future S106 funding:-

Improving safety at Potters Cross with a possible Mini Island.

Linking PROW to make them more usable to encourage walking.

Cycle route from Kinver to Stourbridge.

Bio diversity net gain – use it to identify connected wildlife routes, return to heath land.

Possibly buy small parcels of amenity land?

Holloway improve access.

10. To receive an update on the section 53 applications

Clerk has written to Michael Murphy in the legal section at SCC for an update. None received to date.

11. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

### **11 a Communication Re Vicarage Drive**

A letter was received from a resident expressing their concerns with regard to litter on the PROW from Vicarage Drive and the Compa, and also the increase of cyclists using this path. He requested a litter bin and also larger no cycling signs.

It was proposed by Cllr Ms E Lord and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Allen to recommend to the Council that to ask that a bin is located on the Compa end of the footpath that links to Vicarage Drive and that the Parish Council Technicians empty it. The cost to be made available at the Parish Council meeting.

No Cycling discs are required in the area, at the bottom of the drive and on the top and bottom of the footpath. The Clerk to ask for more substantial signs from the County Council and the Clerk to get the Technicians to install them

### **11 b Correspondence received from Mr Sadler to Cllr P Wooddisse expressing his concerns re the Farmers Market.**

The Charman reported that the Market is being run by the Council.

The market is almost self-sufficient now as stall holders pay to have a pitch and rent a gazebo and table. Some of the funds are used for overheads to help put the stalls up and down and tidy up after the event. Any additional funds remaining are being kept for replacing equipment / buying further gazebos etc.

A simple receipts and payments account system will be kept to record income and expenditure, the markets up until December were all funded from the Government Grant and free to stall holders. Funds that are to be kept for future expenditure will be deposited into the Parish Councils account and will be reserved for that expenditure only.

This is not a separate commercial entity so does not need a separate bank account. It's a non-profit initiative to help traders in our High Street, this is why there are restrictions on who can have stalls and why the Council has continued to run the event for the good of the people of Kinver. Direct outside competition will not be allowed, as this against the vision of the market.

An income and expenditure budget line has been created for the market so it is very clear to see the income and costs to date.

### **Refugees**

With regard to the Ukrainian refugee situation, County Councillor Mrs V Wilson has contacted the District Cllr G Sisley to raise awareness that she has spoken to the Housing Group re using Mill House as a site to house refugees. Concern was expressed that this

would set a precedent for future refugees to come to the area. The District Solicitor does not think this should be the case, the refugees are able to stay for a maximum of 3 years.

If this does happen then local support may be required for items they need to live. But the Housing Association will get some funding for these costs also.

There are local organisations that could help, like Rotary, Mini Bus organisations, Volunteer bureau and possibly the Parish Council. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the Council supports in principle and will help where possible.

### **Bench Policy**

A bench that has been returned to Danesford Gardens after it was damaged by a car. The Clerk apologised that she had misunderstood that this bench was governed by the new bench policy as it was already in the system and she had authorised the bench to be reinstalled. The original location could not be returned to the location so had to be moved. The Chairman to discuss with the Clerk any possible solutions for the bench to comply with the policy.

12. Items for the next agenda - Visit to recycling plant at Wolverhampton; Severn Trent digestive site; Biffa quarry; South Staffs Water site in the village.
13. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that:-

- to ask that a bin is located on the Compa end of the footpath that links to Vicarage Drive and that the Parish Council Technicians empty it. The cost to be made available at the Parish Council meeting.
- that the Council supports in principle the housing of refugees from Ukrainian and will help where possible.

14. Date of Next Meeting – 13th April 2022

Cllr G Sisley formally resigned from the Committee. Members thanked him for all his hard work and efforts on the Committee.