

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

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Present: Councillors: Miss V Webb (Vice Chairman), N Other, Mrs C Allen, P Wooddisse, Mrs L Hingley\* and co-opted members Mrs M Rogers, J Glover

arrived at 7.20pm. \*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors J Cutler (Chairman), H Williams (Ex-Officio), Mrs D Geoghegan 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Update on Youth Café progress

The Youth Café new term started on the 11<sup>th</sup> September with 16 children attending. They have had several more volunteers come forward, and they are currently being DBS cleared.

The Committee have met and the officers have been appointed. The new Bank Account has been set up and is ready to use.

They are looking to run craft type sessions for the children, making bracelet's, keyrings etc...

FUTURE PROJECTS

5.1 Canal Towpaths

Councillor Mrs C Allen met with County Councillor Mrs V Wilson, 2 other representatives from the County Council, a representative from the Canals and Rivers Trust and a gentleman from an organisation that looks after cycle routes.

The paths running through Kinver Parish either end have cycle routes linked to them, but the Kinver Parish sections are in a very bad state of repair. The neighbouring authorities have tarmaced / resurfaced the paths up to the borders but Kinvers section have not been touched for 20 + years.

  
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Whilst the visit took place, it was incredibly busy with dog walkers, runners, cyclists and boats so it was easy to see that this is a very well used canal.

Funding for improvements works will be looked at and Councillor Mrs C Allen will continue to progress this matter further.

## 5.2 Bulb planting

Pictures of the bulbs planted last year in Stourton were circulated with the agenda papers.

It was noted that more were required in the Bridgnorth Road area on the very wide grassy verge. Volunteers will plant the bulbs the same as the last bulbs. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that funding be given for the purchase of 2 x 25kg sacks of bulbs at a maximum cost of £70.00.

Councillor Mrs L Hingley arrived at 7.20pm.

## 5.3 Centenary Walk

It was agreed to remove this from the agenda, and if any one wishes to do a walk then to arrange this directly with John Glover.

## 5.4 Updates on walk

Councillor P Wooddisse submitted the following update:-

He has walked all of the footpaths within the Parish, and has been forwarding items that need to be looked at to the Parish Office. It was noted ideally all paths should have the number on them, this is something that is slowly happening as paths are repaired the number is being added on.

FP73 the post keeps being removed, it was suggested that a warning is put on the post to deter this act of criminal damage.

FP23 a kissing gate would be preferable at the top of the steps, the steps need attention and the hand rail is also loose.

The footpath sign for FP79 / FP79P needs checking as it is pointing in the wrong direction.

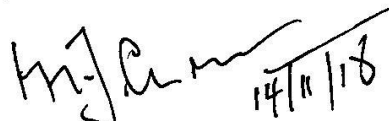
The footpath to the rear of The Crown at Iwerley, needs clearing as it is un-walkable.

It was noted that encouragement needs to be given to younger people to walk the paths of Kinver, it was suggested that an article / post is put on the Facebook page asking for people to report when they have walked footpath, what they and etc, and also to point them in the direction of the walk leaflets that are available at the Tourist Information Point and the Library.

This was noted and the Clerk will action as appropriate.

## 5.5 CPI Bid 2018

This is on hold at the moment due to funding.

  
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6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

Co-opted member J Glover reported that:-

He had been to look at FP3 again as it is still closed, and it stops some 6 paths from being walked. He and his colleagues could install railway sleepers over the culvert, as volunteers to get the path reopened. The Clerk suggested that perhaps County Councillor Mrs V Wilson has a look at the problem to see if she can get anything moving. The other alternative is to redirect the path away from the dangerous culvert. The Clerk to look into this further and see what could be suggested.

In addition the BP97 marker has been lost to nature and needs cutting back around it so it can be seen again or reinstalling whichever is the easier.

The top of FP93 needs clearing again also.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None was reported.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Canal towpaths, walks, bulbs, CPI bid and FP3.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee and the Parish Council that funding be given for the purchase of 2 x 25kg sacks of bulbs at a maximum cost of £70.00

*H. J. Cunniff*  
14 Nov 2018