**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE**

Present: Councillors: P Wooddisse (Chairman), T Talbot-Webb (Vice Chairman), S Anderson, Mrs C Allen, G Sisley and Mrs S Harris, M Smith and co-opted member D Tibbetts

Also present: Miss J Cree, Mrs M Fullwood

1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor J K Hall (Ex-Officio) and co-opted member J Glover who is shielding.

2. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None were declared.

1. 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 February 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

1. PRESENTATIONFROM PAUL ROCHFORT ON PROW

The Committee will invite Paul to the next meeting.

1. FUTURE PROJECTS

**Update on walks**

There are 9 walk leaflets and a map leaflet that the Civic Society initially designed. They have said that the Parish or the Library can update and take these over.

It was suggested that these leaflets could be hosted on a Kinver website for Tourists to download and look at also Andy Calloway converting them into a useable format.

Kinver Eco Collective via Councillor S Harris will contact Andy Calloway to discuss how we can do this.

The Parish have 4 special walks produced by J Glover also that can be used.

1 – 10 which is 9 walks, no 8 is only a map.

Councillor S Anderson has walked number one already , any members that want to walk any of the walks to let the chairman know. There are 3 additional walks written just for the Parish that will be circulated also.

**Giants Well – cost to connect water supply £1729.60**

It was agreed that costs be obtained for repairing the stonework to the well and a new fountain.

The Chairman will contact Kinver Rotary to see if they wish to look and undertaking part of this project or all.

**Additional rights of way**

Prestwood Drive, Comber Road to the 12 apostles trees, a path through from the playing field to the Hyde Track, Wardens Lodge to the topo-scope on Kinver Edge are paths walked for many years and need to be added as new paths to the map. The Chairman will contact the local ramblers and ask what they are doing with lost paths. In addition this will be put on the Facebook page and Kinver Online to ask for any paths to be put forward from the community.

**Plastic Free Communities**

Kinver Eco Collective are still working to meet the objective for Kinver to be plastic free. Since this has been published online 2 further business have come forward to join.

They are looking at organsing a volunteer litter pick. The Group have ordered banners for Park and Stride to promote this project. A representative has been into the school to discuss matters.

Litter picking has been undertaken by many volunteers around the parish, we have issued several litter pickers and hoops to volunteers. If they get several bags, they let the office know and we collect the bags.

Kinver Eco-Collective are looking at organising local days with Surfers against Sewage initiative, to then organise and set up a litter pick division of the group.

**Verges being used for wild flowers**

Councillors Mrs S Harris thanked Councillor S Anderson for getting a grant from KOBRA, the Parish and other donations from the community. Councillor Mrs S Harris has bought sand. This has been mixed with the seeds and have been sewn. The area known as bobs bank has been cleared and seeded and then the remainder of the seed was used on a verge on White Hill. There are 2 areas on Dunsley verges and have a go at planting there also. There will also be some signs to be made to put on these verges to highlight the planting. National Trust are taking over the verge by the Rock Houses. We need a Parish Verge license from the County Council and it is a £109. They are not available at the moment but we will have to apply for this retrospectively. This will enable the County to know what verges to cut or not.

The Chairman has some plants available and will forward details to Councillor Mrs S Harris for her to use.

It was agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that a verge license when it is required is paid for by the Parish Council as a one off of £109.00. On a vote this was carried.

**Walking route / circular walk from the village to Kinver Edge**

The route has been agreed, letters have been put through residents of the areas letterboxes to tell them of the proposals. Some general feedback but nothing negative. Concern over the lack of pavement on this side, it is a possibility to ask the owner of the land with the bollards to allow access.

There will be a leaflet number 11 to accompany the walk and Councillor Mrs E Lord is working on this, and small posts need to be installed to mark the route. There are design discs to show the way round. The cost is £100 for the discs. It was agreed to **Recommend** to the Parish Council that £100 is given to purchase the discs to sign the route.

**Community wood / Orchard**

Defer to the next meeting.

**Kinver Map**

Clerk to progress as Pattingham Parish are looking at purchasing a map with legends on and she will speak to the supplier about costs for 2 maps.

**Primrose and snowdrop planting.**

The corner of Church Hill, could be planted with woodland flowers to improve the area. Councillor Miss V Webb will provide stones for the area as a personal donation and she will organize the installation.

**Bench Policy**

Defer to the next meeting. Prepare a bench application form.

6. Members reports on PROW Matters

None reported.

7. Communication / correspondence to the Chairman

None reported

8. Items for the next agenda

Visit to recycling plant ; re-invite Paul Rochfort; Benches; Litter; Signs for the wildflower verges.

9. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to Recommend to the Parish Council the following items that:-

* a verge license when it is required is paid for by the Parish Council as a one off of £109.00.
* £100 is given to purchase the discs to sign the walking route.

10. Date of Next Meetings – 12th May / 16th June 2021