MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Councillors: J K Hall (Ex-Officio), T Talbot-Webb (Vice Chairman), P Wooddisse, S Anderson, Mrs C Allen, G Sisley and co-opted member J Glover.

1. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Councilor H Rogers sent his 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 12th June 2019, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING</u>

There were none reported.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

Update on walks -

Councilor P Wooddisse reported that he is walking all of the footpaths in the Parish, and making notes of any issues as he walks them. He is then passing this information to the Clerk to get the issues resolved. He is looking to set up a group of interested people to walk the local paths and also report issues through the group. Councilor S Anderson and T Talbot-Webb agreed that they would be interested in helping walk some of the paths.

It was agreed that a record be kept of all the paths that are repaired strimmed etc for reference and reported to this meeting.

FP3

The footpath is still closed and marked off with warning tape. Members felt that the projected costs to repair this culvert of £20,000 seem to be excessive and are sure a simpler solution can be found.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Paul Rochfort, Councilors J Hall, G Sisley and J Glover (invite Councilor Mrs V Wilson if she is able to attend) to discuss a solution to this path.

In addition it was noted that the Gun Club are no longer providing a person to watch for walkers in this area (this may be as part of the path is closed), but it is incredibly dangerous walking along the path when the gun club has expanded considerably since it was first set up.

The Clerk to raise this matter with Planning for Enforcement to investigate.

Green village

The Clerk is still trying to organise a trip if possible to the recycling center at Six Ashes.

The Clerk reported the following costs to the Committee:-

We have investigated options for the Parish Council, as follows:-

Kitchen facility to allow washing up of mugs rather than using paper / plastic cups...

To build a cupboard style kitchen on the entrance to the chambers (as this could feed water and waste supply directly from the toilet would be £450.

Paper cups – non-recycled are £3.04 per pack of 25 Plastic cups – non recycled are £2.29 per 100

Approximate usage is 1 x sleeve of paper cups per week and 1 per month of plastic cups.

Using recycled paper as opposed to normal copier paper is the same cost £2.99 per ream.

Recycled hand towels 20 sleeves £12.99 per box (we would need to purchase new plastic dispensers as they are a different size to the ones we have)

Non-Recycled paper hand towels are 20 sleeves for £10.99

Cost to replace lights to LED - TBC

Members noted the above costs and asked the Clerk to get quotes for installing hand dryers in the toilets.

Members discussed engaging with the traders to discuss how to be a green village.

Church Hill Corner

Members discussed the corner, and it was noted volunteers had cleared and tidied the area. The Parish Council had previously agreed not to take this on as a project.

Bulbs

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to purchase a sack of Daffodil bulbs at a cost of circa £30.

6. MEMBERS REPORTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS ONLY

The Clerk reported correspondence received from Staffordshire County Council asking for evidence if known to make FP 0.82 into a bridleway. Any evidence / information should be forwarded to County by the 1st November.

In addition the following items were reported:-

BP25 has been reported as an issue for horse riders, the Technicians have walked this path the whole length, the path is clear but the surface is eroding. By Iverley Park Farm there is fencing from building works left in situe. This has been reported to the District Enforcement and Rights of Way teams, with photographs.

FP55 towards the Cross, a large limb has fallen from a tree, and has taken about 20m of fencing with it. We can remove the branch, but due to the unstable bank in doing this there is no way of putting the fence back. There is now an 8ft drop into the gardens. Therefore the branch has been left in place and reported to County.

FP97 The Anchor to Caunsall – the canal end there is no marker and Kinver end the marker is obscured by trees and needs to be relocated.

FP93 / FP17 the number is missing off the post.

There are large beech trees on the side of the canal by Dunsley Tunnels, one last year fell down, and there are several others that look like they are suffering from the same disease. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Canals and Rivers Trust to inform them of this possible problem. It was further agreed to invite a representative from the Canals and Rivers Trust to a future meeting of the Committee.

7. COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN

None has been received.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items for the next agenda need to be with the Clerk by Monday 4th November 2019.

Items for a future agenda – Canal Towpaths and SID, Invite Canals and Rivers Trust to a meeting, visit to Six Ashes recycling plant, discuss sponsorship of areas in the village by businesses.

9. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

The date of the next meeting was noted as the Wednesday 13th November 2019.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was one recommendations to the Parish Council that a sack of Daffodil bulbs is purchased at a cost of £30.