MINUTES OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026 AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

PRESENT: E Simons (Chairman), A Calloway (Vice Chairman), K Davies, Ms E Lord, P Harrison, Mrs J Godbehere, A Hughes, A Griffiths, G Sisley, P Wooddisse, Mrs C Allen and Mrs V Wilson (KPC/County).

Also present: Mrs J Cree – Clerk, Assistant Clerk Mrs M Fullwood and 3 members of the public .

101/26. Apologies for Absence and to fill casual vacancy.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs IG Sadler and JK Hall.

Members agreed to ask the co-option candidates to attend 2 meetings as per the requirements of the co-option policy, then a decision will be made next month for all 3 candidates.

102/26. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

None were declared.

103/26. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2026 (copy attached).

The minutes of the meeting held on the above date, were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

104/26. To receive any information relating to Police matters in Kinver

The Chairman sent a letter expressing the Council's concerns, and the following response has been received:-

"I have received your query about Parish Council meetings and would like to provide the following response.

It is a force decision that we will no longer provide reports to Parish Councils. This is because it takes PCSOs off the street to complete the reports and all the information that is available at Police.co.uk which can be accessed via our webpage.

PCSOs are also not required to attend the meetings due to the above. That said, if a PCSO has availability to attend and can do so, they still can attend if they wish, but please do bear in mind that they do have a large number of competing demands.

This agreement was made at the end of last year by the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association.

Personally, I would much rather my PCSOs be visible in the community and dealing with your parishioners' concerns, rather than sitting in the station compiling reports.

I am sorry for this change but please know that it is not a "South Staffs" decision. Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Inspector 5193 Nicola Brookes - Deputy Commander - South Staffs LPT"

The Clerk will look at the information available on the website and the Parish Council agree with Inspector Brooks that they would also like to see the PCSO's more in the villages.

It was agreed to write back and ask for information 3 times per annum, our letter will also explain that the information we used to get when PCSO's attended our meeting was not just the list of incidents. Officers would give more detail when they attended the meetings. Part of the PCSO'S role is to report all the interactions with the public. Your decision has, overall, taken away an important component of local community interaction.

When the PCSO's attend the village drop in sessions, Cllr P Wooddisse will try to attend the sessions when they are scheduled.

105/26. Public Participation

Standing orders were raised to enable members of the public to speak.

A resident stated that he believes that Parish Council's are Sovereign authorities, and the SPCA have no authority to speak on behalf of them as a local council, to say the Police action to stop reports and meeting attendances was acceptable. They did not consult with any local Parish Council, and should have done this before responding to the Police. This to be followed up by the Clerk.

Standing orders were reinstated.

106/26. County / District Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

District Cllr Paul Harrison reported on the following items:-

- South Staffordshire Parish Summit is on the 18th June. Planning for the future is on the agenda, and breakout sessions. Sessions also on the funding streams at that meeting.
- Greenbelt / Grey-belt, he and Cllr Dufty are meeting with the corporate director and head of planning to discuss the new guidelines and how this works with planning.
- LGR – questionnaire has been sent to all of the Staffordshire areas, asking for comments on how to hand over to a new authority.
- South Staffordshire will be pushing to ensure that the 2 elections for Parish and the new authority take place at the same time.
- Community asset transfer, re Brockleys Walk, under the LGR this land is being offered to be taken over by the local council, we have agreed it would be a good idea in principal to take this on, we are looking into the costs to manage the site. If it's not taken on the new authority may sell this area for development. The Clerk is looking at quotes to get a ball park comparison figure so we have an idea of the future burden to the Tax payers of Kinver.
- Housing Plus Group – continues to be a problem for people to stay living in the area. In the past the old authority left houses empty as they could not afford to undertake the works to get them rentable again. The new authority is working on this and its encouraging that they may be able to turn around the houses faster to get them back into circulation. They are also looking at local drop in surgeries for the area.
- The SSDC Legacy funds are open and Parishes need to think how they would like to bid for the funds.

The Local Plan - how would this work with a new authority; with Greybelt / Greenbelt, housing has to be in the village not surrounding areas, with the new rules would they allow more housing in other areas. The new Local Plan is starting to be looked at. The developments are based on

Government directive on what is required. This is not in the public domain yet. Cllr P Harrison will ask at his meeting on this topic for clarity.
Severn Trent are working to improve the sewage issues for the area, and this is an application to be discussed at planning, its not connected to any further housing developments coming forward.

County Councillor Mrs V Wilson reported on the following items:-

- In the Newsletter she has been asking volunteers from Kinver residents, to work alongside the scheme she has put together for the High Street which includes works for pot hole repairs, drains cleared, sunken iron works, CCTV investigations and the outfall pipe to the river. This will be scheduled for the Last week of August.
- The work will take place, in June to remove the redundant signs.
- Parish Council assembly – Highways manager came to that meeting, and it was very useful. For the next meeting it may be useful to have a discussion from the Planning Officers.

107/26. To receive an update on the Climate Change group

Cllr Ms E lord reported that

- The first meeting with Energetic Communities, they seem to know how to engage with the communities and have the knowledge to support this.
- 15th July – a film is being shown on how to look and start addressing issues on Climate Change. When there is a showing of the film, the County Cllrs are requested to attend. This is at St Peters Church.
- Next Tuesday is a meeting and a talk on Composting at the Senior Citizens.

108/26. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the following Committee meetings:-

Planning Committee 13th May 2026

The above meeting minutes were noted and there were no recommendations.

However, the application below has been received with a deadline for decision of the 4th June. Therefore the Council discussed the application and made the following recommendation.

26/00319/PIP Demolition of existing dwelling, detached garage and various outbuildings and erection of 9No. dwellings Hydeaway, 50 Hyde Lane, Kinver.

Recommend Refusal on the grounds that

- **this is an overdevelopment of the site,**
- **the access is unsuitable (and previously refused by Highways).**
- **Any development should meet the stipulations of the Neighbourhood plan.**
- **The access for emergency vehicles may be an issue due to the narrow roads, and vehicles may well block the access if not parked on the driveways.**

Leisure and Amenities 20th May 2026

The following recommendation was made to the Council to agree to the purchase of 2 replacement trees or bushes, if the County remove the 2 current trees.

This was agreed.

109/26. Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that:-

- Parish Assembly was well attended and very interesting, Highways speaker was very useful
- As part of this he suggested a trail of connecting Parishes for information with QR Codes. Things of local interest such as Folk tales, like he giants well, points of interest etc. Cllr A Calloway made a mock up of a type software that would work. The costs would be minimal, however a consultant would be needed to bring this together. The funding from SSDC, is on a first come first served basis.
- National Trust - he has also spoken to them to work with us on the above type of project and they seem keen to engage.
- Discussions re work load of staff have been looked at, he has been looking at the PROW work in particular. A personnel meeting is being called for the end of the month.
- Scout Wood – he attended a Pirate Lark event, at the site, and the connection links for commercial aspects of the space was discussed.

110/26. To receive and note the report from the Clerk

The following items were noted:-

South Staffordshire Local Plan Review - Main Modifications Consultation
UK Network of Age-friendly Communities May update
20's plenty for Staffordshire zoom meeting - 7.30 pm Tuesday 9 June 2026
Letter to Staffordshire Councils on Gritting Bins HE109
South Staffs Parish Summit 18th June
Support Staffordshire VCSE Forums **South Staffs** - Thursday 11 June 1.30pm Perton Civic Centre
Notes from Partnership Meeting on 21/05/26
Complaint re the state of the village

111/26. Reports from Members sitting on Outside Bodies for the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs J Godbehere reported on the traders meeting, they are doing the Scarecrow festival over a weekend, rather than 1 day later in the year. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the L & A meeting as they would like to have a market on that day.

112/26. To receive the accounts for payment since the last meeting.

The accounts for payment were agreed as listed below:-

Accounts for payment	**Description**	**Total**	
Amazon	Vases for graves	£	26.97
Amazon	New ICCM Reference book	£	46.00
Andy Read Services Ltd	Contractor work	£	499.70
Andy Read Services Ltd	Grass Cutting and fuel	£	600.00
Brother	Monthly ink charge	£	32.43
Ebay	Litter picker	£	18.35
EDF	Gas bill	£	36.07
Gif Gaf	Sim for CCTV at garage and tracker and market phone	£	24.00
Inland Revenue	June	£	2,215.08
J R K	Supplies	£	152.32

Kinver Edge Farn Shop	April	£	120.00
Microsoft	1 month	£	10.49
P H S Group		£	3.82
Pureshine Window Cleaning		£	68.00
Salaries	June	£	4,874.00
SCC pensions	June	£	2,038.96
Screwfix	Supplies	£	45.97
South Staffs Water	Office rates	£	77.99
South Staffs Water	toilet water rates	£	86.42
Tesco	Cleaning items	£	16.90
Tool Station	Supplies	£	28.70
Utility Warehouse	mobile phones	£	28.90
Viking Direct	Stamps / Supplies		
Water Plus	Kinver Edge Water rates	£	86.42
Water Plus	Kinver Edge Water rates	£	30.22
YGS	Office electricity	£	163.58
YGS	Comber Ridge electricity	£	85.26
YGS	High Street toilets	£	177.29
YGS	Toilet Block Kinver Edge	£	44.37
	Total Expenditure	**£**	**11,638.21**
Receipts			
Burial Fees		£	1,075.00
Office rent	May	£	568.26
Office electricity usage	May	£	119.41
EV		£	145.87
Solar income		£	4.56
Interest West Brom		£	139.96
	Total Income	**£**	**2,053.06**

113/26. To receive information on the process of land transfer relating to Brockleys Walk.

This topic was covered on the District Councillors report.

114/26. Items for future Meetings of the Council

To be with the Clerk by 22nd June

115/26. Dates of Next Meetings –

Planning Committee	10th June 2026
L & A Committee	24th June 2026
Personnel Committee	29th June at 9.30am
Finance Committee	1st July 2026 6pm
Parish Council	1st July 2026

116/26. Exclusion of the press and public

The press and the public were excluded as the business to be transacted of a confidential nature.

117/26. To discuss and resolve an issue relating to Comber Ridge Burial Ground (confidential paper issued with the agenda)

It was proposed by Cllr P Wooddisse and seconded by Cllr K Davies to send a response to the email received, based on the letter already submitted to the family re the burial ground issue. The Clerk to confirm with ICCM and the legal Officer at SSDC before sending the response.