

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINWARTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING, TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2020**

Present:

Cllr M Moore MM (Chair)
Cllr K Rees KR (Vice-Chair)
Cllr M O'Rourke MOR
Cllr J Vining JV
Cllr M Giddings MG

Mrs. Z Illés-Cody ZIC (clerk and rfo)

Update (in writing) from Cllr Mark Cargill, County Councillor

- Working hard to fight the placing of Stratford on Avon district in Tier 3 as it is causing our businesses to suffer further. SDC Cabinet decided to Judicially Review that decision with the Government, to help protect not the hospitality trade in particular but all of our businesses. Stratford was the fourth hardest hit authority in the country and should have been treated differently. This is a tough time for our local businesses. In an attempt to help our them, please buy locally. Every little helps, as they say.
- Figures released 4/12/2020 shows that for the SDC area the seven-day rate/100,000 is now down to 66.9/100,000 and the over 60's day rate is currently 62.4/100,000 with 26 cases over the last seven days across the district. This really does highlight the importance of looking after one's parents and grandparents and also provides evidence that we need to be in a lower tier to protect and support our local businesses.
- SWFT Hospital Beds. We have seen a slight increase of Covid inpatients with 31 (24) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and five (5) patients in ICU (last week's figures in brackets). There are 52% of SWFT hospital beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients which demonstrates that other procedures and treatments are continuing however there are 8% beds occupied with confirmed COVID-19 patients and 23% beds occupied with suspected COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 16% beds.
- The cumulative deaths across Stratford District from the start of this second wave (28/08/2020) has sadly increased by a further three to 18, with 10 occurring in care homes, seven in hospital and one at home, out of a total of 285 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.
- The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 is now 42 from a total of 1290 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 186 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 642; over the same period there have been 4978 non Covid-19 related deaths in Warwickshire and 1306 non Covid-19 deaths in Stratford on Avon District.
- Lateral flow testing will take place first in the North of the County as that's where the majority of cases are.
- Business news
As we are effectively in another lockdown, businesses forced to close can get business rates grants from Stratford DC. We have already paid out around £843,000 to 500 businesses with 500 more enquiries.
- Vaccine and Vaccinations
"Vaccines do not save lives, vaccination does". It is vital we get as many people vaccinated as is possible to make it effective. The first vaccination points are still a secret as it appears criminals are targeting supplies for nefarious reasons.

1. Apologies

Cllr C Armstrong CA

Cllr N Loomes NL

Cllr Gill Foreman GF (Alcester Town Councillor, District Councillor)

Cllr M Cargill MC (Alcester Town Councillor, District Councillor, County Councillor)

2. Disclosure of interests

None disclosed.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes confirmed from November 2020 and signed as a true record. Proposed JV, seconded KR.

4. Ongoing matters.

a) Kinwarton Farm Shops forecourt

Awaiting response from landowner regarding state of the shops forecourt. ZIC to contact Stratford District Council (with legal powers) to request that they contact the landowner as we have had no response to our letters.

b) St Mary's Park

Tree pollarding – Await outcome of environment agency and Limebridge contract before reviewing scope of tree pollarding required.

Kwik links – HAGS have clarified that 16 links are required for swings at a cost of £48 for parts. Labour would cost £350 plus VAT. As Insurance company require qualified contractor with their own Public Liability Insurance to carry out maintenance, Councillors agree to accept HAGS quotation for parts and installation. Proposed MOR, seconded KR.

Inspection November 2020 – Councillors agree that molehills do not pose a significant risk to users of playground and wildlife will not be disturbed to removed them. Trees blocking one entrance to park still need attention from Limebridge. ZIC to follow up.

c) Captain's Hill service road verge

Alan Caldwell-Jones (WCC) confirmed that wooden bollards for top of service road corner will be paid for out of MC's delegated budget. Councillors agree to accept the proposal.

Double yellow line painting on Captain's Hill service road to prevent inconsiderate parking which causes large vehicles to mount the kerb and grass will unfortunately require a formal legal order, could take 3-5 years to be installed and cost tens of thousands of pounds. This is not a viable option.

Councillors can reconsider shrub/tree planting once bollards have been installed.

d) Community speed checks/signage on Kinwarton Farm Road

MC is to put through 3 names for training with the police. Mike Giddings has reiterated his offer to help. ZIC to pass on to MC.

e) Pastures Residents Association dog bin request.

GF, District Councillor, reports that dog bins on The Pastures are not included in the planning documentation and StreetScene (SDC) have confirmed that KPC would be able to reduce/increase/keep the same the number of dog bins.

ZIC to respond to letter from The Pastures Residents Association(RA), to confirm offer to supply and fund weekly emptying of 1 dual purpose dog/rubbish bin. RA to decide on location of bin and organise removal of existing bins.

f) Lowering pavement on Seymour road to enable w'chair access

Awaiting update from ACJ. Restructuring in Highways and in Traffic and Safety departments is slowing decision making. ZIC to follow up with Alan Caldwell Jones (WCC) on progress.

g) Bank for KPC

HSBC have changed account holder name. Unity Trust bank will charge £6 administration fee/month. Councillors agree to remain with HSBC as banking details now up-to-date with HSBC.

h) Newsletter

Newsletter for residents to be written following hedge trimming completion. To include mention of Census 2021 and reminder about private hedges/shrubs cut back from pavements.

i) Hedge trimming in Kinwarton

Limebridge Rural still not completed contract on hedging. ZIC to follow up. Seymour road, Kinwarton Farm road and St Mary's Park remain un-cut. Next year, Councillors to get quotations in August to ensure trimming is completed earlier in the Autumn.

j) WCAG

ZIC able to assess and update website to align with website accessibility guidelines. This will be completed gradually over next few months as Council workload allows.

k) Conclusion of audit

Audit from external auditors PKF Littlejohn completed and published on noticeboard and website 12/11/2020. Councillors agree to publish for 4 weeks.

5. Planning applications

- **Marla Tubes update, Land on the West Side of Kinwarton Farm Road (Title WK501502).** ZIC to contact SDC regarding the land on the old railway line, which currently acts as a barrier between the houses and factories. Councillors are concerned that this area should be protected from potential future building. The land has been bought by Marla Tubes right up to the fence by the homes beyond the railway line.
- **20/03064/FUL 16 Fenwick Close.** Single storey replacement rear extension and new chimney. No objections raised.

6. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for payment

ZIC salary	£324.90
Filing (10 hours)	£108.30
John Clarke – concreting ST Mary's Park bridge	£1100.00
PKF AGAR review (paid)	£240.00
HAGS November 2020 Inspection 073165	£72.00
Limebridge 1648	£516.00
Limebridge 1662 (Great Alne amenity mowing)	£230.00

All payments approved by Councillors. Proposed KR, Seconded MOR.

7. Correspondence

- Email from MOP regarding nuisance bonfires – signposted to environmental health if they continue to be a problem.
- Email from MOP regarding hedging maintenance – reassured that contract not yet completed.
- Thank you letter from Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for donation
- Christmas card to KPC from Mayor of Alcester Town Council, Cllr Gill Forman and Consort Cllr Tim Forman

8. AOB

a) Remembrance Sunday

Doorstep memorial 'service' was well attended in Winchcombe road, with a wreath laid, 'They shall not grow old' read aloud, and the Last Post played on the trumpet.

b) Roads on The Pastures have now been adopted by WCC.

c) Forestry England

Forestry England announcement that parking will no longer be permitted along the sides of the track in front of the entrance gate into Oversley Woods, to ensure that emergency vehicles and large forestry machinery are always able to access the woodland.

d) Census 2021

Community Engagement Officer for SOA, Leamington and Warwick requested Councils raise awareness of Census and support individuals with completion. ZIC to add to website and noticeboard.

e) Covid-19 preventative behaviour and symptoms study

ZIC to add information on website and noticeboard.

f) Moss

The clearing of the moss on the pavement needs to be re-done again. ZIC to follow up with Chris Andrews.

g) Precept 2021

ZIC to arrange precept meeting in early January to discuss finance and Precept request from SDC.

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