

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE KINVER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
STEERING GROUP OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH
MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE**

Present: Councillors Mrs C Allen, S Anderson, Ms E Lord, G Sisley, P Wooddisse , M Smith, E Simons, Miss V Webb and Miss F Holloway.

Also in attendance Miss J S Cree and Mrs M Fullwood

1. To receive apologies of absence.

District Councillor Mrs L Hingley , Mrs Anne Becke and Mrs Dew sent their apologies.

2. To receive the minutes from the meeting held on the 22nd February 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on the 22nd February 2021, having been circulated previously, were approved as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Report on meeting with South Staffs Planning.

During a long meeting with SSDC planners on 2 March, it became apparent that their structure for developing Local Plans does not include any way in which Neighbourhood Plan or other village groups can influence Site Allocations, before they decide on the 'Preferred Options' . The Preferred Options consultation, which is probably September or after, gives 6 weeks to respond, which is almost impossibly tight to carry out a proper village opinion survey of adequate standard. SSDC appear committed to this approach, no earlier discussion is possible, and they refuse to publish in advance the full data on the basis of which the Preferred Options will be chosen.

It was noted that in South Staffordshire there have not been a completed Neighbourhood Plan, Codsall are 6 months ahead of Kinvers Group, but have at the moment got the plan on hold. The Clerk to contact their Clerk to ask what their experience has been so far and why the process has been suspended.

The main point of the meeting was to consider whether or not to proceed with the Kinver Neighbourhood Development Plan in the light of South Staffordshire's clear unwillingness to engage with the NDP process.

Following a detailed discussion on the meeting, it was decided to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan for the time being and the following action points were agreed:-

Firstly - the Chair / Cllr E Lord to send a summary of what they believe was the discussion / outcome of the meeting held with the District Council if minutes / recording of the meeting did not take place.

Secondly – Cllr E Simons will send a strongly worded letter asking for a full response in writing of how the SAD process works and how the Parish Council can be involved in the future. Copied to the Chief Executive of the District Council and MP Gavin Williamson.

4. Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that she had asked for a price from the Housing Association to print our questionnaire and send it out with the housing needs survey to all households in the Parish to try to combine the cost and get best value.

5. Date of next meeting

Design Code meeting 15th March 2021 with AECOM (Cllrs C Allen, E Simons and E Lord)

Nplan meeting 22nd March 2021

Meeting closed at 8.30pm