



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald

Minutes of a meeting attended by representatives of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2020, which commenced at 7.02pm.

Present:- Cllrs R. Adams, T Morris (Vice Chairman) , N.Whyte, R.Cunningham, J.MacDonald (Chairman) C.Bates K.Harper G.Vearncombe

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In attendance

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Liaison Officer

Natalie Richards

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.02pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Horry

Cllr Buckley

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

Cllr Jenkins

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting of 1st June 2020

The Chairman called by a show of hands whether the Councillors could indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Whyte

5. Actions from previous meeting.

20 mph sign on kewstoke Road in dangerous condition.

Action:- Cllr Vearncombe – awaiting NSDC to rectify

Crime Statistics

It was suggested that the database of meaningful statistics in respect of reported crimes over a period of time would be revisited.

Action: - Cllr Jenkins ongoing

Council Christmas Party

Cllr Bates raised the issue of the Councils Christmas Party 2020, and requested deposits of £20 from each of the Councillors.

Action: - All- ongoing awaiting guidance on use of venues in light of covid-19.

Rights of way improvement plan

Action Cllr Adams, Parish Clerk – ongoing

Set up of email addresses for Councillors

Action:- Cllr Buckley ongoing

6. Police Beat Report

The Clerk reported that the June report had not been received.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim to chase and set up meeting to understand the situation prior to the next meeting of the Parish Councillors.

To include Cllr Cunningham, Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Vearncombe, Parish Clerk and a representative of Avon & Somerset Police. .

7. Unitary Members report

Cllr Pilgrim

A number of items were covered under other agenda items.

8. Other Issues

Play Area

The Chairman confirmed that following an inspection, risk assessment, minor repairs, guidance signage and cleaning, the Play area was reopened on Saturday 4th July albeit with certain restrictions.

Due to safety concerns a number of trees had also been removed from the Village Green.

Footpath Agreement- Crookes Lane from Village Hall to Bay Bar

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that an initial agreement had been received and run past the Parish Councils Solicitor who suggested an amendment to clause 8.1 which would include the wording *'Provided that any such permission contains provision for the Permitted Use to remain in place'* This was returned to the landowners Solicitor who advised his client against the inclusion.

This may not prove to be an issue as it is understood that any planning permission if ever granted, would require permitted use of the footpath to be included as a matter of course.

A revised draft is currently awaited, this would again be scrutinised by the Parish Councils Solicitor, who has been asked to compare the draft with original agreement, before being presenting the final agreement to the full Council for acceptance.

Cllr Adams confirmed the fencing had been purchased and was awaiting the grass to be cut back by the landowner before erecting it along the footpath as part of the agreement.

Cllr Harper confirmed an additional bin had been obtained and installed at the entrance to the footpath again as per the agreement. .

Dune Footpath – Cyclists

It was proposed at a previous meeting that the situation with regards Cyclists using the footpath on the dunes would be monitored, as a number of requests had been received by residents to place signs banning or requesting that cyclists proceed with due consideration of other users particularly during this period of social distancing and covid-19 restrictions.

After some discussion it was agreed that with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and the opening up of other facilities, the problem had sufficiently reduced and no further action was required. .

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Whyte

This was agreed unanimously.

Amended Traffic Restriction orders

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that a postal survey had now been completed and feedback received from residents of Myrtle Tree Crescent and St. Bridges Close.

The results were not conclusive and the only recommendation made at this point to NSDC was to request the extension of the double yellow lineage to the drop curb just before 1 Myrtle Tree crescent on both sides of the road.

In summary there was no overall majority in favour of any of the options from Myrtle Tree crescent, whilst residents from St Bridges appeared to favour an extension of the current parking restrictions.

The results were forwarded to NSDC to understand how they could be best used to progress further parking improvements.

Notification had been received from NSDC indicating that the original amended Traffic Restriction Order in respect of St Bridges Close, Myrtle Tree Crescent , Sand Road, Beach Road and Crookes Lane would be implemented the evenings of 7/8th July weather permitting.

Signage in relation to the TRO relating to Coach Restrictions along Kewstoke Road and Norton Lane were to be commenced on 31st July.

It was agreed to publicise the above timescales on the Web Site and Village FaceBook site.

Action:- Parish Clerk, Cllr MacDonald.

It was further agreed that responses to the Postal feedback should be acknowledged, indicating the overall results and how those results were now to be used.

Action:- Cllr MacDonald.

Traffic Cones

Cllr MacDonald suggested that the use of Traffic Cones might be more flexible and effective method of controlling parking.

Following some discussion it was proposed that a quote was obtained.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Overflowing Waste Bins

It was agreed at a previous meeting that the situation with regards overflowing waste Bins would be monitored to see if the situation settled down following the easing of covid-19 restrictions.

After some discussion It was generally agreed that this was now the position and proposed that no further action was required in respect of additional bins or more frequent collections which would incur additional costs for the Parish Council, although the situation would be constantly monitored.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Harper

It was agreed unanimously

9. Clerks Report

Orderly Contract

The Clerk confirmed that the Beach Orderly had now signed a Contract of Employment.

A further draft contract of employment, in respect of the Village Orderly, has been reviewed by the staffing Committee and agreed by the Chairman.

It was proposed that these documents be accepted and the contract offered to the Village Orderly.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

This was agreed unanimously

Earlier Payment Dates

The clerk confirmed that June payments had been approved and paid within the month of June without any problems.

Sea Front Seat Maintenance

A request had been received to replace the concrete memorial bench with a bench that was made from recycled material and was maintenance free. The Clerk provided a picture of the proposed seat which was similar in appearance to others on the Sea Front.

The seat is known as the 'Stanford' and is supplied by a company called Glasdons

It was proposed to allow for this replacement seat, with the slats to be in brown.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

This was agreed unanimously

Dog Mess on the Beach

A request had been received from a resident complaining of the amount of dog mess on the Beach and requesting if there was anything the Council could do to improve the situation, by means of CCTV or Dog Wardens.

It was agreed that the situation may settle down following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and at this point in time no further action was required, although the situation would be constantly monitored.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Harper

His was agreed unanimously

It was requested that the Clerk would contact NSDC Dog Warden for advice on improving the situation.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Litter Posters

A number of posters had been received from NSDC encouraging people to dispose of their litter responsibly. Following some discussion it was decided that there were no appropriate locations to display the posters.

Distribution of Minutes/Agendas/Planning Presentations

It was agreed that future documentation would continue to be sent electronically as this had proved successful during the period of Covid-19 restrictions and virtual meetings.

A single copy of each item would be available at the next meeting for reference if required, and hopefully the large screen.

10. Financial Update

Payments had been authorised early in the month to allow the synchronisation of PAYE and payments – See item 9 Early Payment Dates

The Clerk was in the process of chasing a number of overdue Grants.

Action:- Parish Clerk

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that a large crack had appeared in a retaining wall between the highway and the allotments and was need of some urgent repair.

It was not clear as to the ownership of the wall.

Cllr Vearncombe will contact NSDC with a view to establishing ownership.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of trees in the verge leading up to the allotments from Hatley Garage on Kewstoke Road were so large that they may be in danger of damaging the overhead power lines.

It was requested that the Clerk report the matter to Western Power

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Vearncombe reported that there was a concern for safety at the road junction between Collumn Lane and Lyefied Road.

It was requested that this be reported to NSDC to see if signage could be erected,

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that a soil pipe used on the allotments had broken and could be replaced at a cost of around £20.

This expenditure was agreed

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Whyte

It was agreed unanimously

Cllr Morris also reported that the Church notice board which was not the responsibility of the Parish Council was broken and needed repair.

It was requested that a quote be obtained for the repair and referred to the Church via Cllr Whyte.

Action:- Parish Clerk.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that the disabled toilet in the Bus Terminus Toilet block was broken and that he would replace it this week.

Cllr Harper also reported that the footpath opposite the New Inn had become overgrown and required cutting back. The fence surrounding the substation was also in need of repair.

It was requested that Western Power be contacted to establish ownership and instigate repair.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte reported that the floodlights at the Church would be turned on this month and would confirm if they would be on all night.

Action:- Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte also reported that a Van parked on the Queensway had now been moved back to Anson Road and was causing a nuisance. The Police were aware.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that the recent unseasonal weather had resulted in large amounts of sand on the dunes footpath and on Beach Road.

It was requested that the Environment Agency was contacted for an update on the outstanding work on the sea defences.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams suggested that the cutting of the verges around the Village should be the responsibility of NSDC or the Parish Council should receive a Grant for undertaking the work.

It was agreed to contact NSDC and Clarify

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams also reported an overgrown footpath which runs east from where the footpath AX19/10 meets Elmsley Lane.

Action:- Parish Clerk to Contact NSDC

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald proposed that the contract for 'Flock' was cancelled as now the Village Hall was able to be used for meetings.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

Meeting Closed 8.18 pm

12. Date of Next Meeting Monday 3rd August 2020

