



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2020, which commenced at 7.05pm.

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

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In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Liason Officer

N.Richards

Public Participation

None

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Horry

Cllr Pilgrim Unitary Member

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Adoption of the minutes of a meeting of the Council members of 3rd August 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 Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

5. Actions from previous meeting.

20 mph sign on Kewstoke Road in dangerous condition.

Currently awaiting NSDC to rectify - ongoing

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe Meeting arranged with a representative of NSDC.

Rights of way improvement plan

An initial meeting has taken place with Cllr Adams & the Parish Clerk resulting in a database of 11 Footpaths/Rights of way. It was agreed for that the Clerk would circulate this allowing Councillors to volunteer to walk the routes and provide feedback in order to identify any remedial work required.

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate any outstanding Rights of Way that required feedback.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Set up of email addresses for Councillors

It was agreed to increase the number of individual Parish Councillors email accounts to 4 in total using gmail, and to enable access to either Parish or Private email accounts via the Parish Councils tablets. - *completed*

A number of Councillors still required assistance in setting up their tablets and were requested to liaise with Cllr Buckley.

Action: - Cllr.Buckley

Large Crack in retaining wall

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.

A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Vearncombe and a representative of NSDC to discuss ownership of the wall and necessary repairs.- *Ongoing*

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe

Support for Tree Preservation Order

Awaiting response from NSDC

Amended Traffic Restriction Order

Liaison Officer to chase up an awaited response from NSDC.

Overflowing Waste Bins

It was agreed to monitor the situation and leave as a future agenda item.

The Chairman would discuss the matter with the resident who first raised this issue.

Action:- Cllr MacDonald

6. Police Beat Report

It was agreed to publish a URL (Web Address) on the Councils Web site that showed crime statistics for Worle & North Weston, along with a statement to the effect that ongoing discussions were taking place between Avon & Somerset Police, District Councillors and the Avon & Somerset Police Commissionaire in an effort to produce meaningful crime statistics for Kewstoke, including clear up rates. Refer Email from L.Pilgrim (Unitary member) as attached.

Action: - Parish Clerk

7.Unitary Members report

The Chairman read an email received from Cllr Pilgrim – see attached.

8. Other Issues

Re Adoption of Policies

The following policies which had been reviewed at the latest Policy and Finance meeting were proposed for re adoption by the Committee Chairman.

Financial Regulations

KPC01 Authorised Spend

KPC03 Investment Strategy

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

The Following Policies which had been reviewed by the Chairman of the Media Committee were proposed for re adoption.

KPC02 Press and Media Policy

KPC04 Social Media Policy

Proposed Cllr Jenkins

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

All policies had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Traffic Claming Issues

A request had been made to the Parish Council referencing the number of occurrences of speeding vehicles within the village and whether something could be done to address the problem.

After some discussion and reference to an email received from NSDC Council leader on the same matter it was agreed to put a statement on the Parish Web site clarifying the position.

Action:- Cllr MacDonald

Climate Emergency Working Group.

A request had been received from NSDC inviting anyone with responsibilities for Climate Change/Sustainability issues within the Parish Council to an initial meeting to discuss addressing Climate change.

After some discussion the offer was declined.

Traffic Cones

A response was awaited from NSDC as to whether they would support the Parish Council utilising Traffic Cones at appropriate times to assist parking issues.

It was agreed to leave the item on the agenda for the next meeting until a response was received.

Action:- Parish Clerk & Liaison Officer to chase.

Bus Terminus Car Park Maintenance Draft Policy KPC019

A draft policy was presented by Cllr Adams following a recent meeting of interested parties.

Following some discussion this was unanimously agreed

Proposed Cllr Adams

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Draft Policy had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting

New Local Plan 2038

It was agreed that the Council wished to respond to NSDC New Local Challenges Document 2038 for which the timescale for receiving responses had been extended to 16/09/2020..

A meeting was agreed to be held on Wednesday 9/9/2020 at 7pm at the Village Hall to discuss and submit a response.

Action:- Cllrs, Adams Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Vearncombe and Cllr Morris.

Nominee for Standards sub Committee

A request had been received from NSDC requesting Volunteers for be available, if required, to be co opted onto a sub Committee to convene should it be necessary to deal with an allegation against a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Cunningham kindly volunteered

9. Clerks Report

O/S Grants

The Clerk reported that there were two outstanding grants that were due, one of £1200 from the Environment Agency and £500 in respect of the Village orderlies from NSDC.

Action: - Parish Clerk to Chase the Environment Agency and the Liaison Officer to follow up with NSDC.

Agenda Items

The Clerk reported that many requests are currently received from various sources requesting matters to be put forward to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that it would be at the Clerks discretion which items appeared on the agenda requested from sources other than Council members. .

Proposed Cllr Harper

Seconded Cllr Buckley

This was agreed unanimously

Donations

The Clerk also reported that a further donation of £150 had been received in respect of maintenance of a memorial bench on the Sea Front.

Verge Cutting

The Clerk is currently in discussion with representatives of NSDC with regards to obtaining a grant in respect of the twice yearly verge flailing undertaken by the Parish Council albeit NSDC responsibility.

The Clerk also reported that NSDC were under the impression that the Parish Council was responsible for cutting back the vegetation along the Toll Road. The position had been clarified to NSDC.

10. Financial Update

Payments for the month had been approved outside of this meeting to allow payment in the appropriate calendar month. See attached.

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Jenkins made reference to hessian type fencing that had been successfully deployed as part of Sea defences in Devon and requested that the Environment Agency be made aware prior to the Sea Defence work along the Dunes scheduled for this autumn.

Action: - Parish Clerk.

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham reported that Cllr Whyte's term of office as the representative of the Parish Council for Kewstoke Relief in Need Charity would shortly be coming to an end.

It was proposed to re elect Cllr Whyte as the Councils representative

Proposed Cllr Jenkins

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte confirmed that the proposed lighting up of the Church at night had been delayed.

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported some difficulties that the Verge cutting contractor had encountered recently in respect of passing traffic whilst undertaking his work.

It was agreed that the contractor should contact members of the Council prior to commencing work so they could assist him with any traffic management required. .

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported a large pot hole at the bottom of Monks Hill

Action: - Parish Clerk to notify NSDC

Cllr Morris also reported that a streetlight was permanently on in Manor Gardens and that the number of the light would be obtained.

Action: - Cllr Harper, Cllr Morris

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported large amounts of sand along Beach Road and on the footpath on the dunes. The sand was also blocking the drains along Beach Road.

Action :- Cllr Harper to obtain a quote for road sweeping vehicle.

Parish Clerk to contact NSDC highways to report the issues

Cllr Harper also referenced the future additional work required in respect of the Village Green as so many trees have now had to be either cut down or cut back.

Action:- Parish Clerk to ensure included on agenda for Precept meeting.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that a resident of Sand Road was having difficulty cutting the grass verges outside of his property.

It was suggested that the resident was to contact Kewstoke Relief in Need to see if help could be arranged.

Cllr Adams also reported that it might be worth including the footpath along Crookes Lane in the current Rights of Way exercise, with a view to extending it to join the new proposed Coastal Path.

Action:- Parish Clerk.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

12. Date of next meeting Monday 5th October 2020.

Payments for August 2020

DSAlaries & Expenses	£1,901.06
HM Revenue and Customs	£205.74
Weston Support Services	£310.59
Weston Town Council (Dog Bins)	£297.00
T.H.Baker (Groundworks)	£2,054.54
PKF Littlejohn LLP (auditors)	£360.00
GB Sports and Leisure (replacement swing)	£114.00
A.Morris	£20.00
T.Beasley (Shelter /Replacement door kiosk)	£1,177.66
A.Ham(Mowing Village Green/Sea Bank)	£245.12
Total	<u>£6,685.71</u>

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Berry Redmond Gordon & Penny	£15,000.00
Footpath Agreement Consideration & Fees	£787.20

£22,474.91



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Response

1 message

Lisa Pilgrim (councillor) <Lisa.Pilgrim@n-somerset.gov.uk>

Mon, Sep 7, 2020 at 12:57 PM

To: Town & Parish Chairman Kewstoke <jim@mactrashop.co.uk>, Town & Parish Clerk Kewstoke <parishclerkkewstoke@gmail.com>

Dear Both,

Should have checked my emails more thoroughly...
I have had a reply as follows:

My impression is that the speeds in the village and along the seafront are generally low, but like most locations there are a small number of road users who travel faster. I don't think we've been contacted by the Police regarding anti-social driving in Kewstoke, and the injury accident statistics are low (in the last five years there has been one 'slight' accident on the bend by the Commodore in 2018 – I cannot see any further details from home). I can't see how this could be prioritised using North Somerset resources, over other locations with worse speed and accident records.

However, the council is in the process of developing a policy enabling Parishes to apply for 20mph speed limits in villages. This would apply where speeds are already compliant (85%ile speeds less than 25mph) or can be made compliant with traffic calming measures (in Kewstoke that would mean chicanes and/or speed cushions – cameras are not an option here, there are stringent criteria which are not close to being met). The parishes would be expected to contribute significantly towards these projects. We will be writing to all parishes about this in due course.

In the short-term, I'm afraid that enforcement is really the only option and would suggest that residents and the Parish Council contact the police to express their concerns, particularly if there is a pattern to the anti-social behaviour as suggested by the original email.

Can you let me know the outcome of your discussions tonight - perhaps a good start would be to ask for the speed to be officially monitored?

I will give you a call later in the week.

Kindest,
Lisa

Councillor Lisa Pilgrim
Councillor for Weston super Mare - Kewstoke
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Sent from my iPad

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Tonight's meeting

1 message

Lisa Pilgrim (councillor) <Lisa.Pilgrim@n-somerset.gov.uk>

Mon, Sep 7, 2020 at 12:48 PM

To: Town & Parish Chairman Kewstoke <jim@mactrashop.co.uk>, Town & Parish Clerk Kewstoke <parishclerkkewstoke@gmail.com>

Dear Both

Sincerest apologies but I must cry off for this evenings meeting. My daughter has given me the most awful cold (not Covid thankfully) and I've been 'sent home' from work. Whilst I would rather attend tonight, especially as I missed last month, don't really think colleagues would appreciate my passing it on.

I have chased the Mead application and have been advised by planning that:

I understand that we have been seeking the withdrawal of the application as there are a number of fundamental issues in terms of visual impact, rural character, heritage impact, ecological impact and unacceptable flood risk. The applicant's agent replied a few weeks ago to say that the application had stalled due to a family bereavement (Derek Mead) but they would now like to try to address the various concerns.

I am yet to receive any amendments or new information following my request that the application be withdrawn. There is an extension in time in place to the end of this month.

They will update me with any developments.

Re the Police report:

I have tried to get this to the right place before Roz attends the next Police Committee meeting but haven't had any success. Given Roz isn't attending meetings, I've asked her if she can suggest where we try now. Apologies gentleman but will forward it ASAP.

Speeding on Beach Road

The Exec Member copied me into our visitors email re speeding on Beach Road. He has referred this to Colin Medus for a response. I have chased Colin and will again. Sorry it's not available for tonight as it's on the Agenda.

Sorry again re tonight, that will teach me for not resting yesterday when I knew I should have.... ☹️

Hope you are all keeping ok,
Sending my best to all!

Lisa

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