



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald

Planning Chairman Councillor R.Adams

Minutes of Kewstoke Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 which commenced at 8.50 pm.

Present Cllrs R.Adams (Chairman), K.Harper, J.MacDonald, T.Horry, N.Whyte,

R. Cunngham, R.Buckley G.Vearncombe & T .Morris.

In attendance

M.Hardwick **Parish Clerk**

Public Participation

Please refer to Parish Council minutes of same date.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 8.50pm

2. Apologies for Absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Pilgrim **Unitary Member**

Cllr Willis **Unitary Member**

Cllr Jenkins

3. **Declaration of interests**

None

4. **Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting of 6th February 2023**

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 6th February 2023 to indicate their support for the adoption.

Proposed Cllr Buckley
Seconded Cllr Whyte

Vote was unanimous

7. **Update on Previous Applications**

18/83275/FUL

Land off Sand Road

Change of use of Agricultural Land to caravan/lodge site and the erection of a new leisure building

Awaiting Decision

The Clerk was requested to contact the Councils Liaison Officer to clarify whether the appropriate notification had been given by NSC Planning Officer to the applicant in response to the latest document, namely a flood risk assessment submitted June 2022.

Action: - Clerk

22/P/2099/FUL Norton Farm Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke BS22 9YR

Removal of Condition 5 (Use as holiday lets only) on approval 99/1883 (Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 4No. 'B1' light industrial units and 3No. holiday lets) to allow use as 3no.residential dwellings

Withdrawn by applicant

22/P/2505/FUL Land At Collum Farm Collum Lane Kewstoke BS22 9YX

Construction of 2no. bunded slurry storage lagoons and carrying out landscaping work and plantings, together with haul road provision

Awaiting Decision

6. New Applications as at 28/02/2023

23/P/0201/FUH 47 Beach Road Kewstoke BS22 9UU

Proposed Garage extension

Comment:-The Council had no objection and wished to offer no further comment.

22/P/3036/FUL Land Off Elmsley Lane Kewstoke

Installation of groundmount Photovoltaic Units (Solar Panels) together with Transformers, Sub-station and ancillary equipment to create a solar farm producing carbon-free electricity.

Comment: - The Council supports the application as it wishes to be seen to be encouraging the production of green energy.

However, whilst supporting the application the Parish Council would wish to ensure the provision of appropriate and adequate screening of the site, and in particular the provision of hedging along Foss Lane whilst at the same time providing adequate room for maintenance of the existing water course.

The Council would also wish to ensure that if the site ceased to operate the land would revert back to agricultural land.

The Council also understands that it is proposed that the panels will be angled at such a degree that there would be no undue glare disturbing the enjoyment of residents particularly on Kewstoke Road and Worlebury Hill. If this was found not to be the case the Parish Council would wish to withdraw its support.

7.Enforcement

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Blagdon Parish Council concerned with the underperformance of NSC Planning Department and requesting details of up to 5 examples in respect of applications relating to Kewstoke, which were felt not to have been adequately handled by the department.

It was agreed that the Planning Chairman and the Clerk would review examples and pass to Blagdon PC where appropriate.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

9. Date of Next Meeting Monday 3rd April 2023.