

## KEWSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Bus Terminus Car Park Maintenance Policy**

#### **KPC019**

The Parish Council currently undertakes the maintenance of the Bus Terminus Car Park area, including the Kiosk & Toilets for which it receives an annual grant from North Somerset District Council and along with income from other revenue streams generated from the site. (Kiosk and Toilets) the maintenance of the area is aimed to be self financing.

This policy relates specifically to the ongoing maintenance of the open areas around the main car park & Kiosk/Toilet Block.

A budget is agreed annually at the Parishes Budget meeting for the day to day maintenance of the open areas, any enhancements required would require a detailed submission to this meeting.

Only if monies are forthcoming from North Somerset Council in the form of a grant would funds be made available for maintenance of the areas around the Car Park. This excludes the areas around the Kiosk/Toilet block which the Parish Council has an obligation to maintain under the terms of a lease.

To this end the Parish Council employs contractors to undertake such groundwork's as is set out in this Policy and incorporated in the annual groundwork's work schedule.

This strategy of the maintenance is to sympathetically promote and encourage the true wild flowers and wildlife within the Car Park as well as maintaining its appearance to an acceptable standard.

The car park area has been broken down into specific areas with an ongoing maintenance Policy agreed for each area.

#### 1. Car Park Entrance

Regular monitoring and cut back of the vegetation is required if it exceeds the height of the stone wall up to a distance of 4ft inwards from the walls. This is a safety issues as left unmanaged would present an impaired view for those vehicles entering and exiting the Car Park. The Vegetation is required to be cut

back 10ft to the left of the entrance and 20ft to the right as you look towards Sand Road

Trees on both sides of the entrance sited at a distance of greater than 3ft inwards, are required to be kept under control and regularly pruned to a height and width agreed annually in April. These provide some form of screening for residents opposite the Car Park.

Contractors are employed to undertake this work.

#### 2. Verges along Sand Road and Beach Road.

As above.

# 3. Bush Outside of toilet block.

Regular cut back if height exceeds 4ft and ensuring it does not extend onto Sand Road and or car park path

#### 4. Grassed areas

- a. Around shelter
- b. O/S Kiosk
- c. Around boulders. (Kiosk side)

These areas are to be Mown and or Strimed once a month from March to October. This forms part of the Councils Groundwork's schedule

#### 5. Hedge at rear of Car park

Annually cut back on the car park side and to height of fence. This forms part of the Councils Groundwork's schedule

# 6. Rest of Car Park area. (Wild area)

Grass cut four times per year and where possible/practical the cuttings removed, although not essential. Any Trees and shrubs within this designated area are required to be kept under control and regularly pruned to a height and width agreed annually in April.

Selected areas within the overall area are designated specific 'rewilding' areas where the grass is cut in once a year with the grass removed. This is to be reviewed to agree a maintenance schedule for future years at the beginning of September.

See attached diagram.

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