



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025, which commenced at 7.04 pm.

Present:- Cllrs, K.Harper, T.Morris, J.MacDonald (Chairman), R.Adams, R.Cunningham, K.Jenkins, & A.Clapp.

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

.1.Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.04pm.

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr M.Williams **Unitary Member**

Cllr L.Pilgrim **Unitary Member**

Cllr Horry

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Baxter

Cllr Vearncombe

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2nd June 2025

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Jenkins

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 2nd June 2025 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

5. O/S Actions/Updates from previous meeting.

Document Storage

It was agreed to set up a steering group to look at scanning and indexing documents relating to the Parish Council and the Local History Group.

Due to illness the Steering Group was unable to meet, this is to be rearranged.

Action: - Cllr Baxter, Cllr Horry, & Cllr Jenkins.

A report with a recommendation has been produced. This will become an agenda item for debate subject to a review of whether the current cupboard area can be made fireproof and the current supporting floor accessed for suitability.

Action; - Cllr Morris ongoing

Birnbeck Pier

The Mayor Cllr John Crockford-Hawley who is also a local Historian and Trustee of Birnbeck Pier and sits on the Birnbeck redevelopment committee has agreed to come and undertake a presentation. It was agreed to invite the Mayor to one of the next Parish Council meetings with a 30 min slot made available.

The Clerk had emailed Cllr Williams with some proposed dates requesting that this be arranged.

Action: - Cllr Williams ongoing. This was anticipated to be prior to the next Parish Council Meeting 7th April 2025. – Ongoing

It was agreed that Cllr Pilgrim would contact John Crockford-Hawley directly to arrange a presentation.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim

The Clerk confirmed that John Crockford –Hawley had agreed to undertake a presentation prior to the Parish Council meeting in September at 6.30pm to address the Councillors.

Village Green

Cllr Morris confirmed he is to purchase a replacement gate post and arrange installation as agreed. .

Action; - Cllr Morris & Cllr Harper ongoing

Occupancy of the Dunes

The Clerk confirmed that a Land Agent is being sought to discuss the preparation of an implementation plan to put forward to the RPA (Regional Payment Agency.)

Action: - Parish Clerk- ongoing

The Clerk confirmed that a land agent Geckoella, had agreed to prepare a PA1 implementation plan.

It was agreed to set up a steering group to meet with representatives of the consultants and Natural England to progress.

Action:- Cllr Adams, Cllr Morris Cllr Macdonald & the Clerk.

Finger Posts

Cllr Vearncombe confirmed that he and Cllr Morris planned to paint the finger posts after the Easter Weekend.

Action; - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe- ongoing

Fence adjacent to Footpath in Crookes lane

Cllr MacDonald reported that part of the fence adjacent to the footpath in Crookes Lane had been damaged by a horse in the adjacent field.

It was agreed that Cllr Harper would inspect the fence and if necessary request that the Clerk obtain a quote for repairs.

Action: - Cllr Harper & the Clerk

Action: - Parish Clerk- ongoing (A quote had been requested)

A quote of £750 had been received in respect of replacing 8 posts.

There appeared to be a discrepancy in so much as how many posts required replacing. A site visit was agreed on Tuesday 8th July at 6.45pm.

Action: - Cllr Morris, Cllr MacDonald , Cllr Adams & the Clerk.

Cllr Pilgrim is also to progress a site visit to address the parking issues along Crookes Lane.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim- ongoing

It was also suggested by Cllr Pilgrim that as the current Parish Councils Liaison Officer with NSC had been recently promoted it would worth considering a replacement Officer who perhaps had more time to attend Parish Council Meetings.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim - ongoing

Coach signage

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Lead Engineer (Neighbourhood Traffic) at North Somerset Council regarding the issue, raised previously by Cllr Vearncombe, of Coaches ignoring the restrictions on Kewstoke Road and using this route to access the Village.

It was requested that the volumes and times of the occurrences were recorded and forwarded onto the Police for enforcement action and also North Somerset Council to see if additional signage is warranted. It was agreed that Cllr Vearncombe would monitor and provide photographic evidence.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Vearncombe meet up w/c 7th July 2025 to progress

Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that a new back up Battery and Pads had been purchased for the defibrillator which is to be sited in the Royal Oak stores (Pink Shop).

Once in place the unit would be registered on the national database,

Action: - Cllr Clapp – ongoing

Social Media Committee

It was agreed to set up a meeting of this Committee, and in particular look at providing back up to the current administrator, in particular during periods of illness.

Action: - Cllr Jenkins – ongoing

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe referred to two apparently related issues, one concerning the number of vans parking outside a property, in Kewstoke Road, suggesting multiple occupancy, and secondly the apparent resulting damage to the road surface.

It was agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting with North Somerset Enforcement Department and report the road damage to North Somerset Highways Department.

Action: - Parish Clerk & Cllr Adams- Ongoing Meeting TBA

6. Police Beat Report

There was no beat report for June

7. Unitary Members Report

There was no report for June 2025

8. Other Issues

School Liaison

It was requested that the clerk contact our current School liaison representative to invite them to address the Parish Council at the next meeting with an update on Kewstoke School matters.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Date of Staff and Volunteers meeting.

This was agreed to be held towards the end of August 2025.

Action: - Cllr Cunningham & the Clerk

Meeting regarding Anti Social behaviour.

Two on line meetings were recently attended by the Clerk and Cllr MacDonald, relating to addressing issues of anti social behaviour in and around the Village. Firstly relating to the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel and secondly the subsequent attendance by NSC Community Response Officers.

1. Anti Social behaviour Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel

A number of solutions were put forward by North Somerset Council the Police and representatives of the Parish Council all of which will be reviewed and the results fed back to the Parish Council.

2. Attendance by Community Response Officers.

With effect from 1/4/2025 and due financial restraints NSC Community Response Officers are no longer able to attend incidents in Kewstoke. North Somerset Council suggested that the Parish Council may wish to fund an Officer at a cost of £43K per annum. This was felt to be excessive for the needs of the Village.

A Parish Council working group is to be set up to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council funding its own part time staff to monitor anti social behaviour along the beach.

Date of first meeting 17th July 7pm Village Hall

Action: - Cllr Morris, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Adams, Cllr Clapp and the Clerk

9.Clerks Report

The Clerk confirmed that he required a new phone and asked if the Parish Council would make a financial contribution.

It was proposed to fund the full cost of the phone (£450) as it was required for the Clerk to perform his duties.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

North Somerset Traffic Questionnaire

The Clerk confirmed that a recent NSC Traffic Questionnaire had been posted on the Parishes web site. Cllr Jenkins agreed to post it also on the Village Face Book site.

Date of Policy & Finance meeting

This was confirmed as 8th July 7pm Village Hall.

9.Financial Update

Payments for July have been approved outside of this meeting to allow payment in the appropriate calendar month. See below.

Payments for Approval June 2025

Salarise & Reimbursements	£2,637.50
HM Revenue and Customs	£603.08
J.K.Gardening	£929.25
Weston Town Council	£396.96
A,Morris	£48.94
K.Harper reimbursement	£193.46
Lannings Trees and Fences Ltd	£2,340.00
Total	£7,149.19

Additional Payments for July paid by DD

Water2Business	£13.00
Water2 Business	£95.50
British Gas	£30.32
ASL	£65.34
Service Charge	£6.00

10. Councilors Report

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris had been made aware that a swing had been damaged in the Village Green Play Area. He reiterated that, in such circumstances, it should be cordoned off /put out of action then reported to the Clerk to be repaired by an authorised repairer. This would ensure that the Council bore no liability should an accident occur. This applies to all equipment in the Play Area.

The Clerk confirmed that the swing frame had been recently replaced by a sub contractor and that following a visit by the main contractor it was agreed that the work to the swing and frame was substandard and required replacing. This would be at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cuning reported that she had received a complaint from the owner of the Cosy Hatch that a North Somerset Parking Enforcement Officer was regularly illegally parking in their Car Park.

It was requested that the Clerk contact North Somerset Council

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Cunningham also reported that rubbish in the form of garden waste had been dumped in the Rhyne running alongside the lodges in Norton lane.

Cllr Cunningham requested that Cllr Adams contact the Internal Drainage Board.

Action: - Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams had a number of Issues he wished to raise

1. A hedge from a property in Kewside was protruding into the pavement and required cutting back by the owners.

It was requested that the Clerk contact the homeowner to request that the hedge be cut back.

Action: - Parish Clerk

2. A number of vehicles had been parking alongside the Village green causing an obstruction and making it difficult for vehicles to enter and exit the lodges.
3. A request had been made for drop curb to be installed opposite the Royal Oak Stores (Pink Shop) for use by disabled residents using mobility vehicles.
4. A resident had had an accident on the pavement running from the Junction of Beach Road and Crookes Lane to the South Sands Hotel, due to the uneven surface

The Clerk confirmed that this had been previously reported to North Somerset Council but no action taken. It was requested that the Clerk followed this up with North Somerset Council.

Action: - Parish Clerk

5. It had been reported by the press that the Cygnet Hospital had been declassified and was no longer a secure unit. There was surprise and concern that the Parish Council had failed to be notified.

It was suggested that the clerk contact the hospital with a view to resurrecting the Parish Council liaison Committee meetings with the Hospital.

Action: - Parish Clerk

6. A contractor employed by the Parish Council had now completed cutting the hedges and verges in and around the Village. It would appear by the feedback received that he had done a good job.

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald reported that tractors and trailers were still using the Toll Road, despite the weight restriction, and that he had contacted Avon and Somerset Police and was awaiting a response.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm

11. Date of next meeting Monday 4th August 2025.

