



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023, which commenced at 7.26pm.

Present:- Cllrs, R,Cunningham, T.Morris,(Vice Chairman),J.MacDonald,(Chairman),T.Horry & N.Whyte.

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were 2 members of the Public in attendance and 3 Representatives from North Somerset Council

.Work at Kewstoke Primary School.

The meeting was addressed by NSC Head of Strategic Planning, who provided an update on the work currently being undertaken at Kewstoke School.

There appeared to be a delay with the scaffolding being erected although this is now in place and ongoing issues with the one way system with motorists's not abiding by the signage. This was acknowledged as being problematic.

Concerns had been raised regarding the children's safety as these issues still appear to be occurring although reassurance was offered as a thorough risk assessment had been undertaken.

The Police had been requested to attend and enforce the one way system although to date they had not responded.

It was suggested by Cllr MacDonald that both the Parish Council and District Councillors should contact the Police and request attendance.

A resident of Kewstoke Road expressed concerns with the Signage and that there was a high likelihood of an accident as cars would get too close to children as they used the road to attend school.

Sat Navigation systems were still not indicating the one way system.

Cllr Cunningham also raised concerns for the safety of the Children as the first day of Term approached. There was a suggestion that the Church Car Park could be used as a drop of point.

NSC Senior Technical Manager confirmed the construction site was safe and ready for the 1st Day of term. He also reported that the Church had imposed some restrictions on using the Car Park as a drop off point and that any arrangement to walk children to school needed to be between parents, rather than formally arranged by NSC.

Cllr MacDonald referenced a newsletter provided by the Chair of the School Governors and sent to parents which gave an update on the outstanding work.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.26pm

The Chairman referred to a letter of resignation received from Cllr Buckley who has taken up a position as Director and Vice Commodore at Weston Yacht Club and would not be able to attend future Parish Council meetings as they were held on the same evenings.

A letter of thanks was agreed to be sent thanking Cllr Buckley for all his efforts whilst a member of the Parish Council.

Action: - Parish Clerk

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Harper

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Williams Unitary Member

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th August 2023

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 7th August to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

5. Police Beat Report

There was no Police Beat report available or attendance by a local PSCO.

It was agreed to monitor the situation to see if this was a blip.

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

Bye Law Signage

A further request by a resident requested that the Parish Council encourage NSC to instigate a further PPPO prohibiting all motor vehicles entering the Dunes or the Beach.

After some discussion it was felt that bye laws already exist covering this request, although signage would be useful reminding people of them and also to act responsibly whilst on the Beach. Cllr Pilgrim was requested to contact NSC to establish if signs could be erected.

[It was reported that the agreed wording was awaited from NSC. It was agreed to place this on Hold subject to discussions regarding the Public Place Protection order. See item Other Issues](#)

Action: - On Hold

80th Anniversary Celebrations of D Day

The Clerk reported that a request had been sent to to all Councils and Local Authorities suggesting that the 80th anniversary of D Day could be of celebrated by lighting strategically placed beacons, and inviting the Parish Council to register an interest,

It was requested that Cllr Pilgrim enquired as to whether NSC are planning to become involved.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim- ongoing

Annual Playground Report

The Clerk reported that the Annual Playground report had been undertaken and it was agreed to discuss at the next Policy and Finance meeting. There appeared that any of the findings were classified as low risk.

It was reported that some of the outstanding work had been completed, with the rest scheduled w/c 14/8/2023;

Cllr Morris reported that there was still some work around the roundabout to be completed.

Action: - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Horry expressed his surprise as he had learned that chestnut fencing was going to be used to improve the sea defences at Uphill, particularly as the Environment Agency had indicated that it could no longer be used at Sand Bay for Health and Safety reasons.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim to investigate

Cllr Pilgrim explained that the Sea Defences at Uphill were the responsibility of North Somerset Council whereas at Sand bay it was the Environment Agency

Cllr Pilgrim agreed to pass details of the contact in NSC to the Clerk for further discussion and clarification.

Meeting with NSC Enforcement Officer

Cllr Adams referenced a meeting that had taken place with North Somerset Councils Delivery and Enforcement Manager, which the Clerk also attended.

A number of long outstanding cases were reviewed and a number of specific questions answered.

It was thought useful to have regular follow up meetings to review progress.

Action- Cllr Pilgrim to arrange a meeting and make appropriate executive member aware - Ongoing

Cllr Williams to raise the matter of long o/s cases and lack of enforcement action with North Somerset Council- ongoing

Footpath adjacent to Kewstoke Road.

Cllr Whyte reported that the footpath adjacent to Kewstoke Road required cutting back as it was overgrown. A number of trees also required pruning as they appeared to be likely to cause damage in high winds.

The Clerk reported that this had been reported to North Somerset Council and also a quote obtained for £1.920.00 from Groundwork contractors.

It was agreed to chase up North Somerset Council, particularly stressing the safety concerns.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had received a letter from NSC indicating that following a site visit they had confirmed that in their opinion the trees didn't require cutting back although they would be monitored. The overgrown footpath has still to be addressed.

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that work restoring the loss of power resulting from a fallen tree on Kewstoke Road was still ongoing.

Cllr Vearncombe also asked if a letter be sent to the owner of land adjacent to Kewstoke Road where it appeared further trees were in danger of falling.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe & the Clerk [Ongoing](#)

Unitary Members Report

Road Safety Issues Kewstoke Road

Cllr Pilgrim reported that NSC had arranged a mini bus to pick up 9 children living along Kewstoke Road and transport one directly to the primary School and eight to a bus stop for onward journeys to school.

Cllr Pilgrim also reported that a meeting had been arranged to review how the additional funding resulting from the successful Planning Application for houses off Anson Road could be utilised.

BMX Park

Cllr Pilgrim further referred to a successful meeting with representatives of the BMX riders who use the BMX Park in Worlebury Woods, where alterations to the site were agreed to protect the footpath and prevent extension of the park outside of the agreed boundaries.

8. Other Issues

Defibrillator Training Course

The Clerk confirmed that this had been booked for 7/9/2023 at 6.30pm in the Church Hall. It was confirmed that Cllr Whyte has the key for the Church Hall and would open the hall at 6pm.

Cllr MacDonald agreed to place a further reminder to residents on the Village Face Book site.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald.

Public Space Protection Order

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had taken place with NSC Safer Communities Enforcement manager attended by Cllr. MacDonald and the Clerk.

It was suggested varying the existing Public Spaces Protection Order currently in force for W-S-M Sea Front to cover Sand bay from Car Park opposite The South Sands Hotel to Sand Point.

The option of delegating enforcement to Parish Councillors was also discussed, which would include training.

It was proposed that this is progressed.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

Action: - Clerk

Speed Watch Campaign

A response is awaited from PSCO Dave Bennett regarding a risk assessment in respect of the proposed roads that will be subject to the Speed Watch.

North Somerset's Green Plan

The Clerk referred to an unsigned letter received purporting to be from residents concerned with the Government's narrative around climate change and in particular North Somerset's Green Plan.

It was requested that a residents meeting was called to establish the Parish Council's position. It was also requested that the matter was discussed at the annual Parish Meeting.

After some discussion and noting that the letter was unsigned it was agreed that the matter would not be progressed.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

9.Clerks Report

NSC Corporate Plan & Budget Engagement.

The Clerk referred to an invite from the leader of North Somerset Council requesting a response to NSC Corporate Plan and Budget proposals. This will take the form of public meetings and an online engagement survey.

It was agreed to respond at the next Finance and Policy Meeting.

New Volunteer

The Clerk also announced a new Volunteer Steve Atkins who has offered to assist in helping Cllr Harper with work around the Village.

Footpath opposite New Inn

The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Harper that the footpath had been cleared of undergrowth.

10.Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval August 2023

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,568.20
HM Revenue and Customs	£214.50
HM Revenue and Customs(Rons Tax due 2022/23)	£100.00
K.Harper reimbursements	£59.19
J.K.Gardening	£1,045.00
Foremost Signs	£120.00
SM Babbage Ltd	£960.00
Weston Town Council x3	£926.64
Total	£5,993.53

Additional Payments for August paid by DD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£86.50
SSE	£187.87
British Gas	£26.68

Cllr Horry requested that all Councillors view and authorise details of the monthly payments prior to authorisation.

Action: - All.

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham reminded everyone of the next Village event which is a concert by Lipinski on 30th September in the Village Hall.

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported a broken toddler swing at the Village Green. The Clerk confirmed that a quote was awaited for a replacement.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry Reported a missing Bus stop sign opposite the Church

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Horry made reference to the latest successful community event, the Scarecrow trail and table top sale held over the w/e 2/3rd September. All in attendance agreed this was a great success.

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald reported some missing rails on the Crookes Lane Footpath.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr MacDonald also referred to the matter of replacing the two Councillors who had recently resigned.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr MacDonald also reported that Cllr Adams had informed him of Police checks on speeding Vehicles near Swallow Point Caravan Park on Beach Road had recently been undertaken and requested that these continue

Action: - Parish Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.23 pm

19. Date of next meeting Monday 2nd October 2023.

