



## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

**“Here to protect the Rural Character and Environment of the Village and to promote Kewstoke as a pleasant place to live”**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024, which commenced at 7.11pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, T.Morris,(Vice Chairman),J.MacDonald,(Chairman),

K.Harper,R.Adams,T.Horry, N.Whyte, G.Vearncombe, & R.Cunningham

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Members**

Cllr Pilgrim

### **Public Participation**

There were 2 members of the Public in attendance.

Representatives from the Environment Agency addressed the meeting and made reference to a number of drop in sessions in and around W-S-M as part of a National Campaign to make residents in targeted areas aware of potential risk from flooding and what action to take in the case of a flood.

These would take the form of a question and answer sessions and would aim to raise the level of awareness of residents to the risks posed by flooding.

There is an exercise currently underway to reassess the risk of flooding, in particular due to rising sea levels, and update current models of flood risk in the area. This would then determine any action required. The Current model takes the form of "Holding the Line" approach.

The Parish Council was asked to assist in publicising these events.

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7.11pm

### **2. Apologies for absence**

N.Richards    **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Williams Unitary Member

Cllr Jenkins

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of Interest

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

### **5. Police Beat Report**

Some outline details of the latest beat report were referenced by Cllr MacDonald.

Calls Received 54

Cygnets 18

Threats 1

Road Related 8

Assault 2

ASB 1

Other 11

Suspicious 1

Concern for welfare 2

Criminal Damage 2

Harassment 2

Theft 1

Abandoned 999 calls 4

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

### **Work at Kewstoke Primary School**

Cllr MacDonald referred to an email had been received from the Chairman of Governors concerned with the lack of communication between the School Head and the Board of Governors. There was concern also expressed that the School Head had agreed to expenditure without consulting the Governors.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that a meeting between the NSC Executive Member for Education and the Chair of Governors had been arranged and which Cllr Pilgrim had agreed to attend to address the above concerns.

Cllr Pilgrim was requested to raise the suggestion with NSC Project Manager that traffic lights would be more effective than the current one way system operating outside of the School.

**Action:-** Cllr Pilgrim

### **Annual Playground Report**

Cllr Morris reported that there was still some work to be completed although the recent inclement weather had delayed any work.

**Action: -** **Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe ongoing (2 O/s Items)**

### **Signage Toilets & Crookes Lane Footpath**

It was agreed that Cllr MacDonald would further progress obtaining signage relating to the fact that the Parish Council maintained both the above facilities.

Cllr Harper confirmed that existing signage had now been installed at the Toilet Block

**Action: -** Cllr MacDonald- ongoing

### **Fence Crookes Lane Footpath**

Cllr Morris reported that he and Cllr Adams had further inspected the fence and identified that at least 20 posts required reinforcement or replacement, albeit in their opinion they were not in a dangerous condition.

It was suggested that metal stakes were inserted and screwed to the posts initially to see if this resolved the issue.

It was agreed that two quotes would be obtained in respect of repairing the posts, possibly in stages dependant on cost.

It was noted that an amount had been included in the 2024/25 precept for part of this work.

**Action: -** Cllr Harper & Cllr Adams- Ongoing

## **Book Swap**

Cllr MacDonald also raised the possibility of setting up a book swap facility in the Telephone Kiosk currently housing the defibrillator unit. Following some discussion it was agreed that this would be progressed noting some matters of detail needed to be agreed and resolved.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald ongoing

## **Speed watch**

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that an initial training session for the current volunteers had been arranged for 11/2/2024 in the Village Hall.

It was agreed to further advertise for volunteers in the Village Face Book site.

**Action:-** Cllr MacDonald

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

### **Cllr Pilgrim**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that a meeting with the planning Officer in charge of a recent Planning Application *23/P/1439/OUT | Outline application for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and associated works, with access for approval; all other matters of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval | Land To The North Of Junction Of Lyefield Road And Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke* had yet to be set up although Cllr Williams has this in hand.

The Clerk confirmed that a list of summarised questions resulting from the recent Public Meeting had been forwarded to Cllr Williams.

Cllr Pilgrim offered to set up a meeting with an ex NSC Planning Officer to gauge his view on the Planning Application and the best type of response. It was agreed that this meeting should take place.

Cllr Pilgrim was also requested to follow up the replacement Bus Stop opposite the Church which had been promised by NSC to be in situ by 31/1/2024 and a site visit to discuss the current location of a bus stop recently located on the Sea wall opposite Court Road.

Cllr Pilgrim was also requested to chase up the agreed locking of the car park opposite the South Sands Hotel with the appropriate member of NSC.

## **8. Other Issues**

### **Kiosk Rent**

It was agreed not to increase the rent for the Kiosk for 2024/25.

The Clerk was requested to contact the tenants and inform them of the decision.

**Action:-** Parish Clerk

### **Co Option of New Councillors**

To date two applications had been received.

A date of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall was agreed to hold interviews. Cllr Cunningham is to join the previously agreed Interview panel.

### **Defibrillator request**

A request had been received by a resident for the Parish Council to apply for a defibrillator to be located on the side of his holiday home in Lyefield Road.

After some discussion this was thought not to be feasible at this present time, although should the housing development off Anson Road materialise this would be revisited.

### **Deer Warning Signs**

A request had been received for the Parish Council to provide warning signs relating to deer crossing Lower Norton Lane.

Cllr Vearncombe indicated that he had a spare sign and would make this available to the resident. A suitable location would then have to be identified.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe

### **Date of Policy & Finance meeting**

This was provisionally agreed as 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

### **Recycling Bins**

The Clerk referenced a request from a visitor to Kewstoke that separate bins were used to enable the recycling of waste from around the Village rather than putting all rubbish in one bin. It was also requested that the current bins be replaced with larger improved designs to cope with the amount of waste.

Following some discussion, mainly around cost of collection, it was agreed not to progress this request but review at a later date.

## **9.Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting with a representative of the Environment Agency along with Cllr Harper.

There was an indication that some remedial work would be undertaken by the Environment Agency using existing stocks of chestnut fencing on the Sea Defences at Sand Bay.

Exact timescales are awaited.

The Clerk also referred to cars parking along Crooks Lane and causing an obstruction at the Weekend, and which photographs had been taken.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact NSC with a view to revisiting the extension of the current parking restrictions along Crookes Lane.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **10.Financial Update**

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

Payments Approved January 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,419.29
HM Revenue and Customs	£205.69
Weston Town Council	£617.76
Ward Tree Surgeons	£816.00
A&J MacDonald Reimbursement	£112.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,170.74</b>

Additional Payments for December paid by DD & direct deduction

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£93.00
British Gas	£25.08
EDF	£1016.74

## **11. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that following a letter sent to a resident of Kewstoke Road concerning trees that were in danger of falling, the resident has agreed to cut back the trees in question.

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of ash trees adjacent to the footpath near the allotments required cutting back as a result of Ash Dieback disease.

A number of volunteers indicated that they would be willing to assist.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe to organise

Cllr Vearncombe raised the matter of the stop sign at the junction of Lyefield Road and Collum lane which has still to be implemented.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to follow up

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham raised the issue of signs appearing along the Queensway. It was confirmed that they were put in place to direct site traffic to works off Collum Lane

Cllr Cunningham also raised the issue of an "A" Board on the dunes opposite the South Sands Hotel.

Cllr Harper agreed to remove,

**Action:** - Cllr Harper

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte referred to the hedge adjacent to Anson Road which appeared to have been cut back again.

It was agreed that Cllr Pilgrim would raise the matter with North Somerset Councils Ecologist.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim,

Cllr Whyte also raised the matter of street light No. 2 not working in Anson Road

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported some redundant traffic boards on the dunes opposite the junction of Crookes lane and Beach Road.

**Action:** - Cllr Harper to remove boards & Parish Clerk to establish ownership.

Cllr Harper also reported that a further £100 had been collected from the Toilets at the Bus terminus Car Park

Cllr Harper also reported that 3 streetlights were not working in Crookes Lane and that they had been reported.

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams requested that the Clerk contact NSC in respect of stones on the verge in Crookes lane which had been left in a dangerous position.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald requested that the Clerk contact the occupiers of a building on the corner of Court Road where the protective covering installed whilst building works were undertaken has become damaged and unsightly and request that it is removed or repaired.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk.

**Meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

**12. Date of next meeting Monday 4th March 2024.**





