



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021, which commenced at 6.57pm.

Present:- Cllrs, T Morris (Vice Chairman), K.Harper, C.Bates, R.Adams, G.Vearncombe, R.Cunningham, T.Horry, R.Buckley, & Cllr Whyte.

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary members

Cllr. Pilgrim

Cllr Willis

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 6.57pm

Cllr Morris (Vice Chairman) reported that the Chairman was unable to attend as he was away with his work and that he would be chairing the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr MacDonald

N.Richards (Liaison Officer)

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Whyte & Cllr Bates declared an interest in agenda item 8, Platinum Jubilee Marquee.

Cllr Whyte declared an interest in item 8, Church Flagpole Donation.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1st November 2021

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

5. O/S Actions from previous meeting.

Hedges Kewstoke Road.

Cllr Vearncombe and Cllr Adams have now met with the contractor and agreed the details of the work required, both hedge cutting in and around the Village, and private hedges along Kewstoke Road.

Cllr Adams updated the meeting that the work would commence 7/12/2021.

Police Beat Report

A response on the improvement in the content of the Beat report was still awaited.

An email had now been received from A&S Police with some suggested dates for meetings.

Action: - Parish Clerk to respond to email and arrange an initial meeting date, including a suggestion that such a meeting could be held online.

It was also agreed to include reference to the issue of crime reporting in the up and coming proposed Parish Survey.

Action: - Parish Clerk to ensure Parish Survey Committee is made aware.

It was proposed for the Parish Council Chairman to write to North Somerset Council to obtain their agreement and acceptance of the proposed survey.

This has been undertaken and Cllr Willis was requested to chase up and ensure a response is received.

Action: - Cllr Willis

Cllr Adams reported that the chestnut paling fencing on the beach opposite the junction with Crookes Lane was damaged and required repair.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams would undertake the repair work.

Action: - Cllr Adams to undertake the repairs on 7/12/2021.

5. Police Beat Report

Period 01/11/2021-30/11/2021

Calls received 48

Crimes recorded 42

6. Concern for welfare
4. Abandoned 999 calls
2. Thefts
 1. Assault
 1. Malicious Communication
 1. Anti Social behaviour
7. Suspicious
2. Road related
3. Public Order

Call from Cygnet Hospital 14

5. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Willis

Cllr Willis reported that as a result of a recent accident involving a First Direct bus and a horse and carriage on the Toll Road, the bus company's insurers have claimed that the bus driver was not at fault. It is understood that the owner of the horse and carriage is to seek legal advice.

8. Other Issues

Highways Priorities Survey

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the Highways Asset Management Team at North Somerset Council requesting that the Parish Council respond to a Highways Management Strategy Survey which will determine how they invest highway resources across highway assets.

It was suggested that the issue should be included in the up and coming Parish Survey, although timescales for completion may preclude this from happening.

Action:- Parish Clerk to confirm

Church Flagpole Donation

It was proposed that a donation of £1000 should be given to the cost of replacing the flagpole currently erected at St Paul's Church. The total cost of replacement was £2,950

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Morris

After some discussion it was agreed by a majority of 6-0, with 3 abstentions.

Invite from Bristol Airport

The Clerk reported that a email had been received inviting the Parish Councillors to an evening event at Bristol Airport on Wednesday 15th December providing an opportunity to meet the Bristol Airport Team and review the airports activity over the last 12 months.

None of the Councillors felt they were able to attend.

Platinum Jubilee Marquee

At the previous Parish Council meeting on 1st November 2021 it was agreed in principle to provide funds towards the rental of a Marquee for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

It was proposed to pay the total cost of the rental of £3000.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

It was anticipated that this amount may be taken into account when next year Parish Councils precept is calculated.

Parish Survey

Cllr Morris updated the meeting that an online meeting had been arranged for 2pm on 7th December with a representative of the company whose software is proposed to be used to create the Parish Survey, in order to run through the process in more detail.

The Clerk reiterated that £1050 towards the licensing fee had been agreed at a previous Parish Council Meeting.

The clerk also requested that there was a possibility that any of the Councillors spare Computer Tablets could be required to allow the residents, under supervision in a “drop off centre” to complete the survey online.

It was generally agreed that these would be made available if required.

Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman has signed a contract which has been forwarded to BT to complete the purchase of the Kiosk by Owls Nest for £1.

Details of the contract and ongoing responsibilities are to be clarified with regards removing and decommissioning the phone and line.

Action: - Parish Clerk

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9. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the Finance & Policy meeting scheduled for the 14th December 7pm at the Village Hall and will incorporate a discussion on the setting of the 2022/23 precept. Councillors were requested to identify any new expenditure required for the 2022/23 budget. The Precept figure would then be ratified at the January 2022 Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed to purchase a health check/service for the Clerks laptop at a cost of £49.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Bates

Agreed unanimously

The Clerk reported that an email had been received in respect of the daughter of a Portishead Councillor requesting a memorial bench or a tree planted in her memory.

Whilst the Parish Council has a clear policy on memorial benches on the sea front, the idea of planting memorial trees is a new concept and after some discussion is something the Council is now prepared to look into.

A parcel of land owned by the Parish Council adjacent to the allotments was identified as a possible area for review.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe to review, Parish Clerk to respond to the email accordingly.

The clerk also referred to an email received from a resident of Kewstoke who had raised the issue of the uneven road surface outside Harvest Park on Lower Norton Lane with North Somerset Council. They requested the Parish Councils support with the request to address the issue of subsidence.

This was agreed and the Clerk confirmed that North Somerset Council had agreed to patch the area in an effort to make good.

10. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval
November 2021

Salaries & Expenses	£2,226.44
Weston Support Services	£30.02
HM Revenue and Customs	£210.80
MH Electrical	£114.00
T.A Beasley	£79.95
Weston Town Council	£237.60
K.Harper (reimbursement)	£30.80
Handyman	
Ham	£133.95
GB Sports & Leisure	£126.00
Total	£3,189.56

The Clerk reported that the balance of the children's Christmas party entertainers fee was due by the 18/12/2021 and requested that this was authorised accordingly via internet banking.

Action :- Cllr Horry & Cllr Morris.

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte confirmed that the Children's Christmas party would be held in accordance with the current Government Covid -19 guidelines, and requested that the Clerk contact the children's entertainer to confirm this.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry confirmed that he could not attend the Finance & Policy meeting on 14th December.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that he was in the process of obtaining a quote for some maintenance work required to the disabled toilet at the Bus Terminus Car Park.

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that leaves on Monks Hill required sweeping by North Somerset Council.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that silage bales appear to have been placed on a Public Right of way (Bridle Path) at the North Easterly end of the Foss Lane.

Cllr Adams also reported that a street light was not working on Lower Norton Lane opposite the road entrance to Myrtle Farm numbered C1.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Meeting closed at 8.08pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th January 2022.

