



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2022, which commenced at 6.58pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

Cllr Willis

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 6.58pm

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pilgrim Unitary Member

N.Richards Liaison Officer

Cllr MacDonald

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3rd May 2022

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

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

Item 5 to read Cllr Adams was unanimously elected as chairman of the Planning Committee for 2022/2023, and item 6 to read Cllr Buckley was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for 2022/2023.

Agreed Unanimously

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

.Cllr Morris reported a street light (no.10) was not working at the top of Monks Hill.

Cllr Harper confirmed that it had been reported.

Action: - *Cllr Morris to confirm that it is now working- ongoing*

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had received an email from a resident of Kewstoke Road requesting a footpath/pavement along Kewstoke Road to provide a safe route for pedestrians.

Action: - *Cllr Pilgrim to respond – Ongoing*

Tree stump on Toll Road

Cllr Buckley reported a tree stump on the Toll Road which has slipped towards the Road and become dangerous,

The Clerk conformed that it had been reported to NSC although it had still to be moved.

Cllr Pilgrim was asked to chase up and it was considered particularly dangerous to traffic using the Toll Road.

The Clerk reported that NSC had confirmed that the stump was stable and had agreed to remove it on 13/6/2022 when the necessary lifting gear becomes available.

Boulders on verges

Cllr Adams requested that the Clerk contact a representative of NSDC to receive an update on progress regarding boulders appearing on verges in and around the Village.

The Parish Clerk reported that he had raised the matter with NSC and was awaiting a response agreed to be W/C 6/6/2022.

Cllr Adams reported that case law indicated if the verge was obstructed and restricted the use by the Public, the person responsible for causing the obstruction would be liable for the upkeep of the entire road adjacent to the verge.

Avon & Somerset Fire brigade

Cllr Harper reported that the Avon & Somerset Fire Brigade is planning to attend Kewstoke shortly to ensure they have suitable access to the beach in the event of an emergency. Cllr Harper agreed to provide the proposed dates to the Clerk, when known

Cllr Harper reported that the dates are still awaited – ongoing

Cllr Harper reported that there was a need for the widening of the sea front path from Crookes Lane to the car park opposite South Sands Hotel. It was agreed that a quote for the work be obtained.

Action: - Cllr Harper to obtain a Quote for the work – *ongoing*

Acquisition of old Boat

Cllr Harper requested that Cllr Pilgrim contact NSC regarding the acquisition of an old boat which could be used as a feature in the Village.

Action: - *Cllr Willis to take up with Weston Town Council and other contacts as NSC was unable to help.*

6. Police Beat Report

There had been no Police report received for June.

Cllr Willis recorded her regret that following the recent spate of car fires in and around the Village no one from the Police had either attended this meeting or at the Chapel, to offer reassurance and or feedback on any progress in catching the culprits.

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Willis had covered the issues she wished to raise at other points in the meeting.

7.Other Issues

Disabled Toilets

Cllr Harper reported that the disabled toilet required replacing and the disabled toilet block internally painted. It was agreed to obtain a quote for the work and to proceed if the cost was £750 or less.

Proposed Cllr Harper

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

Action: - Cllr. Harper

Adoption of Policies

It was recommended by Cllr Morris (Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee) to adopt the following policies, which had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

KPC022 Sand Clearance Policy

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Bates

Agreed Unanimously

This would be passed to the Environment Agency at a meeting on 9/6/2022 for comment.

Clarification was also being sought from NSC on responsibility if the build up of sand became a Health and Safety issue.

KPC023 Signing of Council Contracts

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

Dune Erosion

The Clerk reported a meeting arranged for 9/6/2022 at 11am with representatives of the Environment Agency at the car park opposite South Sands Hotel.

The Councils Policy in respect of Sand Clearance will be made available for review.

Parish Survey 20222

The Clerk confirmed that the Survey was now closed and the results are now to be analysed. It was agreed to wait for Cllr MacDonald to return from holiday before proceeding.

Printer Replacement

The Clerk confirmed that the new printer had been installed and that the existing printer would be removed on 7/6/2022.

Although training was available at a cost, it was agreed that anyone wishing to use the new users should try it out first as it was felt to be reasonably intuitive to use.

Training could always be arranged at a later date if required.

Memorial Seat

The Clerk reported that he had again been contacted regarding a replacement Memorial Seat on the Sea Front.

After some discussion it was agreed that a particular seat on the Sea Front (16) was in need of replacement and that as it had been donated to the Parish Council for general use rather as a specific memorial bench, it could be replaced.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed unanimously

The existing Plaque on the seat was to be moved to the Shelter.

This was believed to be in accordance with the Councils existing Policy, although it was felt this should be reviewed in the light of this agreement at the next Policy & Finance meeting.

Action: - Parish Clerk

VAS

The Clerk reported that he had been made aware of an incident whereby a resident had hit their head on the Vehicle Activated sign sited at the Church. The Clerk also confirmed that he had received a call from NSC regarding the height of the signs which appeared not to conform to existing rules.

It was pointed out that NSC themselves had originally identified the location and the install of the VAS. The Clerk is awaiting further advice from NSC.

There was a suggestion that hazard warning tape be attached to the signs although advice from the Councils insurers should be sought prior to applying.

Action: - Clerk to contact the Councils Insurance Company for advice.

Streetlight Lower Norton Lane

The Clerk reported that he had received a request to cut back the vegetation around a street light at Norton Farm which was obscuring the street light.

Cllr Morris agreed to contact the owner to request either access to allow the cutting back by the Council or by the owner themselves.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Morris wished on behalf of the Parish Council to thank all members of the Kewstoke Fete & Community Group Committee and in particular those Councillors serving on the Committee, Cllr Whyte Cllr Bates, Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Jenkins, as well as assistance from Cllr Harper for the organising of the four days of celebrations over the Jubilee Bank holiday.

The positive feedback was overwhelming.

8. Clerks Report

The Clerk confirmed the date of the next Policy & Finance meeting as Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The Clerk also confirmed that following the Service of his Laptop the hard drive required replacement at a cost of £25. This was agreed to be paid by the Council.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed unanimously

9. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval May 2022

Salaries & Expenses/Reimbursements	£2,369.90
Weston Town Council	£237.00
South West Hygene (T/A BTE Services)	£317.48
HM Revenue and Customs	£215.19
Weston Support Services	£161.19
Sharples	£1,190.40
Kewstoke Village Fete & Community group(Kewstoke Community)	£415.90
T.A.Beasley	£160.00
Total	£5,067.06

The Clerk also confirmed that all outstanding grants with exception of £1,200 from the Environment Agency had been received.

The Clerk requested that all signatories should ensure that their access to authorise payments via our Internet bank was up-to-date and valid.

10. Councillors Report

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that a tractor had hit and demolished a wall on Kewstoke Road opposite Hatley Garage.

Although it was not known who was responsible it was requested that the Clerk write to a number of Farmers/Land Owners outlining the concern of residents at speeding tractors in and around the Village.

Action: - Clerk

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham reported a blocked drain outside the Owls Nest Bed & Breakfast.

Action: - Clerk

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte reported that the Streetlight at the top of Anson Road was still not working.

Cllr Whyte also raised the issue of the bollards situated in Crookes Lane as they appeared to cause traffic to manoeuvre around them into the centre of the road.

Cllr Harper explained that without the bollards vehicles would be parking all along the road causing a much worse situation. NSC had also agreed to install yellow lines along a small section of the road outside the Village Hall but this was not felt to be sufficient to address the overall problem.

Cllr Willis agreed to set up a further site meeting with Officers from NSC to review the overall traffic issues in Crookes Lane.

Action: - Cllr Willis

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry reported that the grass on the triangle at the bottom of Monks Hill requires cutting.

Action: - Clerk to advise contractor

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper advised that the recent excavations on Land off Anson Road was in respect of an archaeological evaluation that NSC have requested to be submitted for consideration in respect of a planning application at the site.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting Monday 4th July 2022.

