



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023, which commenced at 8.20pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr M. Williams

Public Participation

There was one member the Public in attendance.

1.Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 8.20pm

4. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Pilgrim **Unitary Member**

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr Jenkins

5. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

6. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th May 2023

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 9th May 2023 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

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

Chevron Elmsley Lane

Cllr Harper raised the issue of the chevron on the corner of Elmsley Lane which had still to be reinstated.

Cllr Pilgrim emailed to report that she believed this had now been reinstated although this appeared not to be the case.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim ongoing

e. Groundworks at the Village Green

The Clerk reported that a quote of £960 plus Vat had been received for the proposed work at the Village Green, as previously reported.

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Adams would seek an alternative quote, and based on this a decision would be made as to whether to undertake the work and to what extent.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams would obtain a quote from a new contractor to cut the trees at the top of the Village green by 2-3 feet.

Action: - Cllr Adams-ongoing

A site visit was agreed directly after the Planning Meeting had finished reviewing the situation as it was reported by Cllr Cunningham that a resident had cut down some of the trees.

Action: - Cllr Adams, Harper, Morris and the Clerk

Coin Machines

Cllr Harper also reported that there had been some issues with the coin pay machines at the toilets, although he had successfully managed to repair them.

The Clerk was requested to see if a maintenance contract could be set up to cover future breakdowns.

Cllr Williams agreed to provide a contact and pass the details to the Clerk.

Action: - Cllr Williams- **ongoing**

Bye Law Signage

A further request by the same 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.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim- **Ongoing**

14. Police Beat Report

There had been no substantial improvement and it wasn't sufficiently detailed as had been previously requested.

It was decided not to minute the contents, although a copy is available from the Clerk.

15. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded an email containing her report.

- Site meeting with Allan Taylor and James McCarthy (North Somerset Council) re the BMX track/parking has been arranged for Friday 9th at 8.30am.
- Police report structure has been forwarded to the PCC along with our disappointment with continued non attendance at our monthly meetings. We have had confirmation of receipt and also the offer of a visit by the PCC which I accepted and am awaiting dates.
- Planning application: Lyefield Road. Cllr Williams and I have had a pre application email re the Lyefield Road proposal (I will forward you the email). I have emailed Planning re this who has said that they are happy to discuss when the application comes in. I am still seeking further guidance as to whether they can take into account the Michael Gove letter.
- Grass verge, Kewside: Nick Raymond (North Somerset Council) advised enforcement fell between the Police and Enforcement, and likely not to be actioned by either. I think it best to follow up on Friday with Allan Taylor (NSC) together with the other anti social parking raised at the last meeting. Allan did say that they do monitor the area but I guess we need to be a bit more proactive, possibly contacting them when it is taking place?
- Chevron on Sand Road/Elmsley – should have been done by now.
- Speedwatch- Mike and I still need to catch up.
- Beach signage: email forwarded to you from NSC. There is a byelaw re vehicles on the beach but we still need suggested wording.
- Kewstoke School works- Representatives from North Somerset Council should be attending tonight's Annual Parish Meeting and will be able to update you re the works and road diversions etc. We hope they will be able to relay the 'yellow brick road' as part of the works but will not have confirmation until nearer the time as would come from any surplus funds from the works on the building.
- The MP has been contacted about road safety outside the school. I have requested we look at this together with the issues faced by a resident of Kewstoke Road and have requested a meeting.

16.Other Issues

Traffic Parking Issues

It was reported that a camera had been installed to monitor the traffic and parking along Crookes lane.

Cllr Buckley raised the question as to who was policing/enforcing the parking restrictions around the Village as there appeared little activity with regards this issue.

It was confirmed as North Somerset Council and it was agreed Cllr Pilgrim would follow up.

The matter would be further discussed at a pre arranged site meeting with a representative of NSC on the 9th June at 8.30am in the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim -Ongoing

First Aid Course.

It was reported that availability of the Village Hall to hold the course was limited; Cllr Whyte agreed to access the availability of the Church Hall.

Action: - Cllr Whyte

PPPO Orders/Byelaws

The Clerk reported that the Council had requested a slight delay in the commencement of the consultation period for the proposed Public Place Protection Order that it had requested NSC to create in respect of the banning of open fires on the Beach and Dunes, whilst a solution to the wider issue of tackling anti social behaviour was reviewed.

It was suggested that a Beach Warden financed by the Council was investigated, but this was not supported.

Cllr Williams was asked to bring the matter up at the next District Council meeting as well as investigating how similar anti social behaviour was dealt with on other local beaches.

Action: - Cllr Williams

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Speed Watch Campaign

Cllr Pilgrim to contact the Clerk to Progress

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

Review of KPC014 Sea Bank Footpath Maintenance Policy

After some discussion it was decided not to amend the policy in light of the recent decision by the Council to postpone the first cut of the dunes until July, but to monitor the situation.

RADAR Keys

It was requested by a visitor to Sandbay that the toilets were made compatible with RADAR keys. After some discussion it was felt the current arrangements were adequate, and no further action required.

Date Of Finance & Policy Meeting

This was confirmed as 11th July 2023 7pm in Village Hall.

Clerks Report

Broadband Mailshot

The Clerk reported that a number of leaflets relating to registering interest for improved Broadband speeds in and around the Village had been printed by the Chairman and Councillors were requested to distribute them.

Electricity Contract

The Clerk reported that the fixed term contract for the supply of electricity to the Telephone Kiosk was ending soon. The options were briefly discussed and it was agreed to enter a new one year contract, which reduced the unit cost to 43.569p /KWh although the standing charge would slightly increase to 91.575 p/day. This was considered the best of the options available.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

Streetlight Lower Norton Lane

The Clerk reported that both Centregreat and Weston Power had been contacted with regards replacing the broken bracket housing the Streetlight in Lower Norton Lane although both suggested it was the Parish Councils responsibility to replace.

It was agreed that a quote was obtained from Western Power to replace.

Action: - Parish Clerk

17.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 2023

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,514.09
South West Hygiene	£336.53
HM Revenue and Customs	£211.76
MH Electricals	£192.00
N.Whyte	£67.25
J.K.Gardening	£885.00
Weston support Services	£246.42
Total	£4,453.05

Additional Payments for May paid by DD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£86.50
British Gas	£28.42
SEE	£117.66
SEE	£151.95

18. Councillors Report

Cllr Buckley

Cllr Buckley reported that the location showing on defibfinder.co.uk for the defibrillator at the Bus Terminus Car Park was incorrect.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that he had offered the Village Hall Car Park as a possible site to locate a container for items that were required to be removed from Kewstoke School during the refurbishment work.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams requested that the Clerk contact open reach and request GPO lines and poles that had been left on the dunes, between 115 Beach Road to the Swallow Point Caravan site.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham read out a card from our ex District Councillor Roz Willis thanking the Councillors for her leaving present.

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

19. Date of next meeting 3rd July 2023.

