



## Kewstoke Parish Council

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, which commenced at 7pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, T Morris (Vice Chairman), K.Harper, R.Adams, R.Cunningham, R.Buckley, N.Whyte, C.Bates & J.MacDonald (Chairman) .

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Member**

L.Pilgrim

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

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

The meeting opened at 7pm

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Willis      Unitary Member

N.Richards    (Liaison Officer)

Cllr Horry

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Vearncombe

## **3. Declaration of interests**

None.

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## **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

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

Agreed Unanimously

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

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.

The Clerk has reported the matter to North Somerset Council and acknowledgement appears to have been made in the form of a telephone call to Cllr. Adams requesting details of the landowner.

**Action:** - *Cllr Adams to confirm if the bales have been removed. - Ongoing*

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

***It appears still to be failing.***

**Action:** - *Cllr Harper*

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*

Cllr Harper reported a damaged chevron sign at the entrance to Elmsley Lane,

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the North Somerset Drainage Board for clearing the water course from Sand Road to Kewstoke Rhyne.

After some discussion it was agreed to defer until all works had been completed. –  
**Ongoing**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk confirmed the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall. – ***After some discussion it was requested that this be moved to the 19<sup>th</sup> April.***

***The Clerk requested a report from both the Chairman of the Council and Planning Chairman to be provided for this meeting.***

**Action:** - Parish Clerk, Cllr. MacDonald & Cllr Adams.

***It was also agreed to move the Policy & Finance meeting to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at the Village Hall.***

## **NSDC Local Plan Consultation**

NSDC Preferred Options Local Plan has now been made available for consultation. It was requested that the online link to the draft plan is made available to Councillors for review and comment.

***It was agreed to set up a working group to meet and discuss the report on 14<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at Village Hall***

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **NSDC & Glendale Free Flower Scheme**

Up to 600 petunias in red white & blue are being offered free of charge to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

After some discussion it was agreed to accept the offer of free flowers, and the Clerk was requested to request 500.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

***Unfortunately following our application it appears that all the flowers have been allocated for this year. However, It might be that we are able to have a reduced number of 150 previously requested.***

## **6. Police Beat Report**

### **Neighbourhood Report**

#### **Kewstoke**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Calls Received – 45

Crimes Recorded – 15

Police have carried out patrols after calls about vehicles doing wheel spins in the car parks we have not come across any offences but have engaged with people and reminding them not to cause Anti-Social Behaviour while in the car park.

Police are also looking to set up a Beat Surgery up in Kewstoke Village hall car park starting on April 20<sup>th</sup> Poster attached.

Worle Beat team are also holding a FREE Bike marking event at Sainsbury's Worle on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

It was agreed to publicise the Policing drop in session on the 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Unitary Members Report**

#### **Cllr Pilgrim**

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that an invite to the Local Police Inspector to attend a Parish Council meeting and address some of the issues that had been concerning the Councillors in terms of policing the area, had been accepted.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to provide possible dates.

### **8.Other Issues**

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#### **Boardwalk**

Cllr Morris confirmed that a site meeting had taken place and that an alternative method of restoring the Boardwalk been considered. This was to level off the feature into more of a path using scalping and stone dust rather than replacing the expensive wooden resin boards. The cost is thought to be in the region of £5k and would mainly consist of recyclable material.

The levelled path would be more suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter access.

The Clerk was requested to inform both Natural England and The Environmental Agency of the Councils intentions to ensure compliance.

**Action:-** Parish Clerk

### **Parish Survey**

The Chairman confirmed that 292 completed and 131 partial responses had been received to date.

It was agreed for a further mail shot reminder to be undertaken by the Councillors.

**Action:** - All

### **Printer replacement**

The Clerk confirmed initial costing for a replacement laser printer from the Sharples Group.

Two options were compared and discussed, rental of a pre used Toshiba printer at approx £500 p.a., or outright purchase,( to include a service agreement and free 9000 mono pages per quarter) at £947.

A4 Colour prints would be charged at 5p per copy.

After some discussion It was proposed to purchase the printer outright.

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Whyte

It was agreed unanimously

Action: - Parish Clerk

### **Signs in the Bus Terminus Car Park**

A request had been received to place signs in the Bus Terminus Car Park requesting dog owners prevent their dogs from fouling the area.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had some signs available and these could be provided free of charge.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr MacDonald agreed to arrange for a dog bag dispenser to be sited in the Car Park

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald

### **Memorial Seats**

Cllr Harper requested that the Council revisit its policy on the provision of memorial seats within the Village as a further request from a long standing resident of Kewstoke had been received.

Following a discussion and review of the current Policy it was agreed to review some of the older bequeathed seats to see if the original plaque was so old that the original provider or family could not be contacted, in which case the original plaque could be transferred to the shelter and the seat become available for a new plaque. This was in accordance with current Policy KPC008.

It was also agreed that if this was found to be the case it would be encouraged that a new seat constructed of recycled material was purchased replacing the bequeathed seat at a cost to the applicant.

**Action:** - Cllr Harper

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### **9. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that our Internal Auditor had again kindly agreed to audit the Councils accounts as part of the AGAR return.

## **10. Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval March 2022

Salaries & Expenses	£2,172.76
Weston Town Council	£772.20
R,Adams	£180.00
J&A	
MacDonald	£10.00
HM Revenue and Customs	£210.80
A.Ham	£83.00
Total	<b>£3,428.76</b>

The Clerk also reported that a quote of £480 plus VAT had now been received from Ward Tree surgeons for maintenance to the trees and bushes in and around the Village Green.

It was proposed to accept the quote.

Proposed Cllr Harper

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

**Action** ;- Parish Clerk

The Clerk also reported receipt of a revised quote from Western Power with regards a new electrical connection to the newly acquired telephone Kiosk. Following a site visit by Western Power it appears the connection is in the road and Traffic Management facilities will be required at an additional cost of £1047.12

The original price was for £1200 which had been previously agreed with a further £1047.12 had now been requested taking the total to £2247.12

Following some discussion it was proposed to pay the additional £1047.12

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed unanimously

## **11. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Bates**

Cllr Bates reminded everyone of the Jumble Sale to be held during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and that any donations would be gratefully received.

### **Cllr Buckley**

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

**Action :-** Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Harper**

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

**Action: -** Cllr Harper.

### **Cllr Adams**

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.

**Action:-** Parish Clerk

### **Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald reported that he would not be able to attend the next two Parish Council Meetings.

He also reported that he had represented the Parish Council at the new vicar's induction & investiture at St Pauls Church and wore the recently updated engraved Chain of Office.

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**





