



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of Kewstoke Annual Parish Meeting held at Kewstoke Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 which commenced at 7.30pm.

Present Cllrs. R .Adams,(Planning Chairman) T Horry T Morris (Vice Chairman) K.Harper) N.Whyte G,Vearncombe K.Jenkins J.MacDonald (Chairman) R.Buckley

Members of the Public

There was one member of the Public

1 Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 7.30

2. Chairman’s introduction

Cllr. MacDonald welcomed those present and thanked everyone for coming.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cunningham.

Cllr Bates

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting of 18th April 2019

These were adopted with no changes.

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr.Vearncombe

Vote was unanimous.

5.Toll Road Fund

It was suggested by the Chairman that original plans to operate the Toll Road by the Parish Council had not materialised, and were unlikely to be progressed.

An amount of £11k raised through the Annual precept to initiate the project is currently ring fenced for this purpose and it was suggested that these funds now be used to part finance the upgrade to the toilet doors and the installation of new coin pay machines at the Bus Terminus Car Park. .

The proposal would if agreed would be required to be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.

Proposed Cllr Harper
Seconded Cllr. Buckley

Vote was unanimous.

6. Traffic Management/Parking

This item was covered in the Chairman's report. See item 7.

7. Chairman's Report

Cllr MacDonald read out a prepared Chairman's written report
See attached.

8. Financial report

The Clerk read out a prepared written report on behalf of the Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee.

See attached.

9. Planning Update

Cllr Adams read out a prepared planning written report
See attached

10. Other Issues raised by members of the Public.

A representative of the Company which runs the newly renamed South Sands Hotel addressed the meeting..

They reported that the Company who now run the Hotel is owned by two local families and work to upgrade the 20 room Hotel on Beach Road was progressing, and would include two restaurants.

The owners wished to make it known that they wished to integrate with the local community wherever possible.

Reference was made to the Boardwalk and whether work to make it safe would be possible. It was pointed out that the Parish Council did not wish to continue with Boardwalk as maintenance costs were prohibitive as well as the fact that NSDC had agreed to raise the adjacent car park and replace the boardwalk with a new stone path.

Cllr Adams enquired if the Company owning the Hotel could lobby NSDC in an effort to complete the levelling of the Car Park, which had been outstanding for a number of years..

Cllr. Horry also pointed out that the new coastal path didn't include the boardwalk.

The Hotel representative suggested that the newly created car park may help resolve some of Kewstokes parking issues by increasing the capacity of parking in the area. Whether there might be a charge for parking had yet to be decided.

Cllr Adams (Planning Chairman) suggested that increasing the vehicles using this newly formed car park might cause issues with access to Beach Road . He also reported that residents were concerned with the size of the proposed car park including the destruction of screening trees and that no planning application appeared to have been submitted, which would allow the Parish Council to formally comment.

It was understood that NSDC Planning Enforcement Department had been made aware of the concerns.

Cllr Macdonald requested that actions by the Hotel owners should be communicated to the Parish Council and through local social media platforms to avoid misconceptions and rumours regarding their activities. This was agreed.

It was hoped to have an ongoing working relationship between the Hotel owners and the Parish Council, and details were exchanged with a view to enabling this to happen.

Cllr Morris asked if there were plans to erect a Marquee on the newly constructed hard standing/car park adjacent to the Hotel. This was confirmed as not being the case.

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm