



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024, which commenced at 7.35pm.

Present:- Cllrs, T.Morris,(Vice Chairman), J,MacDonald,(Chairman)

. K.Harper,R.Adams,T.Horry, N.Whyte, G.Vearncombe, & R.Cunningham

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were 4 members of the Public in attendance; this included 2 agents representing the application and the applicant who worked for Rubix Strategy and were there to give a presentation and answer questions on the proposed Planning Application **23/P/1439/OUT**

Outline application for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and associated works, with access for approval; all other matters of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval | Land To The North Of Junction Of Lyefield Road And Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke.

A number of questions and concerns were raised by the Councillors and the member of the public, a resident Mountbatten Close including:-

1. Responsibility for payment for the drainage system including the pumping station.
2. Concerns over flooding in Lower Norton Lane
3. Percentage of Social Housing proposed to be built.
4. Concerns over adequate infrastructure
5. Details of the proposed road widening
6. Loss of Business as result of proposed play area
7. Difficulty in selling adjacent properties
8. Details of timescales for the submission of reserved matters.

The Clerk also asked for a response to the questions raised by the Parish Council in its published objections.

Where it was not possible to answer questions at the meeting, It was agreed that they a response would be made and passed to attendees.

A number of maps outlining the proposed development were made available.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Williams **Unitary Member**

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4th March 2024

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 4th March to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

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

Deer Warning Signs

A request had been received for the Parish Council to provide warning signs relating to deer crossing Lower Norton Lane.

Cllr Vearncombe indicated that he had a spare sign and would make this available to the resident. A suitable location would then have to be identified.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe- ongoing

Annual Playground Report

Cllr Morris reported that there was still some work to be completed although the recent inclement weather had delayed any work.

Action: - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe ongoing (2 O/s Items)

Signage Toilets & Crookes Lane Footpath

It was agreed that Cllr MacDonald would further progress obtaining signage relating to the fact that the Parish Council maintained both the above facilities.

Cllr Harper confirmed that existing signage had now been installed at the Toilet Block

It was proposed that a sign prepared by Cllr MacDonald be sited at the Footpath entrance on Crookes Lane indicating that the path was provided and maintained by the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncome

Agreed by a Majority decision of 7-1

Action: - Cllr MacDonald

Fence Crookes Lane Footpath

Cllr Morris reported that he and Cllr Adams had further inspected the fence and identified that at least 20 posts required reinforcement or replacement, albeit in their opinion they were not in a dangerous condition.

It was suggested that metal stakes were inserted and screwed to the posts initially to see if this resolved the issue.

It was agreed that two quotes would be obtained in respect of repairing the posts, possibly in stages dependant on cost.

It was noted that an amount had been included in the 2024/25 precept for part of this work.

Action: - Cllr Harper & Cllr Adams- Ongoing

Book Swap

Cllr MacDonald also raised the possibility of setting up a book swap facility in the Telephone Kiosk currently housing the defibrillator unit. Following some discussion it

was agreed that this would be progressed noting some matters of detail needed to be agreed and resolved.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald ongoing

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of ash trees adjacent to the footpath near the allotments required cutting back as a result of ash dieback disease.

It would appear that the company installing fibre optic cable near the area suggested that BT may cut back the trees as necessary.

It was agreed to monitor the situation.

6. Police Beat Report

The was no beat report available for March

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she was still in the process of chasing North Somerset Council with a view to getting the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel locked overnight as had been previously agreed.

Cllr Morris reported further issues of anti social behaviour in the Bus Terminus Car Park and along Sand Road.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim also reported that she had contacted NSC with regarding setting up a meeting regarding the provision of a bus stop opposite Sand Bay Holiday Park "Pontins", and that NSC would be prepared to discuss the Parishes concerns with a site visit albeit it may be a few months before such a meeting could take place, possibly the end of June 2024.

Action: - Clerk to diarise for follow up

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that she had contacted the NSC Tree Officer with regards to the constant cutting back of the hedge on Anson Road. It was requested that evidence be provided before further action could be taken
The Clerk also confirmed that the matter had also been referred to NSC Planning Enforcement Department.

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that the decision on planning application Planning Application 23/P/1439/OUT would be likely at the end of April 2024.

8. Other Issues

Interviews for Co Option of New Councillors

Cllr MacDonald reported that following recent interviews for the position of co opted Councillor Vacancies, the Interview panel had recommended that one of the three candidates Shiralee Baxter, be co opted.

It was noted that the other candidates had qualities which could be an asset to the Parish Council, however, it was universally felt that a deeper understanding of how the Parish Council works, its mechanisms and responsibilities, should be attained before the Parish Council would be in as position to co-opt them as a member.

It was proposed that Shiralee Baxter should be offered the position of a co-opted member of Kewstoke Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

It was agreed that the Chairman Cllr MacDonald contact the various parties informing them of the decision.

Film Club

Cllr MacDonald reported that a resident was proposing to start up a film club in Kewstoke utilising the Church hall. The Parish Council wished them well.

Community Payback

The Clerk reported that he had received a request for the Parish Council to agree to take one of a supervised group from the Community Payback scheme for work placement in and around Kewstoke.. Following some discussion it was decided not to take up the option.

Waste & Parking Consultations

The Clerk reported that an offer for the Parish Council to comment on NSC proposals in respect of changes to waste collection and parking fees had been received,

After some discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would not take up the offer and leave it to residents to individually respond.

Staffing Meeting

Cllr Cunningham updated the Councillors on the meeting held with staff and volunteers on 15/3/2024.

A number of additional PPE was requested and the quotes are currently awaited.

The Clerk confirmed that risk assessments covering the work undertaken by the orderlies and volunteers were referenced at this meeting. Minutes from the meeting are available on request from the Clerk.

Re-adoption of Standing Orders and Financial regulations.

It was proposed that these be readopted

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncome

Agreed Unanimously

Risk assessments

Risk assessments relating to the work of our orderlies and volunteers were reviewed,

It was proposed that these be readopted with minor amendments

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

Sea Bank Maintenance

It was agreed that the first cut of the grass on the bank would take place around July 2024..

The Contractors would be made aware accordingly

Action:- Cllr Adams & the Clerk

9.Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that a draft of the NSC Rural Strategy which the Council had commented on was now available for review,

It was agreed to circulate details to those Councillors that were interested,

Action: - Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had contacted him and confirmed that ongoing assessment of the dunes were still being undertaken, although no timescales for any remedial work was available. .

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 2024

Salaries & reimbursements	£2,544.63
HM Revenue and Customs	£222.39
Weston Town Council	£308.88
K.Harper Reimbursements	£57.41
Weston support Services	£83.70

Total

£3,217.01

Additional Payments for March paid by DD

Water2Business £40.50

Water2 Business £93.00

British Gas £225.88

SSE £290.51

SSE £170.58

Service Charge £18.00

ICO £35.00

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that he had been contacted by residents of Sand Road complaining about the anti social behaviour of young motorists in and around Sand Road and the Bus Terminus Car Park.

One solution might be to ensure that the Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel is locked. Refer item 7.1 Unitary Members report.

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that the finger posts required painting in and around the village and that he would kindly undertake the task along with Cllr Morris.

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte confirmed that the Race night is likely to be cancelled due to a poor take up.

Cllr Whyte also referred to an event to be held in the Church Hall to celebrate D-Day. Attendees would be invited guests only.

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry requested an update on the Village Speed Watch Campaign. Cllr MacDonald confirmed that this was now up and running despite the original co coordinator sadly dropping out. A new coordinator had now been found.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported a large Pot Hole outside the Village Hall.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported a further large Pot Hole near South Sands Hotel.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams suggested an event to recognise all the unpaid hard work Cllr Harper and Volunteers had put in over the years. This was agreed in principle and ideas are currently being sought.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 7th May (Annual Parish Council meeting) 2024.

