



## Kewstoke Parish Council

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024, which commenced at 7pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, K.Harper, J.MacDonald (Chairman), R.Adams, T.Morris.( Vice Chairman), R.Cunningham ,G.Vearncombe, S.Baxter (Part) & N.Whyte .

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Members**

Cllr 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**

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Horry

Cllr Jenkins

### **Unitary Members**

Cllr Williams

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of Interest

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

The minutes were proposed for adoption with one amendment "Sandbay" to replace "Sandpoint" under Item; - Public Participation.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 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 Cllr MacDonald to collect and deliver sign.](#)

#### **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that there was one O/S payment due for the allotments and 3 contracts to be signed.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe – ongoing Clerk to provide information in an effort to ascertain who the o/s payment was still awaited.

### **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- ongoing – It was agreed to wait until the fencing had been repaired before installing the signage. This was expected September 2024

### **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

The Chairman of the Birnbeck Pier Trust had offered to come to a Parish Council meeting and update Councillors on progress.

It was agreed to take up this offer

**Action:** - Cllr Williams - ongoing

## **6. Police Beat Report**

Cllr MacDonald read out the Police Neighbourhood report for July 2024

Call Received 95

Cygnets 53

Sand Piper Care Home 1

Theft 1

Concern for Welfare 8

Road Related 32

Abandoned 999 9

Harassment 2

Others 13

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

### **Cllr Pilgrim**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she was progressing a site visit to discuss locating a bus stop opposite Sand Bay Holiday Park "Pontins".

Cllr Pilgrim also reported that she had attended a meeting with representatives of North Somerset Council and the Police with regards to addressing the issue of anti social driving in and around the Village, and in particular targeting the Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel.

The results from this meeting were not encouraging as the Police indicated that they had no resources to provide additional patrols. (Despite previously agreeing to this),

North Somerset Council indicated that they had little capacity to fund locking of the Car Park or providing CCTV.

Technical difficulties of providing CCTV and linking to the NSC Control room (Internet Connection/Transmission issues) were also cited, although this was challenged by Cllr MacDonald..

A problem solving meeting has been set up within North Somerset Council, although no timescales for a resolution have been agreed.

It was agreed that the Parish Chairman would contact NSC Director of Place to request a resolution and challenge the issues allegedly preventing CCTV installation.

The Clerk was requested to contact Avon & Somerset Police also requesting a timely resolution.

Action;- Cllr MacDonald & Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams requested that Cllr Pilgrim contact North Somerset Council as he was concerned of reports that the BMX park had been again expanding.

**Action;-** Cllr Pilgrim

## **8. Other Issues**

### **Sign at Junction of Lyefield Road and Collum Lane**

The Clerk confirmed that a sign had been purchased and was ready for installation.

Cllr Harper agreed to install.

**Action:** - Cllr Harper

### **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk reported that one of the benches had been damaged by what appeared to be the tractor and flail used by a contractor to cut the Sea Bank. The contractor however, had failed to acknowledge this.

The bench had been repaired by Cllr Harper but the sponsor of the Plaque on the bench had requested the bench be replaced.

A site meeting was arranged for 7pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August to review.

**Action;** - Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Morris, Cllr Adams, and the Clerk.

### **Future Sea Bank Maintenance**

The Clerk reported that there were a number of concerns associated with this year's Sea Bank grass cutting, as well as a belief that the contractor had damaged one of the memorial benches ( See other Items, Memorial Bench).

Other issues noted were the difficulties in co coordinating the exercise with the contractor and another contractor employed to trim the sea Bank.

A number of Health and Safety concerns were noted during the operation.

It was agreed to set up a working group to review the exercise and revisit the Councils Policy. A date was set for a meeting. 13<sup>th</sup> August 7pm Village Hall

Action: - Cllrs MacDonald, Harper, Morris, Adams and the Clerk.

### **Recycling**

The Clerk reported that the Orderlies were now sorting the rubbish collected from around the Village, Dunes and Sea Shore in to items that could be recycled.

This was then being taken to the recycling centre, with all the results recorded.

Once sufficient data has been collected the results would be reviewed by a working group.

### **Public Place Protection Orders- Signage**

The Clerk referred to the findings of a working group set up to look at deploying signage referencing anti social behaviour as defined in the Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Two types of signage were identified referencing extracts from the 2014 act and felt to be relevant to the Dunes, Sea Shore and Car Parks. It was proposed to use existing poles situated along the Dunes to support the signage.

It was proposed to purchase the signage at a cost of £364.80 including VAT.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

### **Hedge Anson Road**

After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had done all it could to raise the matter with the Police & North Somerset Council. No further action was required.

### **Annual Playground report**

The report was passed to Cllr Vearncome and Cllr Morris to review,

All recommended actions identified in the report were classed as low risk.

**Action;** - Cllr Vearncombe & Cllr Morris

### **Village Green Maintenance**

Cllr MacDonald referred to a letter and photographs received from a resident adjacent to the village Green requesting that some of the trees and brash was cut back.

It was agreed to a site visit on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August to undertake a review.

**Action;** - Cllr Harper, Cllr Morris, Cllr Adams and the Clerk

## **9.Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval July 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,986.12
HM Revenue and Customs	£425.10
Weston Town Council	£617.76
K.Harper Reimbursements	£35.61
GB Sports & Leisure	£114.00
J.K.Gardening	£1,045.00
Weston Support services	£169.02
Nathan Kelly	£913.60
A& J MacDonald	£10.00
MJ Isgar	£2,352.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,668.21</b>

Additional Payments for June paid by DD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£93.00
British Gas	£25.49
SSE	£254.27
EDF	£1046.28

The Clerk confirmed that the External Auditors had reviewed the Councils AGAR submission for 2023/24 and confirmed that it fully complied with proper practice and no matters were found that required addressing

It was proposed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit should be published for 30 days in accordance with the Clerks recommendation.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

The clerk reported that following a review of the invoices/ payments to Zerographics a credit note was issued to clear all O/S invoices. No further payment is required by the Council.

### **10. Clerks Report**

The date of the next Policy & Finance meeting was agreed as Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 7pm at the Village Hall.

The Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the Footpath along Crookes Lane was to commence in September 2024.

### **11. Councilors Report**

#### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris referred to Bus Shelter at the Bus Terminus Car Park and suggested it required repair and repainting. Cllr MacDonald offered 20 litres of surplus paint towards the work.

It was agreed a group of Councillors would undertake the work on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024,

Cllr Morris also referred to work he had undertaken to repair the disabled Toilet.

It was also agreed that the cast Iron signage in and around the Village required repainting.

**Action;** - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe.

#### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that some residents of Myrtle Tree Crescent were concerned that travellers were possibly looking to set up camp on the Green and requested that the fence and gate to the Green were repaired.

Whilst noting it was not necessarily the Councils responsibility Cllr Harper had purchased a padlock and agreed that should some surplus posts and rail become available following repair to the Crookes Lane footpath it could be used to shore up the fencing around the Green.

Cllr Harper also reported that the streetlight No10 in Crookes Lane was not working.

**Action; - Clerk**

**Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald reported that vegetation was required to be cut back around the signs at the entrance and exit to the Village.

**Action; - Cllr Harper**

**Meeting closed at 8.23pm**

**12. Date of next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.**

