



Kewstoke Parish Council

“Here to protect the Rural Character and Environment of the Village and to promote Kewstoke as a pleasant place to live”

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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at Kewstoke Village Hall on Monday 3rd February 2020, which commenced at 7pm.

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

In attendance

Members of the Public

None

Unitary Members

None

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7pm.

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards (Liaison Officer)

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

Cllr. Pilgrim Unitary Member

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting of 6th January 2020

These were adopted with one amendment to item 6 paragraph 3, the word "a" removed from "to an ongoing a LED light replacement"

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Vote was unanimous.

5. Actions from previous meeting.

. Signage for staff vehicles

Cllr MacDonald proposed that 2 initial magnetic signs are purchased for attaching to vehicles used by anyone on official Council business whilst working within the village, indicating that they are working for the Council.
These signs would also incorporate warning chevrons.

Cost of signs £34 each

Action:-Cllr MacDonald ongoing

Rewilding Project

Cllr Adams reported that he had attended a meeting with NSDC regarding a proposal to rewild a number of the areas owned by NSDC, this included some areas within Kewstoke.

An opportunity for the Parish Council to obtain a number of trees to be planted by the Parish Council has been also made available.

6. Police Report

December 2019

Calls received 55 of which 28 calls related to Cygnet Hospital

Reported Crimes

Suspicious Person /Vehicle 4
Road related 2
Concern for welfare 2
Abandoned 999 calls 4
Thefts 1
Anti Social Behaviour 2
Assault 18
Arson including criminal Damage 1
Public Order 1
Harassment 8

January 2020

Calls received 40 of which 14 calls related to Cygnet Hospital

Reported Crimes

Harassment 1
Malicious Communications 1
Assaults 5

It was suggested that the database of meaningful statistics in respect of reported crimes over a period of time would be revisited.

Action:- Cllr Jenkins

7. VE Day Celebrations

Cllr Whyte reported that celebrations to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day were planned to take place at the Church on 8th May 2020, including afternoon tea in the Church Hall and bell ringing. The final details would be agreed at a meeting on 24/2/2020.

It was proposed that a contribution to the celebrations should be made by the Parish Council up to a maximum of £500,

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe
Seconded Cllr Bates
Agreed Unanimously

Cllr Harper reported that the afternoon dancing group held at the Village Hall also on Friday the 8th would see the participants dressing in appropriate period costumes.

It was also suggested that the flying of the Union Jack and displays of bunting around the village could be incorporated in the celebrations.

Action:- Cllr Harper and Cllr Whyte to liaise regarding both events

8. Footpath Lease

Cllr MacDonald reported that a meeting had taken place with the owners of the land over which the current footpath runs along Crookes Lane between the Village Hall and the Bay Bar with a view to extending the easement which has now expired. An initial request for £45 per week had been requested which equated to £23,400 for a 10 year lease.

Due to the large sum involved it was decided to discuss the matter at a separate dedicated meeting to be arranged in the coming weeks.

A further statement is to be posted on the village web site updating residents of the current position.

Action:- Parish Clerk

9. Tablets

Cllr Buckley outlined proposals to purchase 6 Tablets for the Councillors in an effort to reduce costs and to help reduce the Councils carbon footprint (Printing/Distribution of minutes etc.)

After some discussion concerning the pros and cons it was agreed to an amended proposal from purchasing 6 to purchasing 10.

Proposed Cllr Bates
Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

This was agreed by a majority

9 For

1 against

1 Abstention

Action:- Cllr Buckley

10. Amended T.R.O (Traffic Restriction Order)

Details of amendments to the original T.R.O. had been received from NSDC and were distributed to Councillors. These related to three areas within the village as well as signs indicating parking outside of the Tea rooms would be for blue badge holders only.

These were unanimously agreed with two amendments

1. An additional request for a white line in the centre of the road on the bend in Crookes Lane.
2. That the proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Beach Road and Kewstoke Road did not exceed the junction, as residents often parked opposite their properties along Kewstoke Road.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe
Seconded Cllr Morris
Agreed unanimously

Action:- Parish Clerk to confirm the Councils agreement with NSDC.

It was also agreed to publicise the proposals on the Village web site.

Action:- Parish Clerk

11. Staffing Committee

Cllr Cunningham confirmed that an inaugural Staff meeting had taken place including staff and volunteers with feedback appearing to be very positive.

At the meeting the Clerk went through the Councils Health and Safety Policy and Procedures and copies were circulated to all attendees.

A record of the meeting was put on file.

It was requested by many of the attendees that the work they undertake should be publicised on the Parishes web site.

Additional safety clothing and equipment required, was identified.

Action:- Cllr Jenkins and Parish Clerk.

12. WCAG2.1

A meeting is to be arranged by the chairman of the Parish Media Committee with the Web site administrator and Clerk to discuss the compliance of our web site with the WCAG2.1 regulations.

Action:- Parish Clerk & Cllr Jenkins

13. Other Issues.

Dog Bin Emptying

The Clerk confirmed a further meeting with Weston Town Council and representatives of the Parish Council agreeing a price for emptying dog waste bins w.e.f. 1/4/2020 had taken place.

The cost is confirmed as £5.50 per bin with twice weekly collections based on 9 bins, which have now all been numbered. Annual cost £5148.

A contract is awaited.

Note:-The decision to use Weston Town Council "in house" service had been previously agreed.

Action:-Parish Clerk

Emergency Access to Beach

It was reported by Cllr Harper that 3 locks have now been purchased and he is currently awaiting the printing of contact numbers on the locks.

Action:- Parish Clerk & Cllr Harper

NSDC Corporate Plan and Budget

The Clerk and Cllr Adams completed the questionnaire on behalf of the Council. In particular commenting on

1. The fact that whilst supporting the investment in local human resources all efforts should be made to retain this resource in the area, by the creation of locally sustainable Jobs.
2. Any housing development should be sited close to large conurbations to reduce commuting and minimise any associated carbon footprint

Local Electricity Bill

The Council has received a request to support the Local Electricity Bill empowering local communities to sell locally generated clean electricity to local customers by establishing a Statutory Right to local supply.

It was agreed that the Council wished to support this Bill.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Horry

Agreed Unanimously

Quote for Toilet Block

A quote has been received in respect of an upgrade to the Toilet Block/Kiosk; in accordance with the councils Financial Policy a second quote would be sought.

Action:- Cllr Morris

Sign at Toilets.

It was suggested that a sign was required at the toilets, particularly the disabled toilet now that they were not to be closed overnight, indicating an emergency contact number. Following some discussion 999 number was proposed.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

Action:- Parish Clerk

14. Clerks Report

Council Insurance Photocopier.

Confirmation was required as to whether the Parishes photocopier was covered by the Village Halls insurance policy in the event of damage.

Action:- Cllr Horry.

Groundwork's Schedule

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with the groundwork's contractor and Cllr Adams, to agree a schedule and pricing for 2020/21.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams and the Clerk would meet to discuss the wording of a Policy on grass cutting on the dunes with relation to wild flowers.

Action:- Parish Clerk and Cllr Adams

Town and Parish Forum

Details of a Forum hosted by NSDC and in conjunction with ALCA to provide an opportunity for Parishes to meet the new Development and Environment Leadership Team was highlighted by the Clerk.

This is to be held on Wednesday 12th February 2.00-3.00pm at the Town Hall. The names of any Councillors interested in attending were requested to be forwarded to the Clerk. .

Action:- All

Environment Agency update

The Environment Agency have confirmed that they will be undertaking maintenance work on the dunes commencing within the next two weeks,

Toll Road

Further to a recent meeting with Cllr Willis, Cllr Whyte and a member of the public concerning the condition of the Toll Road, confirmation is sought by NSDC that there is no further interest in the Toll Road project by the Parish Council. This is to remove any possible reason for NSDC not maintaining the road.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

Action:- Parish Clerk

Car Park upgrade

An additional amount of £235 was requested to complete Phase 1 of the Bus Terminus Car Park rewilding project. It was proposed that a maximum of £500 be agreed to cover all associated costs.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

Sub Station

The Clerk confirmed that a proposal had been received regarding locating a substation by Western Power at the corner of the Village Green. Following a site visit attended by Cllr. Harper, Cllr. Adams the Clerk and a representative of Western Power, objections on safety grounds were identified to Western Powers representative along with 4 other more appropriate locations.

Western Power agreed to review the feasibility of the alternative sites and report back.

15. Financial Update

Financial Update January

Payments for Approval

Staff Salaries & Expenses	£1693.61
HM Revenue & Customs	£216.29
B.Thorne reimbursement	£57.19
J.Mortimer	£246.00
M.Isgar	£420,00
K.Harper reimbursement	£49.63
J,Sayer reimbursement	£120.89
Weston support Services	£49.51
Elmsley Nursery	£216.29
Woodhort Sharpham	£448.80
Total	<u>£3518.21</u>

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

These were agreed unanimously for payment

16. Councillors Report

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported a failing street light in Kewside.

Action:- Cllr Harper

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that Trees adjacent to Monks Hill required cutting back.

Action:- Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Horry

Cllr. Horry requested a progress report on the recently erected street light on Beach Road which had been located too near the edge of the highway. Cllr MacDonald confirmed that NSDC had been notified and that they had agreed to re position the lamp post back from the highway

Cllr Buckley

Cllr Buckley raised the issue of e-mail addresses specifically for the use of Councillors distinct from personal accounts. A request was made that this be raised at the next meeting of the Media Committee to understand the feasibility.

Action:- Cllr Jenkins.

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte reminded everyone of the "Race Night" including supper to be held at the Village Hall on 8th February

Cllr Bates

Cllr Bates raised the issue of increased dog mess on the beach.

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Meeting Closed 8.52pm

17. Date of Next Meeting Monday 2nd March 2020

