



## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, which commenced at 7.11pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, R,Cunningham, T.Morris,(Vice Chairman),J.MacDonald,(Chairman),T.Horry

. K.Jenkins , K.Harper,R.Adams & N.Whyte.

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

### **Public Participation**

There was 1 members of the Public in attendance.

#### **.Work at Kewstoke Primary School.**

The meeting was addressed by a resident of Kewstoke Road who provided an update on the work currently being undertaken at Kewstoke School.

The resident had been in constant contact with representatives of NSC throughout the process.

There appeared to be little or no progress with the building work and a completion date, extended to June 2024, had now been suggested by NSC.

Work on the roof had still to commence although the scaffolding had been in place for nearly 5 weeks, however, the improved signage appeared to have reduced the misuse of the one way system.

Cllr MacDonald had attended the site on the first day of school to review the situation, A number of recommendations were suggested to help improve the situation, of which some had now been implemented.

Cllr MacDonald suggested that a written report is requested from NSC monthly to update the Parish Council on progress.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

As a result of the disruption and delays with the work at the School, the forthcoming School Governors' meeting had been switched to the Village Hall.

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

The meeting opened at 7.11pm

### **2. Apologies for absence**

N.Richards    **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Pilgrim    Unitary Member

Cllr Vearncombe

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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

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

Agreed Unanimously

### **5. Police Beat Report**

Apologies had been received from PCSO Bennett who was unable to attend this meeting.

Some outline details of the latest beat report were referenced by Cllr MacDonald.

It was agreed not to publish the report although a copy is available from the Clerk.

Cllr Cunningham confirmed that a local PCSO regularly attended a coffee morning at the Church Hall.

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

### **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of D Day**

The Clerk reported that a request had been sent to all Councils and Local Authorities suggesting that the 80th anniversary of D Day could be celebrated by lighting strategically placed beacons, and inviting the Parish Council to register an interest,

It was requested that Cllr Pilgrim enquired as to whether NSC are planning to become involved.

**Action: - Cllr Pilgrim- ongoing**

### **Annual Playground Report**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Playground report had been undertaken and it was agreed to discuss at the next Policy and Finance meeting. There appeared that any of the findings were classified as low risk.

It was reported that some of the outstanding work had been completed, with the rest scheduled w/c 14/8/2023;

**Cllr Morris reported that there was still some work around the roundabout to be completed.**

**Action: - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe ongoing**

### **Chestnut Fencing**

Cllr Horry expressed his surprise as he had learned that chestnut fencing was going to be used to improve the sea defences at Uphill, particularly as the Environment Agency had indicated that it could no longer be used at Sand Bay for Health and Safety reasons.

**Action: - Cllr Pilgrim to investigate**

Cllr Pilgrim explained that the Sea Defences at Uphill were the responsibility of North Somerset Council whereas at Sand bay it was the Environment Agency

Cllr Pilgrim agreed to pass details of the contact in NSC to the Clerk for further discussion and clarification.

**Clerk Confirmed awaiting response from the NSC Development Control Officer**

**Action: - Parish Clerk- ongoing**

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that work restoring the loss of power resulting from a fallen tree on Kewstoke Road was still ongoing.

Cllr Vearncombe also asked if a letter be sent to the owner of land adjacent to Kewstoke Road where it appeared further trees were in danger of falling.

**Action:** - [Cllr Vearncombe & the Clerk Ongoing](#)

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

In Cllr Pilgrims absence the Clerk read out an email containing her report.

1. Still chasing bus stop .
2. Police report forwarded
3. Regular meeting with NSC Delivery & Enforcement Service Manager, agreed quarterly via Teams. Clerk to arrange.
4. Beach Management- Simon Bunn happy to meet, please can the Clerk arrange direct.
5. DDay Beacon- still chasing, will email Clerk.
6. Haven't got specific wording for the Beach but do have email which will forward. We can take something from that and check with NSC.
7. Speedwatch- The Clerk has an update from PCSO Dave Bennett.

## **8. Other Issues**

### **Councillor Vacancy (Draft Policy on Co Option KPC9995)**

The Clerk reported that the appropriate notices relating to the 2 outstanding Councillor vacancies had been duly published on 17/9/2023 and that the closing date by which residents could request the Returning Officer call an election to fill the vacancies, had now been reached. The Clerk would now contact NSC to confirm the position.

It was agreed to discuss the draft Co Option Policy at the next Policy & Finance meeting scheduled for 17/10/2023 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### **Fence Crookes Lane Footpath**

The Clerk confirmed that he and Cllr Harper had inspected the fence, and whilst not in their opinion currently considered dangerous some repair work is required.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams and Cllr Morris would further inspect the fence and provide an estimate of the cost of any repair work.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that an item is on the agenda for the precept meeting in December to consider if significant replacement of the fence be required.

### **Registering a Community Asset.**

The Clerk referenced a meeting with NSC Policy & Partnership Development Officer also attended by Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Cunningham and the Clerk at which the process for registering the New Inn as a Community Asset was discussed. This followed a request at the Annual Parish Meeting by a resident.

The purpose would be to allow the local community to have an opportunity to purchase the Asset within a 6 month period once it had been advertised for sale by the owners.

It was agreed that the Clerk completed draft of the application and referred to Cllr Cunningham for review.

To complete the process a copy of the Title Deeds and maps of both the Public House and Car Park would be required at a cost of approx. £60.

This expenditure was proposed

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

Action: - Parish Clerk

### **Fence in Copse**

The Clerk reported that he had been made aware that the recently erected fence in the Copse adjacent to the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel had been damaged and the fencing used for a fire,

It was agreed to undertake a site visit with a view to reinstating the damaged fence post and rails.

**Action:** - Cllr Morris, Cllr Adams & Cllr MacDonald.

### **Existing Public Space Protection Orders for Kewstoke.**

The Clerk report that two existing PSPO's relating to the play area on the Village Green and the area around the Village Hall were to cease on 15/10/2023. North Somerset Council required confirmation if both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee wished the orders to continue.

It was agreed that Cllr Horry would respond on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council, indicating that both wished the orders to continue.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk & Cllr Horry

### **Proposed Public Space Protection Order**

The Clerk confirmed that NSC had been requested to extend the existing order applicable to Weston super Mare Sea Front to include Sand Bay, from the Car Park opposite The South Sands Hotel to Sand Point.

It was agreed that the Parish Councillors didn't want delegated responsibility to enforce the Orders, but preferred to rely on the local Community Wardens and local PCSO's

Signs would be erected highlighting the Order once it had been implemented to include contact details of the NSC Community Wardens.

### **Speed Watch Campaign**

The Clerk reported that the local PCSO has now agreed a site on Kewstoke Road (Church Car Park) and had sent through an online link to submit applications to join the scheme.

A site on Beach Road is also being sought.

Prior to publishing this information it was agreed to contact the 6 volunteers who initially showed an interest to see if they would be willing to be a Co-ordinator or Vice Co-ordinator.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Noisy Vehicles around Kewstoke**

The Clerk reported that a resident had contacted him via the Parish Web Site to see if anything could be done to prevent vehicles with modified car exhausts driving around the Village.

After some discussion It was agreed that more details would be required such as times and locations as well as details of number plates in order for the Local Police to resolve.

### **9.Clerks Report**

#### **Streetlight Norton Court Farm.**

The Clerk referenced an email from a resident suggesting that the Parish Council contact the owners of Norton Court Farm requesting that they contribute towards the cost of repair/replacement of the streetlight in the grounds of the farm that had become damaged.

It was also suggested that a streetlight in the location is of benefit and safety to the B&B Customers using the holiday lets.

Note the Parish Council had felt the cost of the repairs were prohibitive given there was no budget for the work. Ref: - September's minutes item 8. Other Issues

#### **AGAR**

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had signed off the Councils Annual Accounts and that the appropriate notice had been published on the Notice Boards in and around the Village and on the Parish Councils Website.

An Invoice of £378 was now due and this was proposed for payment.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed unanimously

## **10.Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval September 2023

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,511.00
HM Revenue and Customs	£231.50
HM Revenue and Customs( Rons Tax due 2022/23)	£100.00
K.Harper reimbursements	£40.00
J.K.Gardening	£1,030.00
SLCC	£177.00
North Somerset Council	£92.00
Weston Town Council x3	£308.88
AJGIBL	£1,771.91
GB Sports and Leisure	£117.00
Total	<b>£6,379.29</b>

Additional Payments for September

Water2Business £40.50

Water2 Business £86.50

SSE £208.65

British Gas £27.09

Service Charge £18

## **11. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham reported a large Pot Hole outside the Church.

Cllr MacDonald also reported one outside the Pink Shop.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that he had been made aware that members of the Public had been using the disused Car Park on Beach Road as a Public Convenience and asked the Clerk to report the matter to NSC and the Local Police.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

**Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams raised the issue of Vehicles still parking on the Toll Road adjacent to the BMX Park. Cllr Cunningham confirmed that this was allowed as it was considered to be “Unloading “ and therefore permissible.

**Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald referred to an email received from the NSC Liaison Officer in response to a query relating to the new Local Plan and any possible future planning applications adjacent to Weston super Mare settlement boundary.

It Reads:-

As you know, there is nothing to stop developers putting in planning applications; however I am not aware of anything further currently being proposed on the Anson Road side. I am aware that on the Lyefield Road side developers were undertaking some public engagement but do not believe a formal application has been registered as yet. If one is I will let you know straightaway. The policy context on that side is the same as for the Anson Road scheme, adjacent to Weston’s settlement boundary, however there may be other issues such as landscape impact that weighed against any proposal. If an application does come in there I am happy to meet with you to discuss.

In terms of the new Local Plan, as I have previously advised the intention is to remove the policy that allows building outside any settlement boundary – housing will only be permitted within them, and we are not proposing any change to the Weston edge nor the Kewstoke boundary. We are working towards presenting the Local Plan to the council’s executive committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, then consulting upon it in November and December, before submitting it to the government for an examination next year. As the plan progresses through the system it starts to gain more weight and can be referred to in planning decisions.

I hope this helps provide some reassurance, and I will keep an eye out for any applications and advise you accordingly.

Natalie

**Meeting closed at 8.08 pm**

**12. Date of next meeting Monday 6th November 2023.**





