

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 Kewstoke Annual Parish Meeting held at Kewstoke Village Hall on Tuesday 19th April 2022 which commenced at 7pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

Unitary Member

L.Pilgrim

Members of the Public

There were 5 members of the Public in attendance

1 Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 7pm

2. Chairman's introduction

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

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Bates

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Buckley

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting of 23rd June 2021

These were adopted with no changes.

Proposed Cllr Morris Seconded Cllr.Horry

The Chairman called for a show of hands by those that were present at the previous Annual Parish Meeting to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously

Vote was unanimous.

5. Chairmans Report.

Cllr MacDonald read out a prepared written report See attached.

6. Planning Update

Cllr Adams confirmed that the Parish Council had a Planning Policy which was referred to when planning applications were received KPC012

Cllr Adams then made reference to a number of high profile planning applications that had been received during the year and or were still being considered by NSC, in particular,

18/P/3275/FUL- Land Off Sand Road -Change of use of agricultural land to caravan/Lodge site and creation of a new leisure building

The Parish Council had recently commented on a sequential test submitted on behalf of the applicant which the Council felt contained a number of inaccuracies.

21/P/0502/EA1 Land At Holme Farm And Norton Farm, Off Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke

Request for a formal screening opinion as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required to be submitted with an application for the

installation of up to 65,000 photovoltaic (PV) panels with associated transformers and equipment.

The decision by NSC was that this was not required. An expected full application is now anticipated.

21/P/3529/OUT – Land off Anson Road -Outline Planning application for residential development 70 houses Anson Road –

Cllr Adams reported that the Council had commented in details with regards its objection to this proposed development and in particular that it was outside of the Village Settlement Boundary and not in accordance with NSC proposed Local Plan 2038 preferred options..

Proposed Changes to the Settlement boundary-

Cllr Adams reported that there were recent proposals to amend the Village settlement boundary to incorporate a number of Caravan Sites and other areas. He confirmed that the Council would be commenting via North Somerset Local Plan 2038 preferred options.

Enforcement

Cllr Adams reported that there were several cases of outstanding enforcement actions in and around the Village and that NSC appeared to be sluggish and in some cases reluctant to progress.

9. Financial report

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

10 Rewilding

The Chairman reported that as an experiment part of the dunes which are currently cut twice a year in accordance with Natural England's advice and outlined in the Councils Policy KPC014 would be left uncut and left as a rewilding site. The area proposed was from the Tea Shop towards the National Trust Car park. Exact details are still to be finalised.

10. Other Issues raised by members of the Public.

A resident of Beach Road thanked the Parish Councillors for the recently produced Parish Survey.

They also raised concerns over the erosion of the dunes opposite the junction with Crookes lane.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would to write to the Environment Agency requesting that it is reviewed.

Another resident of Kewstoke raised the concerns over the fact that the Bus Terminus Car Park was left open at night resulting in gatherings of young people and in some instances resulting in anti social behaviour.

Concerns were also raised over Jet Skiers using the bay and causing a disturbance.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm