



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 2022, which commenced at 6.57pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 6.57pm

Cllr Morris (Vice Chairman) wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that the Chairman was still unable to attend as he was away with his work, and that he would be chairing the meeting in his absence.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pilgrim Unitary Member

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr Bates

N.Richards (Liaison Officer)

3. Declaration of interests

Cllr Whyte declared an interest in agenda item 8, Platinum Jubilee Marquee.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 6th December 2021

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously

Agreed Unanimously

5. O/S Actions from previous meeting.

It was proposed for the Parish Council Chairman to write to North Somerset Council to obtain their agreement and acceptance of the proposed Parish Survey.

This has been undertaken and Cllr Willis was requested to chase up and ensure a response is received.

Action: - Cllr Willis- Ongoing

Cllr Adams reported that silage bales appear to have been placed on a Public Right of way (Bridle Path) at the North Easterly end of the Foss Lane.

The Clerk has reported the matter to North Somerset Council and acknowledgement appears to have been made in the form of a telephone call to Cllr. Adams requesting details of the landowner.

6. Police Beat Report

The Clerk reported that a beat report had not been received for December.

A meeting has been arranged for 17th January 7pm in the Village Hall with our local PCSO to discuss future Crime reporting.

Residents of Kewstoke Road have also been invited with regards to issues arising from a recent traffic survey.

7. Unitary Members Report

There was no Unitary Members report as neither Councillor was present.

8. Other Issues

Precept

A draft precept report had been previously circulated to all the Councillors with a recommendation arising from the Finance & Policy Meeting recommending an increase in the 2022/23 precept to £50,000.

Copy attached

This was proposed by Cllr Morris (Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee)

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

Re-adoption of KPC019 Car Park Maintenance Policy

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

Re –adoption of KPC005 Cash Handling Procedures

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

Re- adoption of KPC012 Planning Development Policy

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

Platinum Jubilee Marquee donation

The Clerk sought clarification as to the donation agreed at a previous meeting towards the rental of a marquee for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the rental of a marquee of approx £2505 and a separate donation to the Kewstoke Community group of £501 totalling £3,006. The donation equated to the VAT element of the Invoices which the Parish Council could recover.

Highways Priorities Survey

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the Highways Asset Management Team at North Somerset Council requesting that the Parish Council respond to a Highways Management Strategy Survey which will determine how they invest highway resources across highway assets.

The issue was intended to be included in the up and coming Parish Survey, although timescales for completion has precluded this from happening.

The closing date is 10/1/2022.

Cllr Horry kindly agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action:- Parish Clerk & Cllr Horry

Boardwalk

It was suggested by Cllr Harper that it might be worth considering repairing the Boardwalk.

After some discussion it was agreed to establish the costs involved.

Action: - Cllr Harper & Cllr Morris

The item would be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk confirmed that the Telephone Kiosk near the Owls Nest bed and breakfast had now been purchased from BT, and is now owned by the Parish Council,.

Some remedial work is required to bring it up to an acceptable standard, such as replacing the panes of glass, painting, and establishing an electrical connection.

Action: - Cllr Harper to request a quote for necessary electrical work.

Cllr Morris & Cllr, Vearncombe to access any additional work required such as painting and repairs to glazing.

9. Clerks Report

Clerks Leave

The Clerk reported that he will be taking leave from the 28th -1st February 2022,

Parish Survey

In the absence of Cllr MacDonald the Clerk reported on progress with regards the Parish Survey. In essence a test questionnaire had been produced with limited questions and had undergone some initial testing which resulted in some changes and tweaks to the structure and wording of questions. It was intended to complete a third test version and arrange a meeting to scrutinise before undertaking more testing.

Cllrs, Buckley, Whyte, Morris & Cunningham indicated their wish to attend this meeting.

Action: - Parish Clerk to arrange

Cllr Morris reported that banners advertising the event were due to be delivered next week and that he would pick them up and put them on display.

Action: - Cllr Morris

Email from Resident

The clerk also referenced an email from a resident of Kewstoke Road concerned with cars using the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel and speeding along Beach Road and the Toll Road late at night.

The Clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to the local PCSO.

10. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval December
2021

Salaries & Expenses	£2,062.55
Weston Support Services	£47.65
HM Revenue and Customs	£204.45
MH Electrical	£108.00
Wards Tree Surgeons Ltd.	£552.00
Weston Town Council	£237.60
Smart survey Ltd	£1,296.00
M.J.lsgar	£420.00
Ken Harper (reimbursement)	£8.34
A&J MacDonald (reimbursements)	£10.00
Total	£4,946.59

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncome reported that only one side of Kewstoke Road had been swept by North Somerset Council. The Clerk was requested to chase this up.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr. Vearncombe also reported that outstanding works regarding signage had not been completed on Lyefield Road. It was understood that this was awaiting the implementation of the new extended cycleway.

Cllr Adams requested if timescales could be established as to when the road would be closed for the cycleway to be implemented.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that drift wood was being removed from the beach and enquired if it was legal.

Action: - Parish Clerk to research.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that a horse and cart was currently using the beach and if this was contrary to any byelaws.

Action: - Parish Clerk to research.

Cllr Adams also raised the issue of bags of dog mess being left on the chestnut fencing rather than being deposited in the bins provided.

The Clerk was asked if this could be reported to the Beach Orderly.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Morris reported a street light (no.10) was not working at the top of Monks Hill.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Meeting closed at 8pm

Date of next meeting Monday 7th February 2022.

