



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024, which commenced at 7.31pm.

Present:- Cllrs, K.Harper, J.MacDonald (Chairman), R.Adams, T.Morris.(Vice Chairman), R.Cunningham , T.Horry, & N.Whyte (Part) .

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were 22 members of the Public in attendance.

A resident of Collum Lane voiced concerns regarding the junction of Collum Lane and Lyefield Road in so much that it had become particularly dangerous since Lyefield Road now formed part of a Cycle Path, and urged the Parish Council to pursue the matter with North Somerset Council.

The Clerk referred to a recent site meeting with North Somerset Council, who whilst not considering the junction particularly dangerous using a pre determined criteria, had agreed to cut back vegetation and repaint the "give way" signs.

This, however, was not considered adequate to prevent an accident,

Concerns were also raised regarding excess surface water running from Ash Tree Caravan site and flooding the road.

Cllr Adams confirmed that the matter had been raised with North Somerset Council who had visited the site and were unable to conclude that there was an issue.

It was agreed to raise the matter again with North Somerset Council.

A representative of the horse community raised concerns regarding the lack of access points to the Beach at Sandbay following the recent Sea Defence work undertaken by the Environment Agency, in particular the placing fencing across current access point to prevent erosion and protect the Sea Defences.

Cllr MacDonald referenced a notice on the North Somerset Web site which indicated horses were not actually permitted on the Dunes.

It was agreed that a working group would meet up on Thursday 7pm at the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road to discuss solutions.

Residents of Beach Road raised concerns over vehicles speeding along Beach Road culminating in a recent accident near Swallow Point Caravan site.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that representatives of the Police and North Somerset Council had originally agreed to attend this meeting, but had now declined pending discussions on possible solutions.

A number of suggested solutions were put forward:-

Speed Bumps, widening of Beach Road, cutting back vegetation changing the 60 mph speed sign to 30mph, Chevrons, CCTV, closing of the National Trust Car Park, & road narrow signage.

It was agreed to await the findings of the Police.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.31pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr S.Baxter

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 3rd June 2024

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Whyte

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 3rd June 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](#)

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](#)

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

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

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she was still in the process of chasing North Somerset Council with a view to getting the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel locked overnight as had been previously agreed.

Cllr Morris reported further issues of anti social behaviour in the Bus Terminus Car Park and along Sand Road.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim – 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 June 2024

Call Received 79

Cygnets 48

Theft 1

Assault 1

Concern for Welfare 7

Road Related 2

ASB 1

Suspicious 1

Abandoned 999 4

Public Order 1

Other 5

It was noted that the trend in reported crimes seemed to be increasing. It was agreed to discuss this with the Local PSCO when they next attended a Parish Council meeting

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim reported that:-

Police & North Somerset Highways department were discussing options to address the speeding along Beach Road as referenced in Public Participation.

Cllr Pilgrim also reported that she had no other feedback from the situation regarding the eviction of residents from Sun Valley Caravan Park other than the date of eviction had been extended to September 2024.

It was understood that the residents had now sought legal advice and been in contact with North Somerset Council regarding being re-housed.

Cllr Adams indicated that a similar situation could possibly arise at Sand Farm Caravan site, where it was understood up to 12 people are now residing permanently. North Somerset Council Enforcement had been made aware of the situation.

8. Other Issues

Clerks Remuneration

It was agreed to increase the Clerks remuneration to £18 per Hour in line with the National Association of Local Councils current pay scales.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

Fencing quote

The Clerk referenced a quote in respect of repairs to the fence along Crookes lane Footpath of £4,420. It was noted that £3K had been precept for repairs this year and a grant of around £900 was expected from North Somerset Council.

Proposed Cllr Adams

Seconded Cllr Horry

Agreed Unanimously

Sign at Junction of Lyefield Road and Collum Lane

The Clerk referred to a site meeting with North Somerset Principle Engineer for Neighbourhood Traffic & Road Safety at which it was agreed that the a sign could be erected warning of the junction. It was suggested that the Parish Council might wish to fund this sign in an effort to expedite its placement.

The Clerk was requested to obtain a quote

Action: - Parish Clerk

The Clerk was also requested to contact NSC with regards a suggestion that the junction is made a “no priority” junction with give way signs on all approaches.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Sea Bank Maintenance

It was reported that the contractor had anticipated cutting the top of the Sea Bank on either 2nd or 3rd of July 2024.

The Clerk reported that as at today no copy of Public Liability Insurance had been forth coming.

Action: - Cllr Adams to chase

It was suggested that a number of Councillors Orderlies & Volunteers would be available to Police the top of the Sea Bank when the work was being undertaken.

Advertising on Parish Council Platforms

Cllr MacDonald reported that a meeting of the Social Media Committee had proposed contacting existing local businesses who are represented on the Village Face Book page to see if they were willing to pay for advertising in the Annual Parish newsletter to offset the costs of production.

This was proposed by Cllr MacDonald although there was no one wished to second the motion.

It was also reported by Councillor MacDonald that the Social media Committee felt that that there should be no advertising on either the Web Site or Village Face Book page.

After some discussion this was agreed.

Recycling

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with the Orderlies to see if they were prepared to sort the rubbish they collect to enable that which was eligible for recycling to be separated. This was agreed for a trial period.

The recycled waste would be recorded allowing for an assessment of when, how much, and at what locations the waste was collected.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Public Place Protection Orders

The Clerk reported that the PPPO requested by the Parish Council had passed its first scrutiny meeting.

There are other area wide orders which cover Kewstoke as well as two specific orders for area in Kewstoke.

It was agreed to form a working group to recommend signage relating to preventing Anti Social behaviour on the Dunes and Beach.

7pm Village Hall 9th June 2024

Action: - Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Morris & Parish Clerk

9.Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval June 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,978.83
HM Revenue and Customs	£255.32
Weston Town Council	£308.88
K.Harper Reimbursements	£40.20
Kewstoke Village	£500.00
J.K.Gardening	£1,125.00
Weston Support services	£135.65
Total	£5,343.88

Additional Payments for June paid by DD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£93.00
British Gas	£24.70
SSE	£219.68
ASL	£65.34

The Clerk made reference to 2 o/s invoices being pursued by Zerographics in respect of the old printer removed in 2022; These were currently being challenged based on the final readings not agreeing with the invoice details.

10. Clerks Report

The Clerk made reference to a resident who wished to make the Council aware that he proposed to trim back the Sea Buckthorn on the dunes opposite his house and enquire if the Council had any objections. An email from Natural England had been

received which sanctioned this work and this was read out to the meeting by the Clerk.

The Parish Council registered no objection, although indicated its wish that any branches were removed.

The Clerk made reference to an email from the new Police & Crime Commissionaire introducing her to the Parish Council,

It was requested that the Clerk respond and request assistance with the current issue of speeding vehicles around the Village and anti social behaviour in the Car Parks.

Action: - Parish Clerk

11. **Councillors Report**

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry raised the question as to why Kewstoke Road had recently been closed. Cllr Cunnigahm confirmed that an electricity cable had come down.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams asked if the Clerk had sent an email to North Somerset Council regarding the extent of the resurfacing of Tarmac on the verges on Sand Road. The Clerk confirmed that this had been sent and would forward a copy of the email to Cllr Adams.

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald reported that there was some graffiti on the Bus Shelter in Crookes Lane, and asked if this could be addressed by Cllr Harper and the Village Orderly.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that the Bus Shelter required repainting. This was agreed to be discussed at the next Precept meeting, as funds had not been made available for the current financial year to address.

Cllr Harper also reported that some of the seats on the Sea Front had been repaired.

Meeting closed at 8.52

12. Date of next meeting Monday 5th August 2024.

