



**Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**“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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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, which commenced at 7.30pm.

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

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Members**

Cllr L. Pilgrim

Cllr R. Willis

### **Public Participation**

There were seven members the Public in attendance.

1. Concerns were raised by a resident/owner of Hazelwood Caravan Park in Crookes Lane regarding the safety issues faced when entering and exiting the Caravan Park, particularly as there is a bus stop opposite, and vehicles parked adjacent to the entrance.

The Parish Council was asked to assist in finding and implementing a solution, possibly the extension of parking restrictions.

2. A resident from Beach Road thanked the Parish Council for all their efforts working with NSC and the Police in attempting to reduce the speeding vehicles in and around Kewstoke, particularly focussing on the car park opposite the South Sands Hotel where they tended to congregate, and which is now to be locked overnight.

It was reported that the problem still persists to an extent although it was recognised that the matter is still in the process of being addressed. Some criminal damage to the gate had been recently reported to the Police.

A member of the public who was employed by a Security Company sub contracted by NSC offered to arrange the locking of the gates each evening.. Their details were passed to the Clerk.

3. Although a Planning matter, three representatives of Sandbay Solar Company gave a presentation relating to the planning application **22/P/3036/FUL** in respect of the Installation of groundmount Photovoltaic Units (Solar Panels) together with Transformers, Sub-station and ancillary equipment to create a solar farm producing carbon-free electricity.

This application was subsequently discussed at the planning meeting.

### **Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

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

N.Richards    **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Jenkins

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

None.

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Proposed Cllr Buckley  
Seconded Cllr Horry

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 6th February 2023 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

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

### **Public Place Protection Order (Open Fires on the Beach)**

After some discussion it was agreed to request that North Somerset Council include the banning of open fires on the beach/dunes at Sand Bay in a Public Place Protection Order. This was requested and outlined in Public Participation by a resident of Beach Road.

The only amendment to the original request was to allow organised camp fires agreed in advance with NSC.

**Action: - Parish Clerk- ongoing**

### **Dune Erosion**

The Clerk confirmed that a quote had been received for £3,500 for the post and rail fencing, required for opposite the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road.

It was agreed to set up a working group of Cllr Harper, Cllr Morris Cllr MacDonald Cllr Adams and the Parish Clerk to look at options and progress. .

**Action: - Parish Clerk - ongoing**

### **Street lights**

It was reported that a further two streetlights on Kewstoke Road near the junction with Anson Road were out of action. Cllr Whyte agreed to provide the Clerk with the numbers so they could be reported.

**Action: - Cllr Whyte**

The Clerk also confirmed that the street light missing from the telegraph pole on Lower Norton Lane / Myrtle Tree Farm entrance had been reported.

### **Chevron**

Cllr Harper raised the issue of the chevron on the corner of Elmsley Lane which had still to be reinstated.

**Action: - Cllr Pilgrim ongoing**

### **Groundworks at the Village Green**

The Clerk reported that a quote of £960 plus Vat had been received for the proposed work at the Village Green, as previously reported.  
After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Adams would seek an alternative quote.

**Action:- Cllr Adams**

## **6. Police Beat Report**

The Police Beat Report for February was read out by the Clerk. The general opinion was that although it was an improvement it wasn't sufficiently detailed as had been previously requested.

It was decided not to minute the contents, although a copy is available from the Clerk,

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

Matters had been addressed at other points in the meeting.

## **7. Other Issues**

### **Elections**

The Clerk reported that appointments could now be booked at NSC for an informal check of nomination papers prior to their submission which is from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.

### **First Aid Course**

The Clerk referred to a particular course run by the Community Heartbeat Trust focussing on Sudden Cardiac Arrest and CPR. The cost was £250 for up to 50 attendees.

It was proposed to arrange a session in the Village Hall for those Councillors who wished to attend and then offered to residents via Face Book,

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr MacDonald

Agreed unanimously

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk reported that the replacement Bench had now been delivered and was waiting to be installed.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to progress

### **Speed watch campaign.**

The Clerk reported that only 3 people had put their names forward and that the minimum requirement to set up such a scheme was 4.

It was agreed to re advertise for volunteers via the Village FaceBook page.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Groundworks Maintenance Contract**

The Clerk confirmed that the working group of Cllr Harper, Cllr Adams and the Clerk had negotiated a groundwork contract with JK Gardening. Initial work cutting the Village Green had commenced 2/3/2023.

### **Defibrillator Bus Terminus Car Park**

The Clerk reported that a Defibrillator unit and Cabinet had now been purchased and was ready to install at the Kiosk in the Bus Terminus Car Park. The cabinet was currently with MH Electricals who would install a power supply and install the Cabinet to house the unit.

### **Broadband**

Cllr Willis reported that she had received a letter giving an update on the position in Kewstoke from John Penrose MP and would make the contents of the letter available shortly.

### **A&S Police Councillor Forum**

The Clerk referred to an invite from the Police and Crime Commissionaire for any Councillors to attend a Councillors forum on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Somerset Hall.

After some discussion it was decided that the invite would not be taken up.

### **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that contracts for the allotments for 2023/24 had been drawn up and distributed by Cllr Vearncombe.

The Clerk also referred to the dispensation afforded to the tenants of the Kiosk in respect of a recharge of electricity costs for January and February 2023 and whether this should continue. It was agreed that this should not continue.

Reference was made to an email received via Cllr Cunningham asking if the photocopier could be used by others than Parish Council members for a small charge. This was felt not to be workable.

The Clerk also confirmed that dates which he will be away on holiday- 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

It was agreed that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting would be held in May 2023, and that the date should be set at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that a further email had been received by a resident referring to stones on verges and use of the Bus Terminus car park by BBC film crew,

The Chairman confirmed that a request had been made to circulate the letter which he had seen, to all Councillors prior to this meeting. However, he felt that in the

context of ongoing correspondence it was best to reference the correspondence at this meeting.

The Chairman referenced specific questions and observations within the correspondence and felt that these items had been adequately responded to in previous replies to the resident.

It was proposed that no further action was required.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Adams

Agreed Unanimously

The Chairman also referenced a further email received by the same resident referring in particular the use of no parking cones outside the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to respond.

The Clerk also confirmed that he had made an application to NSC for up to 200 free flowers for planting and display in and around the Village.

### **Landing page on Website**

The clerk reported a request had been received to provide a link on our Website to 'Trainline' Europe's leading Train and Coach online application (app). This was agreed.

## **9.Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval February 2023

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,338.60
London Hearts	£1,300.99
HM Revenue and Customs	£201.83
A & J MacDonald reimbursement	£26.00
Weston Town Council	£297.00
Total	<b>£4,164.42</b>

Additional Payments for February paid by DD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£86.50
SEE	£115.81

The Clerk also reported that a disputed invoice with Zerographics in respect of the printer removal had now been agreed with Company and that it was no longer due.

## **10. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham reported that the drain outside the Owls Nest was not functioning correctly, and that the Pot Holes in the same location had still not been repaired.

Cllr Cunningham also reported pot holes near the Pink Shop.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that an Invoice for payment for the Marquee to be used for the Coronation Celebrations was going to be forwarded to the Clerk shortly.

Cllr Whyte also reminded the meeting that tickets for the live entertainment at the same event were now on sale.

Advance apologies were given by Cllr Whyte as she would be unable to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Cllr Horry**

Cllr Horry reminded the meeting that a request for a donation towards the new heating system for the Village Hall in the region of £2,500 would be made to the Parish Council in the next financial year.

### **Cllr Willis**

Cllr Willis reported that she would not standing in Mays elections and had after 21 years service decided to retire from office.

**Meeting closed at 8.42pm**

**11. Date of next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.**





