



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024, which commenced at 7.07pm.

Present:- Cllrs, T.Morris,(Vice Chairman) K.Jenkins,

K.Harper,R.Adams,T.Horry, N.Whyte, G.Vearncombe, & R.Cunningham

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Williams (part)

Public Participation

There were 2 members of the Public in attendance.

A resident of Mountbatten Close addressed the meeting and confirmed that they would be undertaking a wildlife survey on the land relating to the proposed Planning Application **23/P/1439/OUT *Outline application for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and associated works, with access for approval; all other matters of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent***

approval | Land To The North Of Junction Of Lyefield Road And Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke

The resident also stated that the value of nearby housings would drop if the Planning Application was approved.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.07pm

Cllr Morris confirmed that Cllr MacDonald (Chairman) could not attend the meeting and in his absence he would be chairing the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr MacDonald

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5th February 2024

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 5th February to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

5. Unitary Members Report

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 Pilgrim also reported that she had contacted NSC with regarding setting up a meeting regarding the provision of a bus stop opposite Sand Bay Holiday Park "Pontins" and replacing the Bus Stop sign opposite the Church.

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that she was following up a request to contact NSC ecologist with regards to the constant cutting back of the hedge on Anson Road.

The Clerk was requested to also contact NSC Enforcement Department regarding the further cutting back of the hedge.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that the Planning Officer had agreed to a meeting w/c 18th March to discuss the Planning Application **23/P/1439/OUT | Outline application for the erection of up to 75 dwellings and associated works, with access for approval; all other matters of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval | Land To The North Of Junction Of Lyefield Road And Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke**

Action: - Clerk to confirm dates

The Clerk requested that Cllr Pilgrim raise the matter of repairing the Pot Holes on the Toll Road with North Somerset Council as he was unable to register the issue on the NSC portal or via a telephone call, as it was claimed the road was not adopted.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

6. Police Beat Report

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

Calls Received 35

Cygnets 14

Sand Piper Care Home 1

Threats 1

Road Related 2

ASB 1

Other 5

Suspicious 3

Concern for welfare 2

Public Order 2

Abandoned 999 calls 1

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

Work at Kewstoke Primary School

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Macdonald had requested that temporary traffic lights were put in place as the works were now not expected to be complete until the summer of 2024.

Unfortunately the North Somerset Council Project Manager confirmed that the road traffic management company advised that Kewstoke road is not suitable for a traffic light system.

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](#)

Annual Playground Report

Cllr Morris reported that there was still some work to be completed although the recent inclement weather had delayed any work.

Action: - [Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe ongoing \(2 O/s Items\)](#)

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

Action: - Cllr MacDonald- [ongoing](#)

Fence Crookes Lane Footpath

Cllr Morris reported that he and Cllr Adams had further inspected the fence and identified that at least 20 posts required reinforcement or replacement, albeit in their opinion they were not in a dangerous condition.

It was suggested that metal stakes were inserted and screwed to the posts initially to see if this resolved the issue.

It was agreed that two quotes would be obtained in respect of repairing the posts, possibly in stages dependant on cost.

It was noted that an amount had been included in the 2024/25 precept for part of this work.

Action: - Cllr Harper & Cllr Adams- [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](#)

Speed watch

The Clerk confirmed that training for the current volunteers had taken place and that 4 new volunteers had come forward. A start date is awaited from the local organiser.

8. Other Issues

Interviews for Co Option of New Councillors

The Clerk confirmed that the interviews were now to be held on Wednesday 6th March by an interview panel consisting of Cllr Cunningham, Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Harper & Cllr Whyte.

Staffing Meeting

A date of 15th March at 10.30am at the Village Hall was agreed.

Action: - Parish Clerk

9. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the minimum wage was being raised w.e.f. 1st April 2024 to £11.44

It was proposed to round this up to £11.50 and increase the salary of all our orderlies w.e.f. 1/4/2024.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed Unanimously

Action: - Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that the Council had been offered a free portrait of King Charles. It was agreed to accept this offer.

Action: - Parish Clerk

The Clerk also confirmed that he had written to NSC Executive Lead for Highways and Transport regarding the issues with parking along Crookes Lane.

A request to complete a Highways Improvement request form was suggested to progress the matter

Action: - Parish Clerk

The Clerk also confirmed that allotment letters and contracts would be made available for circulation and requesting payment.

Action: - Parish Clerk & Cllr Vearncombe

10. 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 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,470.06
HM Revenue and Customs	£213.28
Weston Town Council	£308.88
E.Adams Reimbursement	£80.00
A&J MacDonald Reimbursement	£10.00
Total	£3,082.22

Additional Payments for December paid by DD

Water2Business £40.50

Water2 Business £93.00

British Gas £25.49

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham raised the issue of large Pot Holes outside the Owl's Crest B&B and outside the New Inn. Cllr Harper confirmed that these had been reported and were being addressed by Wales & West Utilities.

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte referred to the hedge adjacent to Anson Road which appeared to have been cut back yet again.

It was agreed that Cllr Pilgrim would raise the matter with North Somerset Councils Ecologist and the Clerk raise again with the NSC Enforcement team.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim & Parish Clerk.

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of ash trees adjacent to the footpath near the allotments required cutting back as a result of Ash Dieback disease.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting to review the best method of addressing the Issue.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe, Cllr Adams & Cllr Morris

Cllr Vearncome also referred to the damage to Collum Lane as a result of large vehicles supplying material to Collum Farm.

The Clerk confirmed that NSC Highways department were aware of the situation and that deliveries to the farm would go on for at least another 2 months.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that work was ongoing to remove the weeds on the Sea Front path and steps.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that a dead tree was leaning over the road between Ash Tree Caravan Park and the junction of Lyefield Road.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Adams also requested that the Clerk contact NSC highways to see if the issue of speeding vehicles at the corner of Home Farm could be addressed with possible warning signs.

Action: - Parish Clerk.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm

12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

