



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022, which commenced at 7pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

L.Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7pm

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

N.Richards (Liaison Officer)

3. Declaration of interests

None.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th January 2022

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

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/Updates 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.

The Clerk confirmed that an appropriate reply had been received which was read out to the Councillors.

Action: - Complete

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.

Action: - Cllr Adams to confirm if the bales have been removed.

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 & the Clerk kindly agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: - Completed

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

The Clerk reported that the list of bylaws didn't make reference to driftwood and that NSDC had been contacted for clarification.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the only bylaws relating to the seashore at Kewstoke that he had been made aware of were provided by NSDC and referred to bylaws passed by Axbridge Rural District Council in 1935. In which it states:-

“No person shall on the seashore break in any horse or other animal or ride or drive any horse or other animal in a race or so as to cause damage or annoyance to any person using the sea shore.”

NSDC had been contacted for Clarification and if there were more recent updated bylaws relating to the matter. .

Action: - Ongoing

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

Action: - Cllr Morris to check if this was now working.

6. Police Beat Report

The Clerk reported that Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Whyte and the Clerk attended a meeting with our local PCSO to discuss future crime reporting, in an attempt to improve the information currently being produced.

It appears it is currently a time consuming effort for the PCSO's to produce the current beat report and suggested it was not practical to spend additional time to produce more meaningful data as was requested.

As a compromise a summary report will be provided for each Parish Council meeting rather than a beat report, details of the first summary is as follows:-

Neighbourhood Report

01/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

There has been a decline in calls reported in the month of January mainly theft and one Non dwelling burglary in Kewstoke.

Cygnet has had the highest demand.

The majority of crimes reported are isolated incidents which have occurred within dwellings and are unlikely to have any effect on the wider community

Police Priorities/Action Undertaken/Advice/Upcoming events:

Please be aware there has been an increase of fraud taking place within the force area, fraudster pretending to be Police Officers

Your local Beat Team is on hand to provide any advice, reassurance or answer queries, and can be contacted via the Force Website. If you have friends, family or neighbours in the local community who you feel will benefit from a visit with a PCSO - whether it be advice on online scams and fraud to protecting your property - then please contact one of your local PCSO's. . PCSO's are also offering FREE Bike Marking, if you are interested, please get in touch!

We are asking residents to remain alert but not alarmed and to report suspicious activity to us via 101 or 999 in an emergency.

It was generally felt that it was a reasonable start but more detail should be provided.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim to progress with the Local Police Inspector.

Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had received an email from a resident of Kewstoke Road requesting a footpath/pavement along Kewstoke Road to provide a safe route for pedestrians.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim to respond.

8.Other Issues

Boardwalk

Costing are still being collated to establish the outlay required to restore the Boardwalk

Action: - Cllr Harper & Cllr Morris

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

Telephone Kiosk

Western Power has quoted £1,200 to replace an unusable connection to the recently purchased telephone box.

The Clerk was requested to contact Western Power and seek an explanation as to why they thought the Parish Council was liable to meet this cost.

In principle it was proposed to pay the £1,200 connection fee subject to the response from Western Power,

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe are to assess any additional work required such as painting and repairs to glazing and provide cost.

Action: - Parish Clerk to contact Western Power

Cllr Morris & Cllr, Vearncombe

Trees

A number of trees have now been received from NSDC and are awaiting planting in the Village Green.

A photo of the site before and after is required along with a map for NSDC's records.

It was suggested that once a date had been agreed for planting the local school should be contacted inviting the Children to be involved in the exercise.

Action: - Cllr Harper to agree date.

Parish Survey

Cllr MacDonald reported that the history exhibition on 02/02/2022 was well attended and resulted in further registrations for the Survey.

A further meeting of the Survey Committee was held on the 3rd February to continue preparations of the questionnaire with a further meeting arranged for Tuesday 8th February to progress.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald

Traffic Survey

Cllr MacDonald reported that the traffic survey along Kewstoke Road had now been completed and the results received.

Based on the results NSDC did not consider that further action was required with regards to any traffic calming measures.

Representatives of the residents of Kewstoke Road have been notified and sent the results. A meeting has been arranged with the NSDC Traffic Policy Officer and representatives of the residents to review in more detail the results.

9. Clerks Report

All issues have been covered in other agenda items

10. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval January 2022

Salary & Expenses	£2,105.28
Weston Support Services	£97.41
HM Revenue and Customs	£204.45
Nancy Whyte reimbursements	£394.02
Kewstoke Fete and community Group	£300.00
NSDC	£750.00
K.Harper reimbursement	£117.96
Kewstoke Village Hall	£150.00
M J Isgar	£1,800.00
Total	£5,919.72

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Bates

Cllr Bates wished to make the Councillors aware of the large amount of work being undertaken by the Kewstoke Community group in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte agreed to check if the Anson Road sign had been repaired and replaced by NSDC.

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported a large pot hole on the junction of Kewside and Crookes Lane.

Action: - Parish Clerk to report to NSDC.

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry made reference to the Annual Parish Meeting and requested that a date be booked in April 2022.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that the owner of land adjacent to the Village Hall was to make it a wildlife area. This was generally welcomed by the Councillors.

Cllr Harper suggested that any surplus Trees (refer item 8) could be donated to the site if placed adjacent to the footpath.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams referred to the proposed closure of Lyefield Road.

It was agreed that this would be discussed in the Planning meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm

Date of next meeting Monday 7th March 2022.

