



## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

**“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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021, which commenced at 7.03 pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs R. Adams, T Morris (Vice Chairman) , J.MacDonald, (Chairman) K.Harper, N.Whyte, & C.Bates. T.Horry & K.Jenkins

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### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary members**

Cllr Pilgrim

#### **Public Participation**

None

There were no members of the public present.

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7.03pm

**2. Apologies for absence**

**N.Richards Liaison Officer**

**Cllr Willis Unitary member**

**Cllr Cunningham**

**Cllr Vearncombe**

**Cllr Buckley**

**3. Declaration of interests**

None

**4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Bates

Agreed Unanimously

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

Cllr Adams to provide back up for future Internet Banking authorisations.

**Completed: - Cllr Adams had successfully authorised the payments for July.**

Build up of Sand on the verge at the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road as reported by Cllr Bates.

**Ongoing: - Cllr Adams and Cllr Morris to investigate**

**6. Police Beat Report**

**Period 01/7/2021-31/07/2021**

**Calls received 65**

Crimes recorded 57

19 Concern for welfare

2 Road Related

2 Abandoned 999 calls

2 Assaults

1 Anti Social behaviour

3 Thefts

3 Suspicious

1 Threat

1 Criminal Damage

2 Public Order

Call from Cygnet Hospital 21

**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.

A response on the improvement in the content of the Beat report was still awaited.

Cllr Pilgrim made reference to a proposed FaceBook page run by the local Police to allow for a Q&A session for the public. A representative of the local Police would be asked to attend a future Parish Council meeting and outline the initiative

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

**7. Unitary Members Report**

Cllr Pilgrim made reference to an outstanding agreed request to North Somerset Council to extend the double yellow lines into Myrtle Tree crescent. This work despite being agreed would not now be carried out in this financial year. Cllr Pilgrim had requested further information.

Cllr Pilgrim also confirmed that resurfacing work on Monks Hill would commence on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Cllr Adams requested Cllr Pilgrim to make enquiries with the case Officer in respect of a Planning Application 21/P1440/FUL which had been recently passed. There was concern that the agreement to allow a container to be sited in open countryside had not been fully considered as this would now set a precedent and have far reaching implications for the area.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Adams also requested Cllr Pilgrim to facilitate a meeting with the head of NSC Enforcement department and representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the current position with regards a perceived lack of enforcement activity.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

## **8. Other Issues**

### **Toilet Doors replacement/New Cash Collection Machines**

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that there had been some issues initially with the operation of the locking systems and unfortunately a visitor had become locked in one of the cubicles.

The installation company had agreed to rectify the faults and replace faulty items where required.

### **Hedges Kewstoke Road.**

The Clerk reported that he had been made aware that a resident was concerned with overgrowing private hedges along part of Kewstoke Road, posing a hazard for motorists.

Cllr Vearncombe had agreed to discuss the matter with the owners with a view to offering the option of the hedges being cut back by the Parish Councils contractor.

**Action :-** Cllr Vearncombe.

### **Waste Bins**

The Clerk confirmed that NSC had agreed extra emptying of the waste bins along the sea front on a Sunday morning for the duration of the school holidays to assist with the increase in litter from visitors. This would be at no cost to the Parish Council and would be reviewed for effectiveness at the end of trial period.

### **Playground Report & Monitoring Play Area on Village Green.**

A number of actions are still outstanding in relation to the ROSPA Annual inspection report.

Action: - Cllr Morris & Cllr Adams

In addition a purchase order has been raised with GB sports and Leisure to replace the swing hangers.

Cllr MacDonald has obtained a quote for replacement signage in the sum of £248 plus £18 for a contact name and number sign for the public to report issues with the play area. (A requirement of the ROSPA report)

It was proposed that this signage would be purchased

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald

### **Strategic Traffic/Parking overview**

The Clerk reported that the Senior Engineer of the Place Directorate at North Somerset Council had contacted him and agreed to be responsible for undertaking the review. A date for the first meeting has still yet to be agreed.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Christmas Party**

It was agreed to confirm the booking of the entertainer

**Action :** - Parish Clerk

### **Parish Survey**

Cllr MacDonald reported that in 02/02/2022 it would be 20 years since the last Parish Survey undertaken in 02/02/2002. He suggested that a new survey should be undertaken and a local Steering Group be established to run the exercise.

It was proposed that the idea would be published on the Parishes Website and Village FaceBook page to gain feedback and seek volunteers to run the exercise.

Proposed Cllr. Horry  
Seconded Cllr. Harper  
Agreed Unanimously

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald

## **9. Clerks Report**

### **Insurance Policy**

The Clerk reported that the Councils Insurance Policy is due for renewal and that the pre renewal invitation had been received and compared to the current Fixed Asset Register to ensure adequate cover. The brokers will now seek 3 appropriate quotes for review.

### **Memorial Benches**

The Clerk reported that a plaque had been added to the last available concrete sided bench along the sea front along with a donation of £150. All benches along the sea front now have memorial plaques mounted on them.

A general request had been received recently to site a further memorial plaque and the Clerk will seek information as to the requirements.

### **BMX Park Worlebury Woods**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a site meeting with representatives of North Somerset Council where agreement had been reached for work to be undertaken to address the expansion of the Site, The Clerk had emailed NSC with his understanding of the agreed work but not received confirmation. Cllr Pilgrim agreed to chase up.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

### **Monks Hill**

As discussed earlier in the Unity Members report, resurfacing work on Monks Hill is to commence on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Notice board**

The Clerk reported that the new notice board had been delivered.

Cllr Morris agreed to assist with locating the notice board at the Bus Shelter opposite the Pink Shop.

**Action:** - Cllr Morris & Parish Clerk

## **10. Financial Update**

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

Payments for July 2021

Salaries& Wages	£2,102.69
Weston Support Services	£132.33
J.Sayer Reimbursement	£97.05
HM Revenue and Customs	£204.45
Jeffries Joinery Ltd-( Toilet Doors)	£4,920.00
J&A MacDonald	£10.00
M J Isgar ( sea front bank/Village hedges)	£1,284.00
T.H Baker ( groundworks)	£1,062.72
Elmsley nurseries	£29.75
Kewstoke Village Hall	£50.00
Weston Town Council ( 2 months)	£297.00
Handyman Ham	£92.00
Total	<b>£10,281.99</b>

The Clerk further reported

1. A Purchase Order had now been received from the Environment Agency in respect of the annual grant of £1,200.
2. The Kiosk concession payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> August had been paid.
3. The electricity contract in respect of the Kiosk & Toilets is due to expire on 30th September 2021 and that using a price comparison company the new rates were found to be competitive. It was agreed further research would be undertaken with a view to agreeing the new contract by 1/9/2021 for a period of 2 years.

## **11. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Jenkins**

Cllr Jenkins reported that a tent had been erected on the dunes opposite the Tea Rooms attracting a large noisy gathering; however, it appeared on investigation to be a one off event.

The situation is to be monitored and if it appears it might reoccur it will be reported to the Community Response Officers that patrol the beach and dunes and or the local PCSO's

### **Cllr Horry**

Cllr Horry reported that the Information Board had become displaced from the supporting rock opposite the South Sands Hotel .This had been reported to North Somerset Council who appeared not to have details of the original wording.

Cllr Horry is to contact NSC with details of the wording and request a new Information Board is provided.

The original damaged board was handed to Cllr Harper by a resident of Kewstoke.

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that a Hog Roast was to take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Kewstoke Village Hall. Tickets will be available from the Pink shop and Sand Bay Fish Bar.

Cllr Whyte also reported that the new Vicar of St. Pauls Church will take her first service on 22/8/2021.

### **Cllr Bates**

Cllr Bates reported a build up of sand along Beach Road. The Clerk was requested to report this to North Somerset Council Highways department.

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams requested that the Clerk contact Western Power as it appeared vehicles from this company had damaged the sea bank opposite 99-100 Beach Road whilst erecting two new electricity poles.

### **Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald reported that a resident of Kewstoke had suggested the provision of planters by the picket fences at the entrance to the Village. It was agreed in principle that this suggestion would be looked at next year when the Free Annual Flower Scheme became available.

### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reported that the telephone box adjacent to Owls Nest was in disrepair. It was requested that the Clerk contact B.T. to see if there was a possibility for the Council to purchase the telephone box and enable it to be maintained.

**Meeting closed at 8.20pm**

**12. Date of next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**





