



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, which commenced at 7pm.

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

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Members**

Cllr L. Pilgrim (Part)

### **Public Participation**

There were no members the Public in attendance.

### **Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7pm

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## **2. Apologies for absence**

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Horry

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Willis **Unitary member**

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs, MacDonald, Harper and Adams declared an interest in item 5.f as they were directly mentioned in a letter received from a resident.

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

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Whyte

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

Agreed Unanimously

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

### **a. 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.

Details have now been received from NSC indicating that the matter has now been raised and will be subject to public consultation following the up and coming Elections.

**b. 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**

**c. 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.

It was confirmed that the light numbers are 6, 7 &8

**Action: - Parish Clerk/Cllr Harper**

**d. 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**

**e. 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, and based on this a decision would be made as to whether to undertake the work and to what extent.

**Action: - Cllr Adams-ongoing**

**f. Letter from Resident**

The Chairman made reference to another recent letter received from a resident of Beach Road, which had been passed to all Council members, and made reference to previous ongoing correspondence and in particular a recent response from the Chairman to the many issues that had been raised by the resident previously . After some discussion it was proposed that this should now be the end of the matter and that no further response on behalf of the Parish Council was warranted.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Morris  
Agreed Unanimously

## **6. Police Beat Report**

The Police Beat Report for March was read out by the Clerk. The general opinion was that there had been no substantial 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,

It was agreed that Cllr Pilgrim contact Inspector O'Loughlin and the A&S Police & Crime Commissionaire to chase the non attendance of any PCSO at the Council meetings and improvements sought to the Beat report. .

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had not received any satisfactory guidance from A&S Police with regards setting up a speed watch campaign and will follow up.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim.

## **7. Other Issues**

### **Speeding Vehicles Kewstoke**

It was generally agreed that the situation was improving and at this stage no further action was required.

### **Traffic Parking Issues**

It was agreed that a request should be put forward to NSC by the Parish Council in an attempt to alleviate the parking issues still experienced in Crookes Lane, this despite the provision of double yellow lines in part.

It was agreed that Cllr MacDonald would monitor the situation over the Easter period and acquire photographic evidence to pass to NSC.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald

### **First Aid Course**

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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.

A date had yet to be found to stage the course

It was agreed to publish details of the Course on the Village FaceBook site and gauge potential interest.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald

### **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk reported that the replacement Bench had now been sited on the Sea Front and wished to thank Cllr Harper, Cllr Adams and Cllr Morris and others for their assistance in the installation.

A plaque is now awaited to attach

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Payment for Marquee**

After some discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council would pay for the full cost of the hire of a Marquee for the Coronation Celebrations,

As the Village Fete Committee had in effect paid the deposit, this would be refunded to them, and the balance paid to Langford Marquees.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed unanimously

### **Broadband**

The Clerk referred to an email from Cllr Willis indicating that only limited broadband roll out would be undertaken by a company called Cityfibre in and around Kewstoke. It was suggested that residents outside of the proposed roll out area should register their interest with Cityfibre and or apply for Government grants through the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, in which the supplier can apply for vouchers on behalf of the residents, to provide funding for additional broadband roll out.

It was agreed to publish this advice.

**Action:-** Parish Clerk

### **Date of Annual Parish Meeting**

This was agreed to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village hall

### **Date of Policy and Finance meeting**

This was agreed to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 7pm in the Village hall

## **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk referred to the Insurance currently taken out by the Council to cover external risk, this was taken out on 1/10/2021 for a three year period. Details were reviewed by the P&F Committee at the time of renewal.

The current risk assessments are to be reviewed at the Policy & Finance meeting scheduled for 26/4/2023.

### **9.Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval March 2023

Salaries & reimbursements	£2,480.81
K.Harper reimbursements	£49.99
HM Revenue and Customs	£215.63
MH Electricals	£210.00
Weston Town Council	£594.00
Weston Support Services	£110.30
Glasdon	£1,478.89
Total	<b>£5,139.62</b>

Additional Payments for March paid by DD & FPD

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£86.50
SEE	£113.41
Sharples	£74.65
ICO	£35
Service Charge	£18

### **10. Councillors Report**

#### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that there were still tickets available, in particular for the bands booked on Friday and Saturday evenings, in respect of the Coronation Celebrations.

Cllr Whyte also confirmed that 50 additional leaflets would be printed and be made available for distribution.

Cllr Whyte proposed to invite unitary member Cllr Willis to the next Parish Council meeting, as she was resigning as a District Councillor, and that a presentation of a gift Voucher to the value of £60 and some flowers was made to her for all her efforts supporting the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

### **Cllr Buckley**

Cllr Buckley reported that the 'latest news' tab on the Parish Website was not 'mobile friendly' and requested that the website administrator be contacted

**Action:** - Parish Clerk.

### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reported that a resident had contacted him with regards the build up of rubbish in a neighbours garden, and requested the telephone number of NSC Environmental Protection Department so that it could be reported,

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

Cllr Morris also requested that a presentation could be made at the next Parish Council meeting from a Company representing play equipment that could be added to the existing equipment on the Village Green.

It was agreed that it should be included as an agenda item for the June meeting.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that one of the coin machines at the toilet block was not working, although he had obtained a specialist tool and felt he was able to repair it.

The Clerk was requested to see if a maintenance contract could be set up to cover future breakdowns.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that a representative of NSC had contacted him recently and confirmed that a number of reported pot holes would be repaired in the coming weeks.

This included the subsidence on Sand Road and the Give Way sign at the junction of Lyefield Road and Collum lane.

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams had been contacted by a resident of Kewside with regards to issues caused by vehicles parking on the grass verges between the highway and the pavement making vehicular access by residents to their properties difficult.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact NSC.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**11. Date of next meeting (Annual Parish Council Meeting) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**



