



**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> February 2023, which commenced at 7.13pm.

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

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Member**

Cllr L. Pilgrim

Cllr R. Willis

### **Public Participation**

Unfortunately an expected representative of Avon & Somerset Police was unable to attend the meeting.

There were two members the Public in attendance.

Concerns were raised by two residents of Kewstoke Road regarding an increasing number of incidents of speeding vehicles in and around the Village. This has been happening on numerous nights for 2-3 weeks and there is real concern that a serious incident will happen shortly.

The vehicles congregate in the NSC Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel as the Car Park is open 24/7 and is not locked. There was also a suggestion that the use of illegal drugs was taking place.

The question was asked what the Parish Council could do to help.

The residents had reported the matter to the Police and local PCSO's had visited the Village moving on a number of cars from the Car Park although the issue still persists.

Cllr MacDonald indicated that the Parish Council had also contacted the Police and that an inspector from Avon & Somerset Police had attended a Parish Council meeting where he was made aware of the situation and offered to take action, although accepts the situation still exists and is getting worse. .

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had contacted NSC Officers with regards to night time locking of the Car Park but this request had been declined.

Cllr Pilgrim would, if no progress had been made within a couple of days, escalate the matter to the Chief Executive of NSC, the Chief Constable and the Crime and Police Commissioner of Avon & Somerset Police.

Cllr Willis reported that the owners of South Sands Hotel opposite the Car Park had also reported the matter to the Police following complaints from their residents.

### **Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7.13pm

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

N.Richards    **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Vearncombe

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

None.

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Proposed Cllr Whyte  
Seconded Cllr Morris

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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 two quotes for the post and rail fencing are still awaited.

**Action: - Parish Clerk - ongoing**

### **Speedwatch Campaign**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had contacted PCSO Taylor with regards to setting up a Speed Watch campaign for Kewstoke .The Clerk reported that two volunteers had put their names forward to help with the campaign; their details were passed to Cllr Pilgrim.

**Action: - Cllr Pilgrim - ongoing awaiting response from PCSO Taylor**

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper referred to the streetlights that were still out of action despite the fact that they had been reported. These were situated at the top of Monks Hill, two in Sand Road and one at the top of Anson Road.

**The Street lights have now been repaired although it was noted that a further issue is with a streetlight at the junction of Anson Road and the Queensway.**

**Action: - Parish Clerk**

## **6. Police Beat Report**

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

Some of the content had been repeated from Decembers report.

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

It was requested that the Clerk contact the Inspector O'loughlin to again chase for more a meaningful report.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **7.Unitary Members Report**

### **Cllr Pilgrim**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that the reinstatement of the verges on Kewside and Manor Gardens were still to be completed following work by Wales and West Utilities. Cllr Pilgrim has contacted Wales & West Utilities who have agreed to complete the work shortly.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim to monitor

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

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

### **Cllr Willis**

Cllr Willis reported that there were issues with residents using the Chapel Car Park. Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Willis had agreed to meet with a view to establishing a solution. It was anticipated that this would then be published on the Parish Website and Village Face Book page.

## **7.Other Issues**

### **First Aid Course**

The Clerk referred to a video circulated to Councillors and published on the web site and Village FaceBook page instructing on the use of the newly acquired Defibrillator, and raised the question as to whether the provision of additional basic First Aid courses might be beneficial.

It was suggested that the Clerk contacted Worlebury Residents Association and South West Ambulance to enquire on availability and cost of courses.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk reported that one of the memorial benches on the sea front had fallen into disrepair and has been removed. One of the original owners had been contacted and asked if they would like to contribute towards a new bench. Unfortunately they were unable to afford to finance a replacement.

The original plaque, which had been removed, was offered to be sited in the Shelter or Village Hall to the original owner.

A new request had already been received with a view to replacing the bench and adding a single plaque only and not to include the original plaque.

This was proposed.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to progress

### **Annual Playground Report**

It was confirmed that all outstanding actions had now been addressed.

### **Election Briefing**

Cllr Whyte reported that she had attended a further online meeting arranged by North Somerset Council to brief Councillors and Clerks on the forthcoming Parish Elections in May 2023.

There was no new significant information to report since the original meeting in January 2023.

Cllr Buckley had downloaded nomination papers for those wishing to reapply to be elected to the Parish Council. These were duly circulated.

### **Replacement Bench Bus Terminus Car Park**

Cllr Harper requested funds to replace one of the benches at the Car Park that had fallen into disrepair. It was proposed that this could be purchased up to an agreed price of £200.

Proposed Cllr Cunnigham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

### **Strimmer Replacement**

Cllr Harper requested funds to replace the strimmer used in and around that required replacement. It was proposed that this could be purchased..

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

### **Groundworks Maintenance Contract**

The Clerk confirmed that one of the contractors had indicated that they would no longer be able to carry on with the work, and another wished to reduce his workload.

As a result Cllrs, Adams, Harper and the Clerk met with another contractor with a view to reallocating the Contract. Further meetings are planned. Once proposals have been finalised they will be put to the full Council for review and agreement.

### **Car Park opposite the New Castle**

The Clerk referred to an email from NSC Parking Manager regarding a proposal that the Parish Council maintains the Car Park opposite the New Castle when the current lease expires on 31/5/2023 for a sum of £500. In addition the use and control of the underground lockable storage area was offered for agreed use by the Parish Council.

The proposal to accept the offer in principle was put to the Council

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Horry

Agreed Unanimously

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

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

It was requested that the Clerk obtain some quotes with regards installing a Defibrillator unit at the Bus Terminus Car Park.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Yellow Lines Myrtle Tree Crescent**

Cllr MacDonald reported that following concerns from a resident of Myrtle Tree Crescent concerning NSC proposed and published notice of an extension of the yellow lineage into the Crescent by 28m. The Clerk and Cllr MacDonald had visited the site and re measured the required length of lineage. This was reported to NSC with a diagram showing exactly what the Parish Council had originally requested.

## **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk referred to further correspondence received from a resident of Beach Road referring to, in particular, dispensation given to a BBC film crew to park on the single yellow lines for a period of time by North Somerset Council and a letter sent out by NSC regarding stones on the Highway..

The Clerk summarised a number of the further questions raised by the resident and sought agreement on the response to each.

A draft of the reply would be agreed by the Chairman prior to sending and available to view.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that notification had been received regarding a proposed Weston Hospice Men's march through Kewstoke. No date had been made available.

The Clerk also referred to Councillors forum organised by Avon and Somerset's Police and Crime Commissioner, however, Cllr Willis confirmed this had been cancelled.

### **9. Financial Update**

The Clerk referred to the increase in the minimum hourly wage applicable from 1/4/2023 at a increased rate of £10.42.

It was proposed to increase the Orderlies salary to £11 per hour.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

The Clerk also confirmed that the recent VAT tax reclaim had been successfully made to HMRC of a value of £1,391.

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

#### Payments for Approval January 2023

Salaries & Expenses	£2,355.41
Tim Baker	£1,175.82
HM Revenue and Customs	£204.59
Kewstoke Village Hall	£240.00
Weston Town Council	£284.62
Weston Support Services	£35.33
Total	<b>£4,295.77</b>

### **10. Councillors Report**

#### **Cllr Jenkins**

Cllr Jenkins raised a question as to why traffic cones were not currently deployed outside of the Village Hall. Cllr Harper confirmed that due to a complaint from a resident NSC had insisted they were not used. Double yellow lines were, however, shortly due to be implemented 15m either side of the entrance.

Cllr Jenkins also raised the question of when fibre optic broadband would be available for properties at the Sand Point end of Sand Bay; Cllr Willis confirmed she would contact the Local MP John Penrose for an update.

**Action:** - Cllr Willis

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham thanked the Clerk, Cllr Harper and the Maintenance Manager for attending the Village Green with a view to dealing with a resident's complaint of overgrown vegetation.

The Clerk confirmed that a tree works contractor has now viewed the area and is in the process of providing a quote for the work.

Cllr Cunningham also confirmed that the banner advertising the Coronation celebrations was soon to be available for display.

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that the Children's Christmas Party had been a success although a new entertainer was required for next year.

### **Cllr Buckley**

Cllr Buckley requested an update on the fallen tree on the Toll Road

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed the work was planned by NSC for w/c 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reported that a large amount of rubbish had appeared on Monks Hill which he had subsequently removed.

Cllr Morris also made reference to a missing street light fitting (the bracket arm) as well as the street light missing from a telegraph pole on Lower Norton Lane/Myrtle Farm Lane entrance.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams referenced a letter sent by Lapworth Parish Council relating to Stones on verges which appeared to confirm the Councils position on the matter. ( See Clerks report)

### **Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald reported that a wooden bridge on the Church Walk footpath was in disrepair and dangerous.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**11. Date of next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**





