



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th August 2023, which commenced at 7.35pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Williams

Public Participation

There were 7 members of the Public in attendance

.Traffic issues resulting from work at Kewstoke Primary School.

A resident of Kewstoke Road commented on the current works in respect of Kewstoke Primary School.

Whilst the one way system was in place, motorists were taking little notice of the signage as it appeared to be unhelpfully sited.

The work on erecting the scaffolding had been delayed until 14/8/2023.

It was agreed that the resident monitored the situation and regularly contact North Somerset Council on issues as they arose.

Work on Nursing Home in Court Road.

A resident of Court Road expressed concern at the current work being undertaken at the Willows Nursing Home in Court Road.

There is an understanding that the capacity is being extended from 27 – 45 rooms with additional dormers being build, contrary to a Building Regulation Application recently submitted to restore the site to its original purpose.

Cllr MacDonald indicated that the Parish Council were aware of the situation and had contacted North Somerset Council Enforcement Dept requesting the matter be investigated.

A further resident of Court Road expressed concerns regarding Security, Parking and Traffic, should the expansion be completed

Listing the New Inn as an Asset of Community Value

A resident asked if the Parish Council would consider nominating the New Inn as an asset of Community Value, and agreed to send details of the conditions required to be met to qualify for nomination.

Application for Outline Planning Permission for 75 Houses off Lyefield Road.

A resident of Lyefield Road outlined his objections to outline planning for 75 houses opposite Lyefield Road. A document summarising his concerns was circulated to all Councillors.

It is understood that a planning application had now been submitted.23/P/1439/OUT

Cllr MacDonald indicated that a Public Meeting was likely to be called to discuss the application once details had been reviewed.

A request was made that the Local MP attended the meeting.

1.Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Horry

Cllr Buckley

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3rd July 2023

Proposed Cllr Cunningham
Seconded Cllr Whyte

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 3rd July 2023 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

5. Police Beat Report

As there had been no substantial improvement to the beat report and 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.

Cllr Pilgrim agreed to follow the matter up with the Avon & Somerset Police Commissionaire.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

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

Bye Law Signage

A further request by a resident requested that the Parish Council encourage NSC to instigate a further PPPO prohibiting all motor vehicles entering the Dunes or the Beach.

After some discussion it was felt that bye laws already exist covering this request, although signage would be useful reminding people of them and also to act responsibly whilst on the Beach. Cllr Pilgrim was requested to contact NSC to establish if signs could be erected.

[It was reported that the agreed wording was awaited from NSC](#)

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

80th Anniversary Celebrations of D Day

The Clerk reported that a request had been sent to to all Councils and Local Authorities suggesting that the 80th anniversary of D Day could be of celebrated by lighting strategically placed beacons, and inviting the Parish Council to register an interest,

It was requested that Cllr Pilgrim enquired as to whether NSC are planning to become involved.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim- **ongoing**

Annual Playground Report

The Clerk reported that the Annual Playground report had been undertaken and it was agreed to discuss at the next Policy and Finance meeting. There appeared that any of the findings were classified as low risk.

It was reported that some of the outstanding work had been completed, with the rest scheduled w/c 14/8/2023

Action: - **Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Horry expressed his surprise as he had learned that chestnut fencing was going to be used to improve the sea defences at Uphill, particularly as the Environment Agency had indicated that it could no longer be used at Sand Bay for Health and Safety reasons.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim to investigate-**ongoing**

Meeting with NSC Enforcement Officer

Cllr Adams referenced a meeting that had taken place with North Somerset Councils Delivery and Enforcement Manager, which the Clerk also attended.

A number of long outstanding cases were reviewed and a number of specific questions answered.

It was thought useful to have regular follow up meetings to review progress.

Action- Cllr Pilgrim to arrange a meeting and make appropriate executive member aware

Cllr Williams to raise the matter of long o/s cases and lack of enforcement action with North Somerset Council

Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim referred to a meeting arranged without her Knowledge at the BMX Park in Weston Woods by John Crockford –Hawley.

Cllr Cunningham attended the meeting and reported that agreement was reached to ensure the jumps remained within the allotted area defined by red posts. Jumps created outside this area would be flattened.

It was further agreed that the bikers would not cross the Toll Road and use the Copse adjacent to the Car Park to create additional “runs”.

It was also agreed to install a bin for dog waste at the site.

Reference was also made to a site visit at the Car Park by a number of Councillors with a view to installing fencing to slow down the BMX bikers entering the car park at

speed. This was attended by representatives of the horse community to ensure appropriate access was retained for horse riders.

Cllr MacDonald referred to some quotes received for the proposed work although other quotes for different fencing solutions were awaited.

It was agreed to arrange a further site meeting on Tuesday 15th at 5.30pm to continue to explore further options.

Action: - Cllrs MacDonald, Morris, Harper, Adams, and the Clerk

Cllr Pilgrim also referred to the ongoing works at Kewstoke Primary school and the traffic control measures currently in place, as was referred to in the Public Participation section. A meeting had been arranged with the School Governors to discuss the situation and in particular the perceived lack of communication.

8. Other Issues

Streetlight Norton Lane

The Clerk reported that a quote had been received for £1,132.50 from centregreat to undertake the work to repair the broken Streetlight in Norton Lane.

Following some discussion It was agreed that as no budget provision had been made for this work it would no longer be required.

Defibrillator Training Course

The Clerk confirmed that this had been booked for 7/9/2023 at 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

Public Protection Order – Draft

The Clerk confirmed that following the Policy & Finance meeting it was agreed to request a meeting with North Somerset's Safer Communities Enforcement Manager to discuss enforcement of any such order. To date no response received.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim & the Clerk

Speed Watch Campaign

A response is awaited from PSCO Dave Bennett regarding a risk assessment in respect of the proposed roads that will be subject to the Speed Watch.

Improved Access to walkways along Sea Front

It was reported that a site meeting had taken place with a resident of Beach Road where the original Planning Application submitted by the Parish Council was discussed. (Noting the application had now exceeded its time limit). It was agreed that the Resident progressed the works with the support of the Parish Council.

Publishing Agendas

It was agreed to publish agendas for Parish Council and Planning Meetings on the Councils Website and a hardcopy made available at the Village Hall.

Reference to this would be made in the notice of meetings published on the Notice boards in and around the Village.

Action: - Clerk

Authorised Spend Policy re adoption with amendments. KPC001

This was proposed for re adoption by Cllr Morris Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee.

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

Footpath adjacent to Kewstoke Road.

Cllr Whyte reported that the footpath adjacent to Kewstoke Road required cutting back as it was overgrown. A number of trees also required pruning as they appeared to be likely to cause damage in high winds.

The Clerk reported that this had been reported to North Somerset Council and also a quote obtained for £1,920.00 from Groundwork contractors.

It was agreed to chase up North Somerset Council, particularly stressing the safety concerns.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Sea Front Grass cut

Following some discussion it was agreed that a second cut should be made in the autumn, with a review in January as to the frequency and number of cuts for 2024/25

9.Clerks Report

Annual Canvass

The Clerk reported that NSC is undertaking an annual canvas in so much as sending out letters to residents, some of which will require a response. They are also recruiting canvassers to visit properties where expected responses have not been received.

It was agreed to put a link on the Parish Website outlining the situation.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Invite from Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Clerk referred to an email inviting Councillors to a forum on 17th October 2023 at Sandford Village Hall from 7-9pm.

If any of the Councillors wish to attend please contact the Clerk in order to be registered.

Action; - All

Tree Planting Scheme.

The Clerk referenced an email from NSC Wildlife and Woodland Expansion Officer enquiring if the Parish Council wished to pursue further tree planting opportunities.

It was agreed to suggest the area along the Footpath in Crookes lane as a possible site.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Junction of Lyefield Road and Colum Lane.

The Clerk referred to a response from NSC Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety Engineer in respect of a request by the Parish Council to complete the signage at the above junction.

Disappointingly there appeared to be no plans to complete the work, as part of the Lyefield Road closure for the Pier to Pier Cycleway, which incorporated this signage, was not taken forward.

It was agreed not to pursue the matter.

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 Approval July 2023

Salaries and Reimbursements	£2,986.91
HM Revenue and Customs	£255.21
MH Electricals	£360.00
K.Harper reimbursements	£39.64
J.K.Gardening	£965.00
Ward Tree Surgeons	£1,152.00
Community Heartbeat trust	£210.00
A&J MacDonald reimbursements	£10.00
A.Morris reimbursements	£105.00
GB Sports & Leisure	£102.00
Tom Pople	£1,200.00
Weston support Services	£75.84
Total	£7,461.60

Additional Payments for June paid by DD

Water2Business £40.50

Water2 Business £86.50

SSE	£198.78
British Gas	£52.48
EDF	£1016.42

The Clerk also referred to the budgetary forecast for 2023/24 which was discussed at the Finance & Policy meeting and indicated a probable operational overspend this financial year,

This was mainly due to the increase in Energy costs, increased Groundwork's Contract and unexpected work required at the Toilet Block. This would be slightly offset by the additional grant for maintenance of the Car parks although an over spend was still expected. The situation would be monitored.

Action; - Parish Clerk

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11. Councillors Report

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham outlined the details regarding listing a building as an Asset of the Community.

Refer Public Participation New Inn

It was agreed to investigate the process for listing such a building

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Cunningham also reiterated her concerns with the operation of the one way system on Kewstoke Road.

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that work restoring the loss of power resulting from a fallen tree on Kewstoke Road was still ongoing.

Cllr Vearncombe also asked if a letter be sent to the owner of land adjacent to Kewstoke Road where it appeared further trees were in danger of falling.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe & the Clerk

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that he had repaired a broken man hole on the Village Green, including replacing the cover.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that the Bus Stop sign at the Junction of Court Road and Beach Road was missing and required replacing.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

19. Date of next meeting Monday 4th September 2023.

