



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023, which commenced at 7.20pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were 5 members of the Public in attendance and 2 PCSO's.

Improved access to Walkway along Sea Front

A resident of Beach Road thanked the Council members who had checked and repaired the railings on the sea front as requested at the Annual Parish Meeting.

A request was also made for additional railings to supplement the existing railings to assist with access.

A further resident indicated that they had written to the Environment Agency in respect of providing an additional access point to the Sea Front Path which was also requested at the Annual Parish meeting. An offer of possible help in providing the access was offered should the request be granted.

The Parish Council was requested to support the application for additional access.

The Clerk confirmed that the matter was an agenda item at this Parish Council meeting and would be discussed later in the meeting.

Traffic issues resulting from work at Kewstoke Primary School.

A resident of Kewstoke Road commented on the fact that there had been little communication from either Kewstoke Primary School or NSC regarding the proposed one way system that would be in operation during the work at the school,

It was felt that there would be issues anticipated with residents not being able to access their properties and general traffic problems caused by the imposition of the proposed one way system.

It was noted that the Pier to Pier cycle route which encompasses Kewstoke Road would be opening at the same time.

The general problem though was felt to be lack of communication and consultation.

Cllr Pilgrim agreed to report the concerns to North Somerset Council.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

The Clerk was also requested to express the Parish Councils Concerns to North Somerset Council regarding the lack of information for residents and offering assistance through the Parish Councils communication platforms to improve the situation.

Action: - Parish Clerk

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.20pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr M. Williams **Unitary Member**

Cllr Cunningham

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5th June 2023

Proposed Cllr Buckley
Seconded Cllr Morris

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 5th June 2023 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

5. Police Beat Report

Two members of the local beat team were in attendance, PCSO Supervisor James Brunt and PCSO Dave Bennett.

Apologies were offered in respect of non attendance at previous Parish Council meetings.

Reference was made to the monthly Police Beat report and that fact that regular meetings with the public were taking place at the Church Hall.

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 minuted the contents, although a copy is available from the Clerk.

A "street safe App" was available where users could report instances and locations where they felt unsafe. This information would then be used to focus Patrols.

Cllr MacDonald made reference to the anti social behaviour in the Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel. PCSO Brunt confirmed that they were aware and would be sending patrols.

PCSO Bennett confirmed that he would be contacting the Clerk regarding the setting up of a speed watch scheme.

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

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.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams would obtain a quote from a new contractor to cut the trees at the top of the Village green by 2-3 feet.

Action: - Cllr Adams-ongoing

A site visit was agreed directly after the Planning Meeting had finished reviewing the situation as it was reported by Cllr Cunningham that a resident had cut down some of the trees.

Action: - Cllr Adams, Harper, Morris and the Clerk

[The Clerk confirmed that this work was now to be undertaken by a contractor on Wednesday 5th July.](#)

Coin Machines

Cllr Harper also reported that there had been some issues with the coin pay machines at the toilets, although he had successfully managed to repair them.

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

Cllr Williams agreed to provide a contact and pass the details to the Clerk.

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

Bye Law Signage

A further request by the same 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](#)

Streetlight Lower Norton Lane

The Clerk reported that both Centregreat and Weston Power had been contacted with regards replacing the broken bracket housing the Streetlight in Lower Norton Lane although both suggested it was the Parish Councils responsibility to replace.

It was agreed that a quote was obtained from Western Power to replace.

[The Clerk reported that it had been subsequently established that Centregate were responsible for the provision of the bracket and a quote was awaited.](#)

Action: - [Parish Clerk](#)

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim referred to a site meeting in the Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel with representatives of NSC to discuss anti Social behaviour originating from the Car Park. In attendance representing the Parish Council was Cllr Harper and the Clerk

It was agreed that the Car Park would now be locked by NSC at the allotted times provided no car were present at the time of closing.

A number of stones had been strategically placed along one side of the entrance to discourage BMX or quad bikes from entering the Car Park.

It was agreed that fencing would be erected along the Toll Road by NSC to prevent parking which currently made it dangerous for pedestrians and horse riders crossing the Toll Road safely.

NSC offered a £500 grant to the Parish Council to undertake additional work to prevent BMX bikes entering the Car Park from the copause.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting with Councillors to discuss options.

Action ;- Parish Clerk .

Cllr Adams request that Cllr Pilgrim facilitate a meeting with the head of NSC Enforcement Department

Action ;- Cllr Pilgrim

8. Other Issues

Traffic Parking Issues

Cllr MacDonald presented images from the camera set up outside the Village Hall recording traffic movements over a number of weeks.

In particular Images were viewed over the may Bank Holiday weekend,

It was concluded that there was insufficient evidence to progress any request for extending the parking restriction lineage

First Aid Course.

It was agreed to try and arrange the course in September on a Thursday at 6.30pm in the Church Hall

Action: - Parish Clerk

PPPO Orders/Byelaws

It was agreed to discuss a draft of a proposed PPPO prepared by the Clerk at the next Finance & Policy Meeting on 11th July.

Speed Watch Campaign

See Police Beat Report item 7.

Improved access to walkway along Sea Front

It was agreed that a number of agencies would need to be consulted and to receive their consent before any possible work could take place, in particular, North Somerset Council, Environment Agency and Natural England.

It was reported that an application had been submitted in 2003 and been granted but the high cost had prevented it from being built.

Cllr Horry was requested to review the minutes of the Parish Council meeting at the time to refresh the Councillors of the details of the application.

Action;- Cllr Horry

It was agreed that a meeting would take place with Cllr Morris and representatives of the residents that attended this parish Council meeting to review possible options as to how the access could be achieved, noting that any work undertaken would impact the current Sea Defences.

Action; - Cllr Morris

80th Anniversary Celebrations of D Day

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

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

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

9.Clerks Report

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.

Upgraded Phone

The Clerk reported that his mobile Phone required an upgrade at a cost of £150-£200.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr MacDonald

Agreed Unanimously

Broken Toilet Lock

The Clerk also reported that the lock on the ladies toilet was broken, this had been reported to the supplier Healthmatic, A new lock had been requested and a PO issued for the call out charge.

It was reported that there was still difficulty in obtaining a maintenance contract for the Coin Pay system.

17.Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval June 2023

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,833.76
HM Revenue and Customs	£252.76
MH Electricals	£1,393.20
K.Harper reimbursements	£56.83
J.K.Gardening	£1,045.00
Weston Town Council	£296.01
Weston support Services	£143.78
Total	£6,021.34

Additional Payments for June paid by DD & BP

Water2Business	£40.50
Water2 Business	£86.50
Service Charge	£18.00
SSE	£179.05
Sharples group	£68.04

SSE Fixed Contract Renewal

The Clerk also reported that the current fixed term electricity contract with SSE was coming to an end in respect of the Kiosk and Toilet block, and that a new offer had been received. This would increase the annual charge by approx £700.

It was agreed to take up the new offer.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed Unanimously

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Horry

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

Cllr Horry also expressed his concern at the lack of liaison that had taken place with residents concerning the work at Kewstoke Primary School.

See Item1 Public Participation

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that sections of surface of Elmsley Lane required attention as there were large pot holes particularly by the Nursery and towards the folk in the Lane.

Action: - Parish Clerk to contact NSC.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that vehicles had been seen parking on the ramp opposite the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road and requested that a lock Bollard was purchased at a cost of £221.98 to prevent reoccurrence.

Proposed Cllr Harper

Seconded Cllr MacDonald

Agreed Unanimously

Cllr Harper also reported that a resident had requested that a hedge in the Bus Terminus Car Park be cut back.

It was agreed to contact our Groundwork's contractor to facilitate the work.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald reported that he had received requests that the bridle ways off Elmsley lane be cut back.

Action; - Parish Clerk

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that the proposed sign at the junction of Lyefield road and Collum Lane has still to be sited.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that the 30mph sign on Lower Norton Lane had become faded and required repainting.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

19. Date of next meeting Monday 7th August 2023.

