



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022, which commenced at 6.59pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

L.Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 6.59pm

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

N.Richards (Liaison Officer)

Cllr Horry

Cllr Bates

Cllr MacDonald (Chairman)

3. Declaration of interests

None.

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4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th February 2022

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

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

Agreed Unanimously

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

Cllr Adams reported that silage bales appear to have been placed on a Public Right of way (Bridle Path) at the North Easterly end of the Foss Lane.

The Clerk has reported the matter to North Somerset Council and acknowledgement appears to have been made in the form of a telephone call to Cllr. Adams requesting details of the landowner.

Action: - Cllr Adams to confirm if the bales have been removed. - **Ongoing**

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Cllr Morris reported a street light (no.10) was not working at the top of Monks Hill.

It appears still to be failing.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Neighbourhood Report (Beat Report)

It was generally felt that it was a reasonable start but more detail should be provided.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim to progress with the Local Police Inspector and invite him to a Parish Council meeting to review content.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had received an email from a resident of Kewstoke Road requesting a footpath/pavement along Kewstoke Road to provide a safe route for pedestrians.

Action: - *Cllr Pilgrim to respond. Ongoing*

Cllr Whyte agreed to check if the Anson Road sign had been repaired and replaced by NSDC.

This was confirmed as being absent. Parish Clerk has reported this again to NSDC.

Cllr Morris reported a large pot hole on the junction of Kewside and Crookes Lane.

Action: - Parish Clerk to report to NSDC. ***This has now been reported but as yet not actioned.***

6. Police Beat Report

Neighbourhood Report

Kewstoke

1st February – 28th February

Calls Received – 70 Crimes Recorded – 12

Although this month there is a number of calls received to police a high number of calls are in relation to Cygnet Hospital.

Police have carried out patrols after calls about vehicles doing wheel spins in the car parks we have not come across any offences but have engaged with people and reminding them not to cause Anti-Social Behaviour while in the car park.

Police are also looking to set up a Beat Surgery up in Kewstoke Village hall car park details of this will follow.

It was agreed that details of the Beat Surgery, when known, should be advertised on the Village Facebook site and the Parish Website.

Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that objections could be made to both outline and Full planning Applications. This was in answer to a question raised at a previous Council meeting by Cllr Adams in respect of planning Application 21/P/3529/OUT Land off Anson Road.

Cllr Pilgrim also reported that Residents close to the site of this Application had met with District Councillors to discuss the Planning Application.

8. Other Issues

Boardwalk

Cllr Morris provided an estimate of renovating the Boardwalk. This amounted to approximately £32,000. It was generally felt that this was too expensive and would not be progressed.

Cllr Adams suggested a site visit to look at other options.

Action: - Cllr Adams

Telephone Kiosk

Western Power has quoted £1,200 to replace an unusable connection to the recently purchased telephone box.

Cllr Morris provided an estimate of the costs required to paint and repair the broken glass, this amounted to £125.

The Clerk confirmed the quote from the Electrician was £375 exc. vat. to undertake internal works and fit the defibrillator.

A defibrillator and locked cabinet could be obtained from London Hearts Charity at a total cost of £1,325 including a grant of £300.

The Total cost would be in the region of £3,025. The £1,200 required for the electricity connection had already been previously approved.

It was proposed that the additional £1,825 be approved.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

Action: - Parish Clerk to progress.

Trees

A number of trees have now been received from NSDC and are awaiting planting in the Village Green.

It is proposed to plant the Trees on Thursday 10th March (weather permitting) involving children from the Local School.

Action: - Cllr Harper Cllr MacDonald & Clerk

Parish Survey

In the absence of the Chairman the Clerk reported that the Survey Questionnaire was almost complete and following a couple of final tweaks would be ready for

testing. It was agreed that Councillors would undertake some testing prior to publishing.

The Clerk would email the link to Councillors once the Survey was available.

Action: - Parish Clerk

It was also reported that a proposed mail shot should be undertaken to all homes in the village indicating that the survey could be accessed from the Parish Website or by requesting a paper copy from the Clerk.

It was agreed that each Councillor would undertake to distribute the leaflets to an agreed list of roads, and would notify the Clerk of these roads to ensure all roads in Kewstoke were covered.

Action: - All

Cllr Morris wished to convey the thanks of the Councillors to the work put into producing the questionnaire by the Survey Committee and in particular to Emily MacDonald and Marcus Tripp.

Printer Replacement

The Clerk reported that the lease in respect of the current printer expired in June 2022. After some discussion it was agreed to look at laser printer options and return the current printer.

The cost of removing the printer by the supplier was £495. It was proposed that this option was undertaken.

Proposed Cllr. Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Whyte

Agreed unanimously

Action: - Clerk to inform both the Finance company and the printer supplier of the Councils intentions.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk confirmed the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Mirror Monks Hill

A request had been made by resident for a further traffic mirror on Monks Hill, after some discussion it was agreed by a Majority of 7-1 not to implement.

NSDC Local Plan Consultation

NSDC Preferred Options Local Plan has now been made available for consultation. It was requested that the online link to the draft plan is made available to Councillors for review and comment.

Action: - Parish Clerk

NSDC & Glendale Free Flower Scheme

Up to 600 petunias in red white & blue are being offered free of charge to celebrate the queens Platinum Jubilee.

After some discussion it was agreed to accept the offer of free flowers, and the Clerk was requested to request 500.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Bylaws

The Clerk reported that as many of the Bylaws applicable to Kewstoke, and in particular, Sand Bay were many years old, with some dating back to 1935, there was an opportunity to amend and or add new restrictions to the existing NSDC Public Space Protection Orders which could then be enforced by NSDC.

After some discussion it was agreed not to pursue.

9. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the minimum wage was to increase to £9.50 per hour w.e.f 1/4/2022.

It was agreed to increase the current rate of Council employees to £10 per hour.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Buckley

Agreed unanimously

The Clerk also read out an email from the husband of a resident of Kewstoke who had sadly passed away in February 2022. She was the longest continuously living resident of Kewstoke, having been born, and lived in the same house in Beach Road for all of her 83 years.

Details of the Funeral arrangements were made available to the Councillors.

The date of the next Policy & Finance meeting was set as Tuesday 19th April 7pm at the Village Hall.

10. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval February 2022

Salaries & reimbursements	£2,060.89
T.H Baker	£1,429.08
HM Revenue and Customs	£204.45
Total	£3,694.42

11. Councillors Report

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe reported that a phone line close to 110 Kewstoke Road had been dislodged by the recent storms. Although phone lines were still working it was considered dangerous. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to Open Reach.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of pot holes had appeared near the School on Kewstoke Road. Cllr Vearncombe was to contact NSDC representative.

Action: - Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte reported that a "For Sale" sign was still being displayed towards Elmsley Lane despite the fact that the land had been sold.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper reported that the doors on the toilet block had expanded making it difficult to open and close.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald to contact supplier.

Cllr Harper also informed the meeting that the local Utility Company had confirmed that Beach Road was not to be excavated to supply a new gas pipe until September 2022, after the holiday season, although ongoing work to install new connections, where required, would continue.

It was also reported that the bar across the gate in the car park opposite South Sands hotel had been removed from the supporting gate. Cllr Harper would investigate further.

Action: - Cllr Harper.

Cllr Harper also reported that the drain on Sand Road had been recently cleared.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the North Somerset Drainage Board for clearing the water course from Sand Road to Kewstoke Rhyne.

After some discussion it was agreed to defer until all works had been completed.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting Monday 4th April 2022.

