



## Kewstoke Parish Council

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st August 2022, which commenced at 7pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, K.Harper, R.Adams, R.Cunningham, G.Vearncombe C.Bates R.Buckley, & J. Macdonald ( Chairman)

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Member**

Cllr. L.Pilgrim

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

It was anticipated that an Inspector from Avon & Somerset Police would be attending this meeting. Cllr Willis informed the meeting that he was on annual leave and would attend a future meeting.

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7pm

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

N.Richards Liaison Officer

Cllr Horry

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Morris

Cllr Whyte

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

None.

## **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

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

Agreed Unanimously

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

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

*Cllr Harper confirmed that it had been reported.*

***Action:* - Cllr Morris to confirm that it is now working- **ongoing****

*Cllr Morris confirmed that it was still not working.*

*Cllr Whyte reported that the light at the top of Anson Road was also not working.*

***Action:* - Cllr Harper to follow up**

### **Streetlight Lower Norton Lane**

The Clerk reported that he had received a request to cut back the vegetation around a street light at Norton Farm which was obscuring the street light.

Cllr Morris agreed to contact the owner to request either access to allow the cutting back by the Council or by the owner themselves.

Following a visit by Councillors it was found that there was no actual light present.

***Action:* - Cllr Harper to follow up**

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**

### **Tree stump on Toll Road**

Cllr Buckley reported a tree stump on the Toll Road which has slipped towards the Road and become dangerous,

The Clerk confirmed that it had been reported to NSC although it had still to be moved.

Cllr Pilgrim was asked to chase up and it was considered particularly dangerous to traffic using the Toll Road.

*The Clerk reported that NSC had confirmed that the stump was stable and had agreed to remove it on 13/6/2022 when the necessary lifting gear becomes available.*

**NSC has now confirmed it will not be removed until October 2022 when the Toll Road is planned to be closed.**

**The Clerk was requested to contact NSC and express the Councils concern over road safety particularly over the coming holiday season.**

**Action: - Parish Clerk**

The Clerk confirmed that NSC had been notified of the Councils concerns although they still considered it to safe.

The situation is to be monitored - ongoing

### **Acquisition of old boat**

Cllr Harper requested that Cllr Pilgrim contact NSC regarding the acquisition of an old boat which could be used as a feature in the Village.

**Action: - Cllr Willis to take up with Weston Town Council and other contacts as NSC was unable to help- ongoing.**

### **Disabled Toilet Replacement**

The Clerk confirmed that a toilet has now been purchased and awaiting installation.

**Cllr Harper confirmed that this had now been installed**

### **Site Meeting**

Cllr Willis agreed to set up a further site meeting with Officers from NSC to review the overall traffic issues in Crookes Lane.

**Action: - Cllr Willis ongoing**

## **6. Police Beat Report**

There had been no Police Beat Report received for August

Cllr Pilgrim was requested to follow up.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

Cllr Pilgrim referred to a site meeting Cllr Willis was attempting to set up regarding the provision of yellow lines in Crookes Lane. Cllr Pilgrim reported that Cllr Willis had contacted the NSC Executive Member for highways and was awaiting a response. (reference item 6 Site meeting)

Cllr MacDonald further expressed the Council's concern regarding the already agreed provision of yellow lines outside the entrance to the Village Hall and the entrance to Myrtle Tree Crescent, which were agreed by NSC to be delivered in the last financial year, but have yet to be implemented.

Cllr Harper also referred to signage agreed to be implemented at the junction of Lyefield Road and Collum Lane which was also overdue.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim to follow up.

Cllr Adams requested that a planning matter relating to 110 Kewstoke Road should be raised by Cllr Pilgrim with NSC.

It was agreed that the Clerk should provide details to Cllr. Pilgrim

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim

## **7. Other Issues**

### **Pier to Pier Cycle Route.**

Cllr Adams raised concerns that the proposed route would incorporate parts of Kewstoke Road that the recent amendments to the Highway Code may cause difficulties with cyclists and motorists using this narrow stretch of road.

The Clerk was requested to obtain a contact number at NSC and report the Councillors concerns.

**Action:** - Clerk

### **Fence Hawke Road**

Cllr Whyte requested that in her absence the Clerk inform the Councillors that the owners of 1 Hawke Road have been informed by NSC to take down a fence as it is situated on NSC Land. They have 3 months to comply.

### **Memorial Bench**

A request to replace one of the older memorial benches had been received from a resident. This had been agreed in a previous meeting.

The residents proposed option, which had been circulated previously, was discussed and whilst it was constructed of a recycled material it was felt that any replacement should be in keeping with the recently replaced recycled bench near the South Sands Hotel.

**Action:** - Clerk to contact resident and confirm position..

### **North Somerset Travel plans SPD Public Consultation.**

Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Buckley and the Clerk met up at the Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>h</sup> July at 7.30pm and completed a questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

### **VAS signs**

The Clerk reported that no further contact from NSC had been made with regards relocating the signs.

### **Boulders on Verges**

The Clerk confirmed that a second batch of letters to a limited number of residents are to be sent out w/c 1/8/2022.

### **Telephone Kiosk**

The clerk confirmed that the electricity connection to the Kiosk had now been completed.

The Clerk confirmed that a quotation had been received from British Gas in respect of a meter installation at £120 and for the electricity supply. This, in accordance with the Councils Policy, required two of the payment signatories to sign.

It was proposed that the quotation from British Gas be accepted and to use British Gas as our Electricity supplier.

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

Work to install to defibrillator and cabinet would progress prior to a meter installation.

Cllr Adams and Cllr Harper duly signed the quotation.

**Action:** - Clerk to forward the signed quotation to British Gas.

### **Dune Erosion/Management**

The Clerk confirmed that a planned meeting had been cancelled by the Environment Agency due to the adverse hot weather and that a new date had yet to be agreed.

The Clerk also confirmed that the £1,200 grant normally received from the Environment Agency would no longer be paid to the Council.

### **Parish Survey 20222**

Cllr MacDonald reported that a further meeting had been arranged for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to progress the survey results.

Cllr MacDonald illustrated to the meeting a draft presentation of the results so far achieved.

It was agreed that a commercial designer would probably be required to finalise the presentation.

### **Annual Play Ground Report**

The Clerk confirmed that the recent report had been received and that there were no major issues.

It was agreed to forward the report to councillor Vearncombe for review.

**Action:** - Clerk

### **Footpath Fence- Crookes Lane**

Cllr Macdonald confirmed that the fence had been recently repaired and strengthened.

Cllr MacDonald also suggested that whilst the fence was secure there may be an opportunity to discuss full replacement at the Precept meeting in January 2023 as the footpath had been in place for many years. This was generally thought to be a good idea.

**Action:** - Clerk to include on agenda for this meeting.

Cllr MacDonald also reported that a resident backing onto the Village Green had verbally complained that their fence had been damaged as a result of the recent cutting back of the trees by the Councils contractor directly behind the fence, and requested a contribution to its replacement.

After some discussion it was not thought that this was appropriate and no further action would be taken until a formal request was forthcoming.

## **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk suggested that a back up person was required to ensure the continuation of the administration of the Parishes Web Site should the current administrator not be available..

Cllr Buckley kindly volunteered and it was suggested a meeting take place of the Social Media Committee to facilitate this.

**Action:** - Clerk to arrange meeting.

The Clerk also confirmed he would be on leave from 9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September.

The Clerk suggested that the date of the next Parish Council meeting should be moved to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September as the Clerk was not available on the 5<sup>th</sup> , the date of the originally scheduled meeting.

This was agreed

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

A proposed letter to local businesses was read out by the Clerk in respect of flags & signs on the dunes requested to be sent following Cllr Morris's recent visit.

This was agreed

Proposed Cllr MacDonald

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

The Clerk referenced an email received via the Parishes Web Site relating to a resident complaining about the hedges between Home Farm and Beach Road being overgrown.

After some discussion it was agreed that the current practice of cutting the hedges twice a year was sufficient and that whilst the Parish Council paid for and arranged the cutting it was ultimately NSC responsibility.

**Action:** - Clerk to respond accordingly

The Clerk confirmed that he had removed, as requested, a number of items from one of the memorial benches on the Sea Front. It was agreed that sufficient time had now passed and that these could be now disposed.

### **9.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 2022

Salary & Expenses	£2,512.52
M.J.Isgar	£1,542.00
T.A.Beasley	£1,104.05
HM Revenue and Customs	£229.80
GB Sport& Leisure	£102.00
Weston Support Services	£53.30
T.H.Baker	£2,041.90
Wards	£576.00
Weston Town Council	£237.60
K.Harper reimbursements	£353.49
A&J MacDonald	£10.00
Total	<b>£8,762.66</b>

The Clerk reported that a further request had been received for an additional £350 for the removal of the printer. As was agreed at a previous Parish Council meeting this would continue to be disputed.

The Clerk also confirmed that the External Audit report had been completed and the Councils accounts given a clean bill of health.

Cllr Harper requested that the amount collected from the toilets for July was made known to the Councillors. This was confirmed as £250 from the coin boxes It was also confirmed that £93 was received from credit card payments for the previous month of June.

## **10. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that there were still reports of agricultural vehicles speeding in and around the Village despite letters being sent to local landowners.

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham wished to express thanks to Councillor Harper for arranging with Volunteers and our Orderly the clearance of the path opposite the New Inn.

### **Cllr Bates**

Cllr Bates reported that the grass required cutting back on the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road.

Cllr Harper confirmed that this had been cut back by the orderly the previous week although the build up sand might be more of an issue and agreed to revisit and review.

Cllr Bates was requested by the Chairman to investigate options for a proposed xmas meal for the Councillors and pass the information to the Clerk to circulate for review.

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that the Anson Road, road sign, was still missing.

The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to NSC.

Cllr Harper also proposed that something should be provided as thanks to a number of volunteers helping in and around the Village. It was agreed that possibly an invite to the Xmas meal might be appropriate.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to add to future agendas.

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams reported that a number of bottles had been dumped in the rhyes and in particular the one off Sand Road. It was suggested that the Village Orderly should be made aware and perhaps provided with the correct equipment to enable her to remove.



**Action:** - Parish Clerk, Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams also reported a large pot hole on Sand Road.

**Action:** - Clerk to report to NSC.

**Meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Date of next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

