



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022, which commenced at 7pm.

Present:- Cllrs, K.Harper, R.Adams, T.Morris.(Vice Chairman) T.Horry C.Bates, R.Cunningham & N.Whyte .

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

Cllr L. Pilgrim

Cllr R. Willis

Public Participation

There were no members the Public in attendance.

Apologies had been received from PCSO Taylor who was unable to attend due to a recent incident in the Weston area.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.pm

Cllr Morris informed the meeting that the Chairman was away on business and that as Vice chairman he would be chairing the meeting in his absence.

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Macdonald

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Buckley

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

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

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Morris, 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.

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

Carol Singing

Cllr MacDonald reported that the vicar of St Pauls had spoken with him recently regarding plans to arrange Carol Singing in and around the Village in December, and asked if the Parish Council would be interested in participating.

Cllr Adams kindly offered to provide a tractor and trailer for After some discussion it was agreed in principle although more details would be required as to the exact involvement.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald

It was agreed that due to insurance issues the provision of a tractor and trailer transporting the carol signers around the Village, was no longer an option. Carol signing would now take place at the Village Green on 20th December at 6,30pm.

Cllr. Vearncombe

Cllr Vearncombe asked when the hedges around the Village were due to be cut. Cllr Adams confirmed that this would be in November and would chase up the contractor.

Action: - Cllr Adams

It was agreed that Cllr Adams and Cllr Harper would review the required work as it didn't appear that all the hedges required cutting. Following this review a contractor would be requested to undertake a reduced cut back.

It was proposed that if this work was £500 or less the work could be undertaken.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

6. Police Beat Report

Kewstoke

1 st November – 30th November 2022

Calls Received – 37

Suspicious 2

Road related 3

Abandoned 999 5

Assault 2

Concern for Welfare 4

Threats 1

ASB 2

Fly Tipping 1

Criminal Damage 1

Other 6

Cygnets has had the highest demand 10 calls

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim referred to an email received complaining about the damage to verges and mud on the road in Crookes lane as a result of the ongoing work by Wales and West Utilities. She confirmed that it has been reported to the Company who has agreed to reinstate the verges once their works have completed.

Cllr Willis

Cllr Willis referred to a "warm places lounges scheme" whereby sites were made available to distribute hot teas etc. such as church halls. It was agreed to send details of the Scheme to Cllr Whyte.

Action: - Cllr Willis

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that the date for the NSC Planning Committee to decide the application for 70 Houses off Anson Road Application Number 21/P/3529/OUT would be Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 2.30pm.

It was agreed set up a meeting on Monday 12 December 6,30pm in the Village Hall to discuss the appropriate response.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that she had chased up NSC with regards to the missing street name signs for Kewside and Anson Road but had had no response.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim

7. Other Issues

Dune Erosion

The Clerk confirmed that two quotes for the post and rail fencing are still awaited.

Defibrillator Unit

It was confirmed that Cllr Cunningham is now monitoring the unit on a regular basis and recording the results for submission to the National Defibrillator Network. .

Memorial Bench

The Clerk reported that one of the memorial benches on the sea front had fallen into disrepair and would be removed in due course.

This would allow for a replacement seat to be installed on receipt of an appropriate application.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Annual Playground Report

It was confirmed that one item remains outstanding.

Action to address this was confirmed to be in hand.

Sand Bay Progression Meeting

The Clerk reported that an online meeting had taken place on 21st November to discuss the future management of Sand Bay.

Minutes of the meeting are available from the clerk.

A further more detailed meeting was proposed for December

Date of Policy & Finance meeting

This was rearranged for Monday 12th December 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Election Briefing

The Clerk reported that an online meeting had been arranged by North Somerset Council to brief councillors on the forthcoming Parish elections in May 2023.

It was agreed that the clerk would circulate details.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Bristol Airport invite

The Clerk referred to an invite to Councillors to attend Bristol Airport for Christmas refreshments on 8th December 2022.

It was agreed that the Clerk forwarded details to Councillors,

Cllr Bates

The Chairman of the meeting then referred to an email from Cllr Bates indicating that due to personal circumstances she was resigning from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her for all her efforts over the past 15 years, and wished her well for the future. These sentiments were echoed by all the Councillors.

8. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that next year's precept was due to be discussed at the next Policy & Finance meeting rescheduled for Monday 12th December 2022, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Anyone wishing to request additional expenditure for 2023/24 please make the Chairman (Cllr Morris) or the Clerk aware in advance or attend the P&F meeting.

The Clerk also referred to the disappointing news that DEFRA had published a report indicating that the bathing waters at Sand Bay were deemed poor.

9. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval November 2022

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,340.31
Wards	£720.00
HM Revenue and Customs	£203.21
A.Ham	£30.00
Weston Town Council	£237.60
K.Harper reimbursements	£62.92
B.Banwell	£75.00
Total	£3,669.04

10. Councillors Report

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte reported that the road sign at Anson Road had still not been replaced.

Action: - Parish Clerk to chase noting that it had been previously reported to NSC.

Cllr Horry

Cllr Horry reported that a lottery grant had been successfully obtained from the National Lottery Fund for £9k towards a new heating system for the Village Hall.

It was possible that a request will be made to the Parish Council for further funds.

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris confirmed the date for the Councillors Xmas party, which the Councillors will be paying for themselves, as 20th January 2023 at the South Sands Hotel.

Invites were extended to the District Councillors, Cllr Willis and Cllr Pilgrim.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

