



## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September August 2022, which commenced at 7.03pm.

**Present:-** Cllrs, K.Harper, R.Adams, R.Cunningham, T.Horry, R.Buckley, & J. Macdonald ( Chairman) T.Morris. K.Jenkins & N.Whyte.

### **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 Pilgrim reported that he was unable to attend but would attend the next Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

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

The meeting opened at 7.03pm

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Willis Unitary Member

N.Richards Liaison Officer

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Bates

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

None.

## **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

Proposed Cllr Buckley

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

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*

*Action:* - *Clerk 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**

*Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that she had now met with the resident and is looking into her concerns.*

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.

*Cllr Pilgrim requested that the size of the required boat was made available to Cllr Willis to progress.*

**Action:- Parish Clerk**

### **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

*Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> September with Cllr Hogg. Cllr MacDonald indicated that neither the Clerk nor himself would be able to attend on this date and requested a new date after 26<sup>th</sup> September.*

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 Site meeting as above)

Cllr MacDonald further expressed the Councils 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 Pilgrim confirmed that all these items would be addressed at a site meeting arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> September with Cllr Hogg (see above Site Meeting)*

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

***Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that this was progressing and was awaiting a reply from the appropriate NSC Executive Officer.***

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

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

***Action:*** - Cllr Harper ongoing

## **6. Police Beat Report**

Neighbourhood Report 01/08/2022 to 31/08/2022

***Cygnets had the highest demand 41 calls***

***The majority of crimes reported are isolated incidents which have occurred within dwellings and are unlikely to have any effect on the wider community.***

Cllr MacDonald suggested that this information was limited in its use and that the matter should be brought up at the next Parish Council meeting where the Inspector of the Avon and Somerset Police was due to attend.

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that a decision on a Planning Application 21/P/3529/OUT Land off Anson Road was expected soon.

## **7. Other Issues**

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

The Clerk read out a response from NSC. It was agreed no further action was required.

Cllr MacDonald offered to send Cllr Pilgrim the results of the recent traffic survey commissioned by the Parish Council along Kewstoke Road.

### **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk reported that a further suggestion for a replacement bench had been received from a local resident. The details were circulated and after some discussion it was agreed unanimously that the original decision to follow the Council's current policy of standardising the benches would be upheld.

An offer whereby the Council would purchase the bench with a view to accepting a contribution from the resident and to allow a further donation and plaque on the same bench (Max 2 plaques) at a future date from another applicant was declined.

**Action:** - Clerk to respond accordingly.

### **Dune Erosion**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had taken place with representatives of the Environment Agency to discuss the dune erosion particularly opposite the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road with a view to establishing an acceptable solution(s).

A further meeting has been arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10am with a representative from Natural England to discuss the Parish Councils plans.

To this end a further site meeting was arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm to finalise the Councils proposed plans.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald Cllr Harper Cllr Adams Cllr Buckley & the Clerk.

### **Boulders on Verges**

The Clerk confirmed that a second batch of letters to a limited number of residents had been sent out w/c 15/8/2022 by NSC and that a further batch was expected to be sent soon.

Cllr MacDonald reported that a number of adverse comments had been posted on the Village Face Book site.

### **Rights of way Improvement Plan.**

The Clerk referred to a request from Long Ashton Parish Council requesting that a questionnaire is completed with regards to how Kewstoke Parish Council understands the Public rights of way in the Village are being managed.

**Action:** - Clerk and Cllr Adams to complete

### **Climate Emergency Nailsea Town Council**

Cllr MacDonald reported that he had received correspondence from Nailsea Town Council requesting Kewstoke Parish Council join them in lobbying North Somerset Council for higher standards with regards their sustainable Planning Policy.

After some discussion it was concluded that following feedback from the recent Parish Survey Kewstoke Parish Council had decided not to declare a climate emergency. It was also noted that the Council had already responded to a number of consultations with NSC in relation to planning policies and so it was felt unnecessary for the Parish Council to undertake additional lobbying.

### **Telephone Kiosk**

The Clerk confirmed that the installation of an electricity meter was progressing with British Gas.

Cllr Morris confirmed that the telephone box had now been painted the glass installed and that the cabinet was in place.

Cllr MacDonald wished to on behalf of the Council to thank both Cllr Morris and Cllr Vearncombe for all their efforts in restoring the telephone box.

### **Parish Survey 20222**

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

As was previously agreed this would now be forwarded to a commercial designer to finalise the presentation.

It was agreed to publish the survey results in a proposed autumn newsletter.

**Action:** - Cllr Jenkins

### **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 review the report at the next Finance & Policy meeting and at a site visit with the date to be agreed.

### **Date of finance & Policy meeting**

This was agreed as 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Village Hall.

### **Date of Staffing meeting**

This was agreed as 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am in the Village Hall

**Action:** - Clerk to book room and send invites.

### **Risk assessment – Village Orderly**

After some discussion it was agreed that the Village Orderly would not be requested to retrieve items of rubbish from the rhyes in and around Kewstoke, therefore an updated risk assessment was not required.

Action : - Clerk to notify orderly of decision.

### **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with the Parishes Web Administrator with a view to training up others as back up for adding items to the Web Site..

This was generally felt to be successful and will be tested this month.

The Clerk also reported he would be on annual leave from 9/9/2022 -16/9/2022.

### **9.Financial Update**

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

## Payments for Approval August 2022

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,367.14
PKF Littlejohn	£360.00
T.A.Beasley	£652.51
HM Revenue and Customs	£208.73
A.Ham	£78.00
Weston Support Services	£183.26
Weston Town Council	£237.60
K.Harper reimbursements	£69.90
Total	<b>£4,157.14</b>

### **10. Councillors Report**

#### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reported that the Kewside Road sign stake was broken

The Clerk confirmed this had been reported to NSC.

#### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that a number of the small whips recently planted on the Village green were suffering from the recent drought and had been removed with a view to restoring them.

It is anticipated, if they survive, that they will be transplanted in the area around the Bus Terminus Car Park.

Cllr Harper also reported some damage to the metal strips protecting the coin boxes at the toilet block in the Bus Terminus Car Park, caused by an attempted break in. Thankfully the bars did their job and no money was stolen. The bars have now subsequently been repaired.

Cllr Harper also reported that the chevron was damaged on the corner of Elmsley Lane.

The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to NSC.

Cllr MacDonald reported overgrown vegetation on the white picket fences at the entrance to the Village.

**Action:** - Cllr MacDonald and Cllr Harper.

**Meeting closed at 8.26pm**

**Date of next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.**



