



## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, which commenced at 7.09pm.

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

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Member**

Cllr. L.Pilgrim

Cllr Willis

### **Public Participation**

There were three members of the Public in attendance.

1. A resident of Kewstoke Road reported issues with speeding traffic along Kewstoke Road. This made it dangerous to walk along the road and in particular to walk children to school.

The question was raised as to whether any speed reduction measures could be introduced and if a Speed Watch Group could be established.

2. A resident of Beach Road requested that the Parish Council recommend to North Somerset Council to include in a Public Protection order the exclusion of the lighting of open fires on the sea shore of Sand Bay, not including enclosed barbecues as long as any ashes were removed from the Seashore.

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

The meeting opened at 7.09pm

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 Horry

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr Bates

Cllr Jenkins

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

None.

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Harper

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. Inspector Avon & Somerset Police ( Inspector O'oughlin)**

The Inspector introduced himself and gave a brief outline of the current policing situation within the Avon & Somerset Police Force.

Inspector O'Loughlin explained why the current crime statistics included the large number of calls attributed to the Cygnet Hospital. This was because the Police were legally obliged to record all crimes and that patients at the Cygnet had access to mobile phones.

He was surprised that no one from the force had attended any previous Parish Council Meetings and promised that a representative of the Avon & Somerset Police Force whether a Beat Manager or PCSO would attend future Parish Council meetings to update the Council on ongoing policing matters, as well as providing enhanced crime statistics.

The current Neighbourhood report for September was read out to the meeting by the Clerk:-

*1- Fraud*

*Cygnets has the highest demand 28 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.*

This was generally felt to be inadequate.

Inspector O'Loughlin confirmed that whilst the Beat Managers for the Avon and Somerset area were at full resourcing levels, a number of PCSOs had joined the Police leaving the force understaffed with regards PCSOs and that a recruitment campaign was underway.

It was agreed to publicise this campaign on the Parishes website.

In response to the member of the public's reference to speeding issues on Kewstoke Road, it was agreed that Speed Control Vans would be, subject to an initial survey, deployed at strategic points along Kewstoke Road.

In addition he agreed to help set up a Community Speed Watch group if local volunteers and a coordinator could be found.

**Action:** - Cllr Pilgrim to contact Inspector O'Loughlin to progress

Cllr Cunningham asked if the enforcement of the weight limit on Monks Hill was a Police matter. Inspector O'Loughlin confirmed that this was the responsibility of NSC and that probably poor signage contributed to the problems of lorries using the hill.

**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. (See Public Participation item 2.)

The only amendment to the original request was to allow organised camp fires agreed in advance with NSC.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

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

### **Streetlight Lower Norton Lane**

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

*Action: - Parish Clerk to follow up. -ongoing*

*Cllr Whyte reported that a number of lights at the top of Anson Road/Kewstoke Road junction were also not working*

*Action: - Parish Clerk to follow up. - ongoing*

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.***

*Cllr Willis confirmed that no boat was currently available but she would keep trying using her personal contacts.*

*Action :- Cllr Willis*

### **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 site meeting arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> October with Cllr Hogg NSC Executive Member for Highways*

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

**Action:** - *Cllr MacDonald and Cllr Morris -. Ongoing*

### **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- Ongoing*

### **Annual Play Ground Report**

It was agreed to meet at the Village Green on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am to discuss the report and undertake any remedial actions.

**Action:** - *Cllr Vearncombe, Cllr Morris & the Clerk*

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

Planning Application 21/P/3529/OUT Land off Anson Road

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she and Cllr Willis had met with the NSC Planning Officer and are currently working on the issues and have asked Officers to advise of how they are minded, and depending on the decision they will discuss and take appropriate action for planning Committee.

The result of the application was expected soon.

Cllr Pilgrim referred to part of the Local Plan process whereby the Council have to undertake what is known as a 'Call for Sites' exercise, where NSC ask local landowners and developers to put forward any land they own that they would like NSC to consider for development.

Cllr Pilgrim pointed out that there is a large area that is marked that could be used, and that Parish needs to make their comments known to NSC.

## **7. Other Issues**

### **Dune Erosion**

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

The Councils proposals were agreed in principle and details forwarded to both agencies. It was anticipated that a grant towards the work may be available from Natural England.

The proposals were made available and distributed to the Councillors

After some discussion it was, subject to getting written agreement, proposed to proceed with the work at an estimated cost of £1,500 irrespective of a grant, although this would be pursued.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Harper

Agreed Unanimously

### **Low Noise Fireworks**

The Clerk referred to an email request that the Parish Council recommends to NSC that only licences for the sale of Low Noise fireworks should be granted and that other types of fireworks should be contained in a Public Place Protection Order to prevent their use.

It was agreed to contract NSC to understand the practicalities of implementing these two requests.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Telephone Kiosk**

The Clerk confirmed that the installation of an electricity meter was now completed.

Cllr Morris confirmed that the meter has now been 'boxed in' and that the signs were ready to install.

Cllr Morris & The Clerk agreed to meet on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October to install the defibrillator unit.

**Action:** - Cllr Morris & Parish Clerk

### **8. Clerks Report**

The Clerk reconfirmed the date of the next Staff meeting as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am Village Hall.

The Councillors were requested that any articles for the Christmas newsletter should be passed to Cllr Jenkins by the end of November.

There were a number of Council Policies that required a slight amendment as agreed at the last Finance and Policy Committee Meeting; these would be updated with a view that they would be readopted at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **9.Financial Update**

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

Payments for Approval September 2022

Salary & Expenses	£2,398.66
A.Morris	£78.00
Gallagher Insurance	£1,702.95
HM Revenue and Customs	£212.26
A.Ham	£270.00
Weston Town Council	£237.60
K.Harper reimbursements	£59.24
Total	<b>£4,958.71</b>

The Clerk reported that a new fixed term contract for electricity supply for the streetlights for 23 months had been agreed with EDF. The rates are more than double the existing rates due to the fluctuating energy markets and was agreed at Septembers Finance & Policy Meeting .

## **10. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams suggested he contact the contractor used to cut the hedges in and around Kewstoke, this was agreed.

**Action:** - Cllr Adams

### **Cllr Harper**

Cllr Harper reported that the Parish Council had been requested by NSC to remove the traffic cones temporarily being used outside the Village Hall following a complaint by a resident of Kewstoke. This was expected to cause traffic issues until the double yellow lines would be implemented by NSC in December. It was agreed to raise the matter at a meeting with District Councillor Hogg arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **Cllr. Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that the salt bins required cleaning and topping up in readiness for the winter.

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that the white lining agreed for the junction of Lyfield Road and Collum Lane had now been implemented by NSC.

Cllr Vearncombe also informed the meeting that the red road markings outside the school had all but disappeared and that vehicles were parking where the markings should be, resulting in a potentially dangerous situation.

It was agreed to raise this with Cllr Hogg at a prearranged meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte referred to the Children's Christmas Party arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Clarification was sought as to whether the Children's entertainer had been booked.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

Cllr Whyte confirmed that she would produce a poster advertising the event.

**Action:** - Cllr Whyte

**Meeting closed at 8.34pm**

**Date of next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**





