



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022, which commenced at 7.22pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

Cllr L. Pilgrim

Cllr R. Willis

Public Participation

There were four members of the Public in attendance and PCSO Taylor.

PCSO Taylor introduced herself to the meeting and referenced the latest beat report as detailed in item 6.

An electronic version detailing a bike marking event would be provided for the Parish Council to publicise the event.

PCSO Taylor outlined details of the speed watch scheme which could be set up if 3 or more volunteers registered an interest. Details of how to sign up are available on the Avon & Somerset Polices Web Site.

PCSO Taylor offered to provide details of the scheme which was agreed to be publicised on various notice boards, the Parishes website and in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter.

PCSO Taylor also agreed to revisit the Beat Report with a view to providing more meaningful information.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7.22pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards Liaison Officer

Cllr Bates

Cllr Cunningham

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3rd October 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 Harper requested that Cllr Pilgrim contact NSC regarding the acquisition of an old boat which could be used as a feature in the Village.

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

Action: - Cllr Willis- ongoing

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- ongoing

Site Meeting- Traffic Issues in and around the Village

The Clerk confirmed that a site meeting had now taken place with Cllr Hogg, Cllr Vearncombe, Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Harper and the Clerk with a number of issues reviewed with an assurance that Cllr Hogg would pursue with NSC.

The Clerk reported that First Bus had agreed to contact NSC with a view to expressing their concern with the parking issues encountered by the buses particularly in the summer months, along Crookes lane.

The Clerk also confirmed that Cllr Hogg had been requested to attend a follow up meeting to review progress.

Cllr Pilgrim was asked to contact Cllr Hogg to confirm dates.

Action :- Cllr Pilgrim

6. Police Beat Report

Kewstoke

1 st October – 31 st October

Calls Received – 38 Crimes Recorded – 14

Cygnets calls – 8

ASB – 1

Assault – 8

Abandoned 999 – 7

Burglary – 0

Concern for Welfare – 5

Criminal Damage - 2

Drugs – 2

Public Order – 1

Robbery – 0

Road Related – 4

Suspicious – 1

Theft – 0

Threats – 1

Vehicle Crimes / Offences - 0

Other – 7

Your local beat team have carried out a bike marking event at Castle Batch Community Centre where working multiple agencies and the Drugs Bus was present to educate people about the effects drugs can have.

We have arranged a Scam talk at St Pauls Church Kewstoke Hall on 13th December from 10am this event is free to attend to give advice around scams that can take place.

Bike Marking Event at Kewstoke Village Hall January 8th at 2pm (1400hrs)

7.Unitary Members Report

Items had been covered in other parts of the meeting.

7.Other Issues

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 transporting the carol signers around the Village. .

After some discussion it was agreed in principle although more details would be required as to the exact involvement.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald

Dune Erosion

The Clerk reported that agreement had now been reached with the Environment Agency and Natural England to allow post and rail fencing to be erected on the dunes opposite the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road.

Currently two quotes for the work are awaited.

Action: - Clerk

Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator had now been registered and that the unit was now operational and that this would now be publicised in the Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Cunningham had kindly agreed to monitor the unit on a monthly basis.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Vearncombe and Cllr Morris for all their efforts in restoring the telephone Kiosk to allow for it to be used for the defibrillator.

Cllr Morris thanked Cllr MacDonald for the provision of the signage.

The Defibrillator code was agreed to be circulated to all Councillors for reference.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Annual playground report

The Clerk asked for an update on the items that required attention resulting from the annual inspection.

There remained two items still outstanding

1. Junior Swing chain link connectors notched
2. Ground erosion; - Replacement of turf.

Action to address these items was reported to be in hand.

Sand Bay Progression Meeting

The Clerk reported that an online meeting had been arranged for 21st November at 10am by the Environment Agency to discuss the future management of Sand bay.

The Clerk arranged to email details for those interested, noting an agenda was not yet available.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Re adoption of Policies

A number of Policies had been recently reviewed at the Policy & Finance meeting.

These were proposed by the Chairman of this Committee, Cllr Morris, to be re adopted and included a few minor amendments

Development Planning Policy KPC012

Publication Policy KPC007

Fixed Asset Policy KPC006
Social Media Policy KPC004
Press and Media Policy KPC002

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Buckley
Agreed Unanimously

8. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that next year's precept was due to be discussed at the next Policy & Finance meeting scheduled for 13th December 2022, at 7pm in the Village Hall and then agreed at the January Parish Council Meeting.

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 reported that details of a maintenance contract had been requested to cover the coin pay machines at the Bus Terminus car park.

9. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval October 2022

Salaries & Expenses	£2,411.21
M.H.Electrical	£764.40
Weston Support Services	£201.30
HM Revenue and Customs	£214.75
A.Ham	£183.00
Weston Town Council	£237.60
T.H.Baker	£970.58
SLCC	£171.00
Kewstoke Village Hall	£200.00
Foremost Signs	£33.30
A& J MacDonald	£10.00
Total	£5,397.14

10. Councillors Report

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Jenkins reported that the Parish newsletter was almost ready and was just waiting on a couple of articles to complete.

Action: - Cllr Jenkins

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

Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte referred to the Children's Christmas Party arranged for 17th December 2022 and confirmed that a leaflet/poster was being currently being produced, This would be published in the up and coming Parish Newsletter and notice boards in and around the Village.

Action: - Cllr Whyte

Cllr Whyte also confirmed that a Marquee had been booked as part of the celebrations of next year's Coronation. These were to also include a Village fete.

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that the streetlight at the Top of Monks Hill (No.11) was out of action.

Action: - Cllr Harper

Cllr Morris also referred to the missing Kewside sign. It was confirmed that this had been reported to NSC.

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper raised the issues of missing road signs in particular the top and bottom of Anson Road in addition to the damaged chevron in Sand Road.

Whilst it was conformed that these had been reported to NSC it was agreed the Clerk should chase up.

Action: - Clerk

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that part of Sand Road had sunken.

Action: - Clerk to report to NSC

Meeting closed at 8.02pm

Date of next meeting Monday 5th December 2022.

