

Kewstoke Parish Council

Sand Clearance Policy Sea Front Path and access points

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The footway above the road is now part of the England Coast Path (ECP) maintained by North Somerset Council for access.

North Somerset Council view this as a coastal walk with coastal issues such as the possibility of build-up of sand, spring high tides covering the path , and logs and detritus washed up over path surface.

Kewstoke Parish Council does not receive any grants for the clearance of sand which accumulates on the sea front path, either from North Somerset Council or the Environment Agency.

A precept is received from North Somerset Council annually to allow the Council to meet its legal obligations as well as other activities as agreed by the Parish Council for the benefit of the Parish.

Clearance of sand from the sea front path is not believed to be a legal responsibility of the Parish Council, ensuring access being the responsibility of North Somerset Council.

Any grants received from the Environment Agency are specifically for sea defense work which is specified and agreed with the Environment Agency. This does not include sand clearance.

The Parish Council, however, recognises the issues caused by the regular build up of sand on the paths and as such relies on the voluntary efforts of local Councillors to address.

Occasionally when the situation becomes particularly bad the Parish Council will agree payment for the sand removal from a Councillor, Contractor or Village Orderly, noting we have to rely on their availability and prevailing weather conditions.

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