



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023, which commenced at 7pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Member

Cllr L. Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were no members the Public in attendance or representation from Avon & Somerset Police.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7pm

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Buckley

Cllr Willis **Unitary Member**

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5th December 2022

This was proposed subject to one amendment to include a title in "Other Issues" referencing Cllr Bates resignation.

Proposed Cllr Morris
Seconded Cllr Whyte

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at this meeting 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

Dune Erosion

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

Action: - Parish Clerk - Ongoing

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.

This has now been completed.

It was requested by Cllr Vearncombe that a meeting take place with the contractor prior to further work to ensure the work is completed as per the Councils requirements.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Xmas Meal

Cllr MacDonald reminded everyone that the Councils Christmas meal would take place on 20/1/2023 at the South Sands Hotel, and that menu options for those attending should be passed to him a.s.a.p.

6. Police Beat Report

There was no Police Beat Report available for December

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr. Adams thanked both Unitary members in their efforts at the recent Planning Committee meeting objecting to an application for 70 houses off Land off Anson Road. 21/P/3529/OUT

Cllr. Pilgrim confirmed disappointingly that the application had been passed with by a vote of 4-2 with one abstention in favor of the planning application.

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that she had chased up North Somerset Council with regards to the missing street name signs for Kewside and Anson Road and the damaged Chevron at the junction of Lower Norton Lane and Elmsley Lane, but had had no response.

Cllr Morris confirmed that the Kewside sign had been restored.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

The Clerk reported that two volunteers had put their names forward to help with a Community Speed Watch campaign; their details were passed to Cllr Pilgrim.

Action: - Cllr Pilgrim

7. Other Issues

2023/24 Precept & Budget setting

The Clerk referred to the Precept report and a proposed budget for 2023/24 that had been discussed and agreed in principle at the latest Policy & Finance meeting and circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Morris to agree the budget and keep the precept figure the same as last year at £50k.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed Unanimously

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.

A submission was now due.

There was a suggestion by Cllr Vearncombe that the unit had recently been used by a member of the Public, Cllr Cunningham agreed to check.

Action: - Cllr Cunningham

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.

The Clerk reported that an enquiry had already been received with a view to replacing the bench.

Action: - Cllr Harper & Parish Clerk

Annual Playground Report

It was confirmed that one item remains outstanding for addressing.

Action to address this was confirmed to be in hand.

Action: - Cllr Harper & Cllr Vearncombe

Election Briefing

The Clerk reported that an online meeting had taken place, arranged by North Somerset Council, to brief Councillors and Clerks on the forthcoming Parish Elections in May 2023.

The Clerk and Cllr. Whyte had attended the meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate details of any future meetings and information relating to the Elections. .

Action: - Parish Clerk

8. Clerks Report

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from a resident of Beach Road referring to, in particular, dispensation given to a BBC film crew to park on the single yellow lines for a period of time by North Somerset Council.

The comments were noted by the Councillors as was an extract from an email addressed to the resident from NSC.

It was felt that the response given by the Clerk was in accordance with the Councillors thoughts on the matter, in so much as permission is not required to be given by the Parish Council for the use of the Car Park or dispensation on the single yellow line. Both were felt to be a matter for North Somerset Council, (Including any fee negotiated for any such an agreements.)

9. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval December 2022

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,237.81
JH & AE MacDonald	£10.00
HM Revenue and Customs	£191.89
M.J Isgar	£360.00
H&N Whyte	£357.70
Mactra Shop Equipment	£17.48
Hatley Garages Ltd	£101.40
Weston Support Services	£101.74
B.Banwell	£75.00
Total	£3,453.02

The Clerk also reported that the Kiosk had suffered a significant fall in trade resulting from the current works undertaken by Wales and West Utilities. It was proposed not to request the monthly electricity recharge for the next two months in an effort to help the tenants.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

10. Councillors Report

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham reported a number of Pot Holes at the junction of Crookes Lane and Kewstoke Road.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper referred to the streetlights that were still out of action despite the fact that they had been reported. These were situated at the top of Monks Hill, two in Sand Road and one at the top of Anson Road.

Action:- Clerk

Cllr Harper also reported that Sand Road had sunk in parts and that this had also been reported.

Cllr Adams

Cllr Adams reported that the soak away opposite 111 Beach Road appeared not to be working correctly.

Action: - Parish clerk

Cllr MacDonald

Cllr MacDonald reported

1. That a resident of Stratton Close had complained that the black refuse bins had not been replaced correctly by the recycling Company on a number of occasions.

Action:- Parish Clerk

2. White line markings signifying the edge of the carriageway along Crookes lane have eroded away.

Action: - Parish Clerk

3. The Roundels on Lower Norton lane and Kewstoke Road indicating the speed limits have still yet to be repainted. This is to be covered at a meeting with Cllr Hogg scheduled for Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm

Date of next meeting Monday 6th February 2023.

