



Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024, which commenced at 7 pm.

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

In attendance

Parish Clerk

M.Hardwick

Unitary Members

Cllr Pilgrim

Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1.Opening of the meeting

The meeting opened at 7 pm

2. Apologies for absence

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Williams **Unitary Member**

Cllr Vearncombe

Cllr Clapp

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4th November 2024

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Morris

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 4th November 2024 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

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

Book Swap

Cllr MacDonald also raised the possibility of setting up a book swap facility in the Telephone Kiosk currently housing the defibrillator unit. Following some discussion it was agreed that this would be progressed noting some matters of detail needed to be agreed and resolved.

Cllr Clapp suggested someone who would be able to make and fit a book case in the Telephone Box. - **The work is scheduled for w/e 7/8th December**

Action; - Cllr Clapp

Cllr Adams requested that Cllr Pilgrim contact North Somerset Council as he was concerned of reports that the BMX park had been again expanding.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that a hole had been excavated for a new water container which may have given the impression that the site was expanding. Nevertheless, this excavation appeared to be dangerous and Cllr Pilgrim agreed to follow up the concerns.

Action; - Cllr Pilgrim ongoing

Document Storage

It was agreed to set up a steering group to look at scanning and indexing documents relating to the Parish Council and the Local History Group.

Due to illness the Steering Group was unable to meet, this is to be rearranged.

Action: - Cllr Baxter, Cllr Horry, & Cllr Jenkins. - ongoing

Cllr Pilgrim reported that a site meeting had been arranged with representatives of NSC and the Police on 18/11/2024 at 11.30am in the Car Park opposite the South Sands Hotel to discuss anti social behaviour, mainly relating to speeding vehicles in the Car Park and in and around the Village.

It was confirmed that the Chairman, Cllr Baxter and the Clerk would attend.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Baxter and the Clerk

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that the meeting had taken place but without a positive resolution. It appeared the Police were not aware of any issues since May 2024. It was agreed to publicise the need to contact the Police of any anti social behaviour to residents on Face Book and in the Christmas newsletter in order for them to build up a case history and take action.

Street light no 2 Anson Road

Cllr Whyte reported that the streetlight (number2) on Anson Road was not working.

Action Cllr Harper

Cllr Whyte confirmed this is still not working.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Birnbeck Pier

The Mayor Cllr John Crockford-Hawley who is also a local historian and trustee of Birnbeck Pier and sits on the redevelopment committee has agreed to come and undertake a presentation. It was agreed to invite the Mayor to one of the next Parish Council meetings with a 30 min slot made available.

The Clerk had emailed Cllr Williams with some proposed dates requesting that this be arranged.

Action: - Cllr Williams

6. Police Beat Report

There was no report available for November.

It was requested that the Clerk contact Avon & Somerset Police to request a copy.

Action: - Parish Clerk

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Pilgrim

Cllr Pilgrim reported that following a meeting with the Planning Officer responsible for Planning Application for 23/P/1439/OUT - Land To The North of Junction of Lyefield Road And Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke, it appears he was minded to approve.

The decision has been called to committee with the possibility of Cllr Pilgrim, the Parish Councils Planning Chair and a member of the public able to speak at the hearing. The hearing is scheduled for 2.30pm on 18th December 2024.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting to update the residents on 10th December 2024 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting is to be publicised on the Village Face Book page, Village Notice Boards and on the Councils website.

Action: - Cllr MacDonald & the Clerk

8. Other Issues

Playground Monitoring

The Clerk confirmed that remedial work identified in the Annual Playground report and at a subsequent Site meeting had been booked with GB Sports and to commence after 1/4/2024.

As the issues were deemed low risk it was agreed to monitor the play area until the work had been completed.

Action: - Cllr Morris & the Clerk

Cllr Morris confirmed he is to purchase a replacement gate post and arrange installation as agreed. .

Action: - Cllr Morris & Cllr Harper.

Christmas Menus

Cllr Cunningham confirmed the date as 24th January 2025 for the Christmas gathering, and requested confirmation of numbers.

The Clerk is to email menus and payment details to all Councillors to respond.

Action: - Clerk

Signage on the Dunes

The Clerk confirmed that Natural England had indicated that they didn't have an issue with any advertising Signs/Flags placed on the Dunes by local businesses, provided they were adjacent to the coastal footpath.

The Clerk has contacted NSC to enquire if planning permission is required.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Speed watch – Lower Norton Lane

Cllr MacDonald referenced reports he had received of speeding Vehicles coming into the Village along Lower Norton Lane and suggested the further use of VAR (Vehicle

activated Signs) may help. It was proposed that should such signage become available at a reasonable price (approx £300) on any on line market place platform, then these could be purchased.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr MacDonald

Agreed Unanimously

Occupancy of the Dunes

The Clerk referred to ongoing discussions with the Land and Conservation Manager for Natural England regarding the Parish Council registering for occupancy of the Dunes and applying for Grants to maintain them.

It was agreed that the Manager should address the full Council in order to discuss the details and implications of these proposals.

Action:- Parish Clerk

Clerks Report

O/S Customer Services calls with North Somerset Council

The clerk reported that some call were not being updated and requested Cllr Pilgrim contact North Somerset Council to resolve.

Action:- Cllr Pilgrim.

Delivering Together

The Clerk referred to a recent meeting attended by Local Clerks whereby it was proposed by Officers of NSC to devolve certain services to Local Parish Councils.

In particular a request of £500 from Kewstoke Parish Council towards retaining a member of staff in the Public Rights of Way Department was suggested, as was removing or transferring the function of emptying of several waste bins in Kewstoke.

The Clerk had responded to these requests on behalf of the Parish Council requesting further information before an informed decision and response could be made.

Date of Policy & Finance Meeting (Pre Precept Meeting)

This was agreed as 17th December 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Public Rights of way

The Clerk confirmed that work on the footpath between Crookes Lane and Court Road had now been completed and shared a number of photographs with the Councillors.

On line update of information

The Clerk referred to a request from the company employed to collect credit card payments from the operation of the toilets at the Bus Terminus Car Park to update the Councils information held with them. This required an authorised signatory confirming the details.

It was proposed that Cllr Baxter would become an additional signatory and authorise the on line request,

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Cunningham

Agreed Unanimously

Action; - Cllr Baxter

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9. Financial Update

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

Payments for Approval November 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	£2,933.41
HM Revenue and Customs	£369.65
Foremostsigns	£36.00
Nathan Kelly	£188.00
A&J MacDonald	£10.00
Lannings Trees & Fences Ltd	£2,340.00
J.K Gardening	£870.00
Total	£6,747.06

Additional Payments for November paid by DD

Water2Business £40.50

Water2 Business £93.00

British Gas £34.57

SEE £479.15

10. Councilors Report

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Jenkins reported that the Christmas newsletter was virtually complete and a draft copy was circulated to Councillors. This was well received.

It was hoped that the publication would be completed by the end of the week.

100 paper copies were to be printed off and made available at the New Inn, the "Pink Shop" and the Church for those residents not wishing or able to obtain an electronic copy. A resident had also volunteered to identify and circulate copies to residents, again not wishing or able to obtain an electronic copy.

Action :- Cllr Jenkins & Cllr MacDonald

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Cunningham reported that the Pot Holes outside of the School had still to be fixed by North Somerset Council. The Clerk agreed to chase up.

Action: - Parish clerk

Cllr Morris

Cllr Morris reported that the street sign at the top of Crookes Lane had not been replaced following some work on the adjacent Wall.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Cllr Morris also reported that further work was required to cut back vegetation at the bottom of Monks Hill.

Action: - Parish Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.08pm

11. Date of next meeting Monday 6th January 2025.

