



**Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, which commenced at 7pm.

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

### **In attendance**

#### **Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

#### **Unitary Members**

Cllr Pilgrim

### **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public in attendance.

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

The meeting opened at 7pm

The Chairman reported that a 2nd interview for the position of a Co Opted Parish Councillor had taken place and that the interview panel consisting of representatives of the Parish Council wished to recommend the appointment of Adele Clapp.

Proposed Cllr Whyte

Seconded Cllr Morris

Agreed Unanimously

The Chairman then welcomed Cllr Clapp to the Council Meeting.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

N.Richards **Liaison Officer**

Cllr Williams **Unitary Member**

Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Cunningham

Cllr Baxter

## **3. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of Interest

## **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Morris

The Chairman called for a show of hands by the Councillors in attendance at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 to indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Agreed Unanimously

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

### **Signage Toilets & Crookes Lane Footpath**

It was agreed that Cllr MacDonald would further progress obtaining signage relating to the fact that the Parish Council maintained both the above facilities.

Cllr Harper confirmed that existing signage had now been installed at the Toilet Block

It was proposed that a sign prepared by Cllr MacDonald be sited at the Footpath entrance on Crookes Lane indicating that the path was provided and maintained by the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Morris

Seconded Cllr Vearncombe

Agreed by a Majority decision of 7-1

Action: - Cllr MacDonald- ongoing – It was agreed to wait until the fencing had been repaired before installing the signage. This was expected September 2024

**It was agreed that now the fencing work had been completed the signage would be installed.**

**Action:- Cllr MacDonald**

### **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.

**Action: - Cllr MacDonald ongoing**

The Chairman of the Birnbeck Pier Trust had offered to come to a Parish Council meeting and update Councillors on progress.

It was agreed to take up this offer

**Action: - Cllr Williams - ongoing**

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**

### **Cllr Morris**

.It was also agreed that the cast Iron signage in and around the Village required repainting.

**Action; - Cllr Morris & Cllr Vearncombe ongoing**

### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reminded the meeting that Volunteers were required on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 9 am to paint the Shelter at the Bus Terminus Car Park.

Cllr Morris indicated that volunteers were required to apply a second coat of paint on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am at the Bus Terminus Car Park.

## **6. Police Beat Report**

Cllr MacDonald read out the Police Neighbourhood report for September 2024

Call Received 53

Crimes Recorded 9

Cygnets 23	Burglary 2
Sand Piper Care Home 0	Criminal Damage 0
Assault 7	Concern for Welfare 3
ASB 3	Harassment 1
Abandoned 999 10	Public Order 1
Theft 0	Road Related 3
Threats 0	Suspicious 4
Other 5	

It was noted that reported crimes were at the lowest level for a year.

## **7. Unitary Members Report**

### **Cllr Pilgrim**

Cllr Pilgrim reported that she had chased up a call to North Somerset Council requesting the cutting back of the hedges and verges on Monks Hill.

This would now be undertaken once the leaves had fallen. It was also noted that the road would be closed whilst this work was undertaken.

Cllr Pilgrim also confirmed that she had chased a request to NSC to repair the pavement from the junction of Crookes lane and Beach Road to the South Sands Hotel .As this was considered a significant piece of work, and had now been scheduled to be undertaken, it would be a while before it was started.

Cllr Pilgrim confirmed that a site meeting was planned with representatives of the Police, NSC, District Councillors and the Parish Council to discuss solutions to the anti social behaviour experienced in the Car Park opposite South Sands Hotel.

It was suggested the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk attend and represent the Parish Council.

The Clerk requested an agenda prior to the meeting.

Cllr Pilgrim also made reference to the bones recently discovered on Sand Bay Beach, they are apparently human and confirmed as over 1000 years old.

Cllr Pilgrim also attended planning meeting with the planning Office concerning 23/P/1439/OUT Land To The North Of Junction Of Lyefield Road and Lower Norton Lane Kewstoke and confirmed that the Planning Officer requires further consultation on certain matters relating to the application, A decision, therefore, is still several weeks away. Cllr Pilgrim hopes to give a further update at Novembers Parish Council Meeting. A possible residents meeting may be required if the Planning Officer is minded to approve.

## **8. Other Issues**

## **Recycling**

A rearranged meeting of the Steering Group was arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at the Village Hall.

Action;- Cllr Baxter, Cllr Cunningham, Cllr Morris, Cllr MacDonald ,Cllr Harper and the Clerk

## **Annual Playground report**

Work on the recommendations of the report was ongoing, noting all remedial works were considered low risk.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe & Cllr Morris

## **Document Storage**

It was agreed to set up a steering group to look at scanning and indexing the documents alongside obtaining a quote for a fireproof safe to site in the Village Hall.

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

**Action;** - Cllr Baxter, Cllr Horry, Cllr Jenkins & the Clerk.

## **NSC Standards Sub Committee**

The Clerk referenced an email from North Somerset Council requesting volunteers to sit on the Standards Sub Committee. There were no Volunteers forthcoming.

## **Christmas**

The Clerk read out a note from Cllr Cunningham, who was unable to attend this meeting, requesting an indication from the Councillors as to the venue and date of the annual Christmas celebrations. After some discussion, and looking at two options of the South Sands Hotel or the Cosy Hatch Cafe it was decided unanimously on the South Sands Hotel on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.

It was also noted that whilst the Councillors wished to support local businesses the numbers of attendees had a significant bearing on the decision.

## **Clerks Report**

The Clerk referenced the fact that signs had now been installed along the Dunes relating to Public Space Protection Orders, replacing existing dated signage.

The Chairman indicated that all the signs purchased had been used and none were available as spares.

The Clerk raised the matter of the Autumn cutting of the verges in and around the Village and whether a reduced cut was more appropriate.

It was agreed that Cllr Adams and Cllr Vearncombe would review.

**Action;** - Cllr Vearncombe Cllr Adams

The Clerk also reported that the new replacement Memorial Bench had been delivered. It was agreed that Cllr Adams and Cllr Morris would inspect the proposed site to ensure it could be installed correctly.

**Action;** - Cllr Morris & Cllr Adams

The Clerk referenced a contact from a resident of Beach Road who wished to enquire if the Parish Council would install signage on the post and rail fencing on the Dunes requesting members of the Public found an alternative route to the Beach rather than over the fencing. After some discussion it was not felt necessary.

It was also noted that the newly opened chip shop had installed signage on the Dunes which appeared to encourage members of the Public to follow the route to the beach over the Post and rail fencing. It was agreed that this was not appropriate and the Clerk was requested to contact the owner of the Chip shop.

**Action;** - Parish Clerk

The Clerk also referenced an email received from a resident of Crookes Lane concerned with additional parking along Crookes Lane as a result of the newly opened Chip Shop. Residents who had previously parked in the Chip Shop car park were now parking outside of their houses making the road narrow and dangerous to use.

The Clerk confirmed that he had responded to the resident indicating the Councils position. It was agreed no further action was necessary.

## **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 2024

Salaries & Reimbursements	2922.28
HM Revenue and Customs	£360.03
Foremostsigns	£364.80
K.Harper Reimbursements	£16.50
S M Babbage Ltd	£5,304.00
J.K.Gardening	£965.00
Weston Support services	£75.92
AJGIBL	£1,805.00
SLCC	£183.00
Weston Town Council	£308.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,305.41</b>

Additional Payments for August paid by DD

Water2Business      £40.50

Water2 Business	£93.00
British Gas	£28.21
SSE	£399.47
ASL	£65.34

The Clerk reported that a request for a VAT refund of £1,900 had been recently prepared and submitted to the Inland Revenue.

## 10. **Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that coaches were still using Kewstoke Road and not adhering to the signage which directed them to use Crookes Lane and Lower Norton Road as they passed through the Village.

It was requested that the Clerk contact North Somerset Council for advice.

**Action;-** Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that the table and chairs had been removed from the grassed area adjacent to Anson Road. Reference was made to the swing and liability should an accident occur.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted North Somerset Council but had received no response.

It was agreed Cllr Pilgrim would chase up.

**Action; -** Cllr Pilgrim

### **.Cllr MacDonald**

Cllr MacDonald reported dead trees along Lower Norton Lane towards Anson Road.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact North Somerset Council requesting their removal.

**Action: -** Parish Clerk

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham who was unable to attend the meeting, had written to the Clerk apologising for her absence and wishing to raise the issue of large pot holes on Kewstoke Road in front of the walls of Kewstoke School.

**Action; -** Parish Clerk

Cllr Cunningham also indicated that she would be happy to assist with these years Christmas Children's Party.

**Meeting closed at 8.08pm**

**11. Date of next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**



