



**Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman Councillor J.MacDonald**

Minutes of the of the Kewstoke Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020, which commenced at 7.05pm.

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

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### **In attendance**

**Parish Clerk**

M.Hardwick

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

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

**Cllr Horry**

**Cllr Pilgrim Unitary Member**

**Cllr Willis Unitary Member**

**N.Richards Liaison Officer**

### **3. Declaration of interests**

None

### **4. Adoption of the minutes of a meeting of the Council members of 6<sup>h</sup> July 2020**

The Chairman called by a show of hands whether the Councillors could indicate their support for the adoption. This was indicated unanimously.

Proposed Cllr Cunningham

Seconded Cllr Whyte

### **5. Actions from previous meeting.**

#### **20 mph sign on Kewstoke Road in dangerous condition.**

Currently awaiting NSDC to rectify - ongoing

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe Meeting arranged with a representative of NSDC.

#### **Rights of way improvement plan**

An initial meeting has taken place with Cllr Adams & the Parish Clerk resulting in a database of 11 Footpaths/Rights of way. It was agreed for that the Clerk would circulate this allowing Councillors to volunteer to walk the routes and provide feedback in order to identify any remedial work required.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

#### **Set up of email addresses for Councillors**

It was agreed to increase the number of individual Parish Councillors email accounts to 4 in total using gmail, and to enable access to either Parish or Private email accounts via the Parish Councils tablets.

**Action:** - Cllr.Buckley

#### **Replacement Memorial Seat**

The Clerk reported that the new seat had arrived and was awaiting installation.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

#### **Dog Mess on Beach**

The Clerk reported that following a conversation with the NSDC Dog Warden, NSDC Enforcement Officers had been requested in the short term to monitor the beach with the authority to issue fines if offence had been committed.

Longer term recruitment of additional resources is currently underway by NSDC to provide additional Dog Wardens.

### **Large Crack in retaining wall**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that a large crack had appeared in a retaining wall between the highway and the allotments and was need of some urgent repair.

A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Vearncombe and a representative of NSDC to discuss ownership of the wall and necessary repairs.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe

### **Large Trees on verge along Kewstoke Road.**

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that a number of trees in the verge leading up to the allotments from Hatley Garage on Kewstoke Road were so large that they may be in danger of damaging the overhead power lines.

It had been established that responsibility for cutting back the Trees was that of NSDC to whom it had been reported. .

### **Safety Concerns at junction between Collum Lane and Lyefield Road**

Cllr Vearncombe reported that there was a concern for safety at the road junction between Collum Lane and Lyefied Road and requested that 'Stop' and 'Give Way' signs are installed.

This had been subsequently reported to NSDC who had responded by saying that they would really struggle to get any sign installed at the junction as the hedges are right up to the road so there is nowhere to install a sign, the only other thing they could do was to install a 'Giveway' triangle marking on the ground.

**Action:** -Cllr Vearncombe to establish ownership of the hedges with a view to requesting that they are cut back.

## **6. Police Beat Report**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with PSCO Sophie Young regarding the provision of monthly crime statistics for Kewstoke.

She confirmed that due to resources this manual process would not be continuing as the information was now held on two Web Sites.

Concerns were raised as the data on these sites was permanently at least a month out of date and although it was possible to drill down to street level the categorisation of crime might be a cause for unnecessary concern, as well as speculation as to suspects.

It was agreed that a number of Councillors would view these sites and report back at the next Parish Council meeting as to whether it was thought appropriate to publish

these links on the Parishes own Web Site. (Noting that they are already in the public domain)

It was further agreed to relay these concerns through the District Councillors to the Avon and Somerset Crime Commissioner.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **7. Unitary Members report**

There were no unitary members present

## **8. Other Issues**

### **Support for Tree preservation Order**

A request for the Parish Councils support for a Tree Preservation Order had been received from a resident of Sand Road.

It was agreed to contact NSDC for advice and guidance on the merits and worthiness of a Preservation Order before a decision could be made.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Footpath Agreement- Crookes Lane from Village Hall to Bay Bar**

Cllr MacDonald confirmed that a further agreement had been received which failed to include a requested amendment to Clause 8.1.

An additional clause now requested that the footpath be left in place at termination of the lease. There was also additional references to possible future access by the Landlord at various points across the footpath.

It was, however, agreed that subject to a review by the Parishes Solicitor the agreement was to be signed and the appropriate payment of £15,000 made to the Landlord and costs paid to the Landlords solicitor.

Proposed Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded Cllr Morris

This was agreed by a Majority of 9, with one abstention.

### **Amended Traffic Restriction orders**

The Clerk reported that the two amended Traffic Orders had at last been implemented.

However, the yellow lines fell short at the junction of Beach Road and Kewstoke Road, no signs relating to usage by 'Blue Badge holders only' had been placed outside the Tea Rooms, and a white line denoting the centre of the road outside the Ardnave Caravan Park had been omitted from the works.

NSDC had been made aware.,

Cllr MacDonald reported that a letter had been delivered to residents of Myrtle Tree Crescent and St. Bridges Close referring to the inconclusive results obtained from the recent postal survey, and suggesting that the residents themselves agreed a way forward, which the Parish Council could support.

### **Traffic Cones**

Cllr MacDonald suggested that the purchase of Traffic Cones might be a flexible and effective method of controlling parking within the Village and supplement the current parking restrictions.

An indicative price of around £5.50 per cone plus £40 towards a template was muted.

It was agreed that NSDC should be consulted to see if they would support the Idea.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **Bus Terminus Car Park Maintenance**

NSDC had requested that the trees at the entrance to the car park were cut back as they had become overgrown and posed a safety Issue.

Cllr Harper and the Councils Maintenance Operative had now undertaken the work.

This task would now be added to the ground works schedule and undertaken by the groundwork's contractor in future.

A policy was required on how to manage the rest of the cultivated area around the car park, it was agreed to set up a working group to draft a policy which could be presented to the full Council for approval.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk, Cllr Harper, Cllr MacDonald Cllr Adams and Volunteer Rewilding Manager. .

### **Overflowing Waste Bins**

The Chairman reported that further correspondence had been received in respect of overflowing dog bins with a request to acquire and site an additional large metal bin in the Car Park opposite the Commodore Hotel.

It was agreed to contact NSDC to see if this could be included in the current collection schedule.

**Action:-**Parish Clerk

The Clerk also reported that Weston Town Council would be willing to empty the waste bins in addition to the dog waste bins on a Monday. They do not offer the service over weekends. This is the same day as Glendale's collection so in order to make this work Glendale's schedule would be required to change. It was agreed to contact NSDC to understand the options.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

## **9. Clerks Report**

### **Orderly Contract**

The Clerk confirmed that the Village Orderly had now signed a Contract of Employment.

The clerk reported that a number of grants were still o/s and had not been received by the Council despite being pursued. The o/s grants are £1200 from the Environment Agency and £500 from NSDC in respect of the orderly grant.

These were to be rigorously pursued

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

### **AGAR**

The clerk reported that it appeared the Councils AGAR statement and accounts for 2019/2020 had been accepted although a minor matter was raised in that section 2 was not signed by the RFO prior to being signed by the Chairman.

### **Traffic Calming Kewstoke Road**

The Clerk read out an email from a resident of Kewstoke Road which requested support from the Council for Traffic Calming measures along Kewstoke Road, and an enhancement of Public Footpaths negating the need to walk on dangerous roads.

A response had been sent requesting the exact location on Kewstoke Road and the suggested footpaths in question.

### **Donation to Football Club**

A request had been received from Sporting Weston Football Club for a donation towards preparing the club for a return to football following the lifting of restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19.

This was not considered to be a matter for the Parish Council

It was suggested that a request was made to the Kewstoke Relief In Need fund Committee and that representatives of the Football Club should attend the next Village hall committee meeting to present the case, rather than seek a donation from the Parish Council.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to respond accordingly.

### **Date of next Policy and Finance meeting**

This was agreed to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall at 7pm.

## **10. Financial Update**

Payments for the month had been approved outside of this meeting to allow payment in the appropriate calendar month. See attached.

## **11. Councillors Report**

### **Cllr Adams**

Cllr Adams reported that a request had been made by NSDC Highways Department to the Clerk to visit a number of properties in Beach Road and request that they remove no parking signs that they had placed outside of their properties as it was believed by NSDC that the land outside of their physical boundaries to the single yellow lines was highway. This is disputed and so the Clerk declined the request and referred the matter back to NSDC.

### **Cllr Vearncombe**

Cllr Vearncombe requested that signs be sited within the Village warning of wild deer.

It was agreed that permission would be sought from NSDC prior to erecting any signage.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

Cllr Vearncombe also reported that the hedge along parts of Kewstoke Road had not been cut back fully.

**Action:** - Cllr Adams to contact the Contractor

### **Cllr Cunningham**

Cllr Cunningham reported that the drain outside the Owls Nest was blocked.

**Action:** - Cllr Vearncombe

### **Cllr Morris**

Cllr Morris reported that the triangle of grass at the base of Monks Hill required cutting back as well as the verge opposite the Church.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk to contact contractor.

### **Cllr Bates**

Cllr Bates reported that the grass verge at the junction of Crookes Lane and Beach Road required cutting back and possibly sand removed to allow better visibility at the junction.

**Action:** - Cllr Adams. & Parish Clerk

Cllr Bates also reported that the Councils Christmas meal arrangements would be reviewed in September as a result of the ever changing situation with Covid-19 restrictions.

**Cllr Whyte**

Cllr Whyte reported that the Anson Road sign was broken and required replacing.

**Action:** - Parish Clerk

**Meeting closed at 8.48pm**

**12. Date of next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

