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**Chairman: Councillor Mr. T Horry**

**Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at Kewstoke Village Hall.**

**The Meeting commenced at 7-00pm**

**Present**, Councillors :T Horry ( Chairman) ) K. Harper, R Adams, C Thomas, R Pearson  
G Vearncombe

**Public Participation (15 minutes)**

None

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Macdonald, T Morris, D Jolley and C Bates  
Unitary Member I Porter.  
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee  
Police -PSCO Nicola Mitchell

**3, Declarations of Interests**

None

**4. To accept the Delegated Selection Committee Nomination for the Vacant Council Seat**

Following the selection process Mr G Vearncombe was duly selected for the co-opted vacancy of the Council  
Proposed Cllr R Adams Seconded Cllr R Pearson  
The vote was unanimous

**4a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 4th 2013.**

These were adopted with no changes

**4b. Police Report PACT**

There was no police report

**5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report**

None

**a. Public Participation not agenda items-**

None.

**b. Highway Issues**

Flooding Outside Village hall Still awaiting the jetter and camera team however the dry spell of weather has eased the problem.

### **c. Other Issue**

The Council has been offered a chance to acquire bedding plants free of charge for flower displays. It was decided to decline the offer as Kewstoke was not suitable climate wise for street or park type bedding but would like to be considered if spring bulbs became on offer.

### **6. Community Resilience**

A discussion took place about the merits of any voluntary scheme to combat emergencies such as flooding or a disaster such as a aircraft crash. A similar exercise was tried under a flood defence plan which in the end proved unworkable. The Parish felt it was ill equipped in the available volunteers and felt its best help was self help assisting the emergency services where possible if any event should arise.

### **7. Finance Working Group Report (Cllr Horry)**

Toll Road

The Clerk circulated a response letter from David Turner following a meeting held with NSDC Departmental Managers in December 2012

It confirmed that NSDC would not entertain anything to do with street lighting costs and the Toilet issue was under review.

In relation to the Toll Road and its possible reinstatement the NSDC Council was prepared to discuss the matter in the future.

A discussion took place about the issues and the Chairman explained the position relating to the negotiations about running of the toilets .

It was decided to await the final outcome of the toilet negotiations and the cost to the Parish, decide on a way forward and then if need be return to the possibility of a re-instated Toll Road

### **8. Correspondence**

Southern Area Committee Papers March

Letter from David Turner re; Dec Meeting

Invite to the Opening of the Community Farm at Cygnet Hospital

The Clerk had received alongside the Chairman an invite to see the new Community Farm Project opening in the Cygnet Grounds on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Members of the Council were cordially invited

The rest of correspondence was noted

### **10 Financial Update:**

#### **10a Cheques for Approval**

Clerks Salary	£ 216.25
Inland Revenue	£ 54.20
Clerks Expenses	£ 33.78
B Thorne	£ 289.98
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
A Ham	£1,394.75
Fountain	£ 124.80
SEC	£ 289.31
EDF	£ 972.00

Unanimously agreed

## **11. Footpaths**

The Clerk raised the issue about a footpath which runs from the bottom of Monks Hill (but is now in-accessible) via the woodland glen to the top of Monks Hill. This path is virtually never used and is deemed dangerous. A footpath of steps runs virtually in the same direction called Monks Steps which is well maintained and used. There was an attempt many years ago to divert the bottom section of the path which became lost in the system but was supported by the Parish.

A long discussion took place and several Councillor's were aware that the cessation of regular use was when Butts Quarry closed in the 1960 era and that was its main purpose as a walkway from the village.

It was in the Council's opinion after discussion that this footpath was not being used, was dangerous, not accessible at the bottom section and was not worthy or have any need to re-instate to a walkable standard, it therefore recommends NSDC to consider closure.

## **12. Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Pearson** drew attention to the pot holes on the WSM side of the Toll Road.

Clerk will action

**Cllr Pearson** referred to the spring Newsletter and reminded Councillor's of the deadline for entries which was in approximately 2 weeks

**Cllr Thomas** asked if the Golf Club could be reminded to cut the hedge at the top of Monks Hill

Clerk will action

**Cllr Adams** asked that the Prohibited dog signs on the village green be more prominently sited

Clerk will look into the issue

**Cllr Adams** raised the issue of the BMX track in Weston woods which seems to be expanding

Clerk will ask NSDC to investigate

**Cllr Harper** reported that lights 14 and 20 were out in Crookes lane

**Cllr Vearncombe** raised two issues

1. The wall at the allotments which has been broken down for entry purposes either needs to be rebuilt or replaced by a gate. Clerk will price a gate

2. A sign at the top of Anson Road pointing left saying quarry would avoid many lorry drivers taking the wrong route and then having difficulty turning along Kewstoke Road

Clerk will action

**Cllr Horry** raised the issue of someone suspected a resident had gone onto the top side of the green and heavily pruned trees. This is an area which is properly maintained by the Council

This has resulted in further expense to clear up the mess left.

It was decided to write politely to the residents that back onto the green to draw their attention to the matter and remind them that the extra expense has to be born by all villagers.

**Cllr Horry** reminded Councillors that he and the Clerk were actively trying to get the new website up and running but other priorities had taken its toll on the project and therefore it was behind schedule

**Meeting Closed 8-35pm**

**13. Date of next Meeting Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday the 30 April 2013**

**Annual General Meeting and the May Parish meeting Tuesday May 7th**