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Minutes of the of Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 6th August 2012 at Kewstoke Village Hall.
The meeting commenced at 7-00pm

Present, T Horry (Chairman) J McDonald (Vice-Chairman) N Whyte, K. Harper, T Morris, R Adams,
R Pearson, D Jolley and Cllr Bates
Unitary Member I Porter
Charlotte Richardson -Press
Members of the Public 14 (part)

Prior to the meeting an informative talk was given by Mr. J Pratt and Joe Williams both of Crossville Bus Company.

Mr Pratt firstly gave an appraisal of why he has gone into competition with First Bus.

Mr Pratt made the following points:-

1. The present First Bus service was not dependable and is based purely on revenue not service.
2. All routes are a challenge and have to be viewed on a yearly basis.
3. Passengers need to know that the service will be reliable and all year round
4. It is important that customers and the bus company regularly liaise to improve the service that is why Crossville try and run routes with regular drivers.
5. It was his intention to run a service in the winter mostly an hour service but half hour at peak times. This however would be reviewed on a monthly basis
6. It was the intention from October to run a service twice weekly to Worle as he was aware this was an aspiration of the Parish Council.
7. On all services it must be commercially based and it is important that residents spread the word of "Use it or loose it"

A Question and answer session followed

Q, Lucy Stevens needed to be at the Weston College by 9-15am

A, The 8-55am bus will get her there but not unfortunately using a pass. Regulations prevent the passes being used that early

Q, Mrs Iris Jones was concerned about some of the antics of First Bus but did not elaborate what they were.

A, Crossville will not enter into any activities that contravene professional actions. These issues will eventually resolve themselves.

Q, Mrs S Lowe asked why it was needed to have such intense competition and why the service cannot be spaced with First Bus.

A, It had to be a commercial decision to challenge for the business, hopefully it will be a stand alone service next year. It may be when we review next years timetable this could happen.

Q, Mr G Skinner asked about a late bus particularly in the summer months.

A, This was under review for next year if it could be warranted.

Q, Mrs Lowe asked whether they had considered a survey of residents for their views and wishes.

A, It was about time and resources, the drivers do try and communicate wishes of passengers back to the company. Mr Pratt would try and rush out a survey form to get into the next magazine and the Council agreed to deliver it

Q, Mrs Iris Jones was concerned and unconvinced that Crossville could survive against First Bus. First

Bus were a National Company

A, Time will tell

Q, Mr Richard Parsons welcomed the comments so far and then asked about a Sunday Service.

A, it would be reviewed with relation to winter services.

Cllr Porter was pleased that Crossville had put on the service and hoped for its success.

It was important that new opportunities were allowed to be realised and this was an important move by this transport company. Residents have to use these services if they want routes covered.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pratt and Joe Williams for their time and hoped he would come again in the future .

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

7-58pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs C Thomas, M Ray

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

Lorna Booth - Police

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2012

The minutes were adopted with no changes.

4a. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk reported that he had written to the golf club relating to the hedgerows but had seen no action as of yet

4b. Police Report PACT

The Clerk read out a police report.

There were 54 calls during July however none were of a major concern apart from burglaries from caravans in the village. Four were recorded.

Drink was confiscated from end of term school children and there were some minor traffic incidents.

The Clerk holds a full report

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

None

b. Highway Issues

Drain Cover Lower Norton Lane

This has been repaired

Flooding outside Village Hall

The Clerk had tried to get a date for this investigation work to proceed but was unable to progress the issue. The Council had been promised by the end of July.
Cllr Porter will be asked to investigate.

Tree Monks Hill

This was no longer an issue.

c. Other Issue

Jubilee Issue

This will be an agenda item next month . The Chairman asked Councillors to come up with ideas to commemorate the celebration.

Dog Bin Legislation

The Clerk reported that dog mess was now declassified and could now be put in standard rubbish bins. A short debate took place on the implications of this change however it was thought that the dog bins would remain in service.

Allotment Water

The quote of £300 was accepted and the work would commence to join up the three remaining allotments with water facilities

6. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers July

North Somerset Local Access Forum

Marine Conservation Society Beach Recommendation

All Noted

7. Newsletter

The summer edition was being proof read this week and would be back from the printers around the 15th of the month, a new distribution list was being drawn up by Councillor Whyte and would be circulated.

8. Financial Update:

8a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 234.44
David Richards	£ 00.00
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 178.97
Fountain	£ 156.00
Thorne (Orderly) May/June	£ 374.48
A Ham	£ 612.50
Communicorp	£ 12.00
Kewstoke Village Hall	£ 288.00
EDF	£ 972.70
R Filer (Stylish Memorials)	£1,283.20
Youth Club rent payment Advanced	£ 360.00 To be held up

In relation to the Youth Club rental it was agreed to hold up the advanced payment as there needs to be some clarification of usage dates

9. Toilets Bus Terminus and Toilets Sand Point

Report of meeting with N-Somerset

The Clerk gave an appraisal of the meeting.

NSDC have to save the £400.000 which is the total cost of all toilet facilities in the Unitary Area.

Approximately £6,500 was Kewstoke provision. There was aspirations to close some, possibly pay as you enter others, although there seemed little capital monies available to do the work. Parishes are being invited to take on some toilets. Subsidised toilets could be paid for by charged toilets. There will be no NSDC budget next April.

All toilets are being fitted with footfall counters. There will be a further meeting convened around September.

10. Youth Club Event

The event is scheduled for the 25th of August. The Parish is unaware at this time of any requests or issues. It is understood all the insurances are in place.

11. Civic Service

A Civic Service is planned for 21st October at the local Church. A survey of Councillors supported the idea. More information would be made available later in the year.

12. New Declarations of Interest Forms

The Clerk circulated new Declaration of Interest Forms now required under the New Localism Bill.

The main changes are

1. The declaration of interest must include any interest your wife/partner etc has
2. There is no personal interest anymore just a prejudicial interest. This is very relevant to planning.
3. The forms are to be held now on line so as access can be made by the public directly.

13. Councillors Reports

Cllr Harper requested if the Orderly position has been resolved.

The Clerk reported that he needed to speak to personnel in detail and would hope to come to Council with a decision next month.

Cllr Jolley asked about the unfilled pot holes just past Elmsley Lane entrance from Norton Lane.

The Clerk reported that he had requested them to be filled twice and to no avail.

Cllr Porter will be asked to take up the issue.

Cllr Bates was concerned about the visibility coming onto Beach Road from Crookes Lane because of the growth of the vegetation.

It may be because of the rain an intermediate cut of verges will be necessary.

This decision will have to be made next month and it will be an Agenda item. In the mean time Clerk will look at the overall situation.

13. Date of next Meeting Monday 3rd September 2012

The meeting closed at 9-05pm