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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 12th August 2013 at Kewstoke Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-pm

Present, Councillors :T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald (Vice-Chairman) K. Harper, R Adams, C Thomas, R Pearson, G Vearncombe, T Morris, C Thomas and Cllr C Bates
PSCO Nicola Mitchell
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
2 Member of the public

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mrs Masavik and Mrs K Cowley both raised the issue of the noise and nuisance from the trials type motorbikes using the field next to the village hall. It is understood that the owners are aware of the nuisance it is causing.

The Chairman Cllr MacDonald and the Clerk were aware of the problem and NSDC Environment Department had been informed. A log was being compiled by residents and if it continues then it should be reported directly to NSDC

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7-15pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Unitary Member I Porter.
Cllr D Jolley,

3, Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 1st 2013.

These were adopted with no changes

4a. Police Report PACT

PSCO Mitchell gave the Report.

There had been 80 calls logged since the first of July a six week period, far more than usual however a considerable amount covered minor issues. At least 20 were from Cygnet, a further 15 related to a wanted suspect which was recognised and arrested., 8 traffic and 4 domestic issues were recorded The rest was made up of summer youngsters causing a nuisance and various other minor issues. The police were aware of the motorbike issue raised in public participation.

PSDCO Mitchell asked if there would be any interest in a neighbourhood watch scheme. After a short debate it was decided not to pursue the issue.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter

None not agenda items but two reports under

5c Other Issues

5a. Public Participation not agenda items-

Dealt with under Public Participation at beginning of meeting

b. Highway Issues

Flooding Outside Village Hall/Bus Terminus Car Park/Sand Road Junction

Cllr Harper and the Clerk had investigated the cost of dealing with these issues as they had now been on the agenda for over a year and more. It clearly is NSDC responsibility but it appears that time and funds are stopping the work being done.

A discussion took place about the whole issue of responsibility and it was decided to inform NSDC with 21 days notice that if they were not prepared to do the work then Kewstoke would undertake and action the work and bill NSDC.

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee will contact the Senior Officer in Highways to fore-warn him of Kewstoke's concern

Water Run Lower Norton Lane

It is understood this issue has been resolved.

c. Other Issue

Wall Opposite New Inn

This has been repaired

Allotments

All the minor issues have now been resolved

6. Toilets

Working Party Report

The Clerk had circulated a updated report,a business plan and a budget heading sheet to all Councillors.These are available on request.

A meeting had been held with NSDC and it proved to be productive. The working group are charged to finalise detailed bids for the toilet conversion, investigate interest in the concession and the cleaning contract and then re-bid for the total conversion cost around about October. NSDC are in the process of changing their car park concession contracts as well as dealing with other legal matters relating to the area.

7. Closed Churchyard Maintenance

A letter has been received relating to the above. It confirms that in the Parish case the grass cutting is undertook by the parish but any structural work is the responsibility of NSDC

8. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers June

Local Access Forum

Noted

9. Rural Fair Share

Cllr P Bryant of NSDC had requested the Parishes to support a petition relating to the unfair funding of NSDC compared to others. A number of examples were circulated to Councillors.

Councillors were asked to sign the petition and return to the Clerk who will forward it on to Cllr Bryant

10. Financial Update:

10a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 282.86
B Thorne	£ 289.38
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
A Ham	£1,051.87
Clevedon Office Equipment	£ 84.00
R. Ingram Wall repair (New Inn)	£ 200.00
Communicorp	£ 12.00
Signtech	£ 82.80
Mactra (Sign Repair)	£ 30.00
All agreed unanimously	

11. Office Copier

The latest repair/service has revealed that the machine needs replacing.

A discussion took place and it was decided to get quotes for colour and plain black and report back to the next meeting Cllr MacDonald has an upmarket unit and he will enquire from his supplier costs and types

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr MacDonald, Horry and Harper had walked the village identifying signs. As far as the hedgerows were concerned a plan was executed to make them more visible where required.

Dog signs on the Village Green and up to the school were clearly visible and little dog mess was found

There were signs that needed replacing /changing and this has been actioned particularly near the Pink Shop going onto the Village Green

Cllr Morris inquired about the Crookes Lane sign still missing by the Chapel Wall. The Chairman had written to the chapel to try and resolve the issue

Cllr Morris reported again that a van is permanently parking close to Kewside and is impairing vision onto Lower Norton Lane.

Cllr Bates asked for the Beach Road sign at the junction to Crookes Lane to be raised

Cllr Bates after witnessing an accident, reported the hedgerow wants paring back at the entrance to the Bus Terminus Car Park.

Cllr Bates wanted a record in the minutes that a drain was still blocked on Lower Norton Lane close to Gables Cottages. NSDC were aware

Cllr Horry had taken possession of the information board which had broken off at Mountbatten Way. The board will be mended and replaced.

Cllr Vearncombe has made and erected a sign at the top of Anson Way to direct lorries to the quarry. SAT-NAV technology had been directing them along Kewstoke road and causing traffic problems.

13. Date of next Meeting Monday 2nd September 2013

Meeting closed at 8-30pm

