

Kewstoke Parish Council
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Chairman: Councillor Mr. T Horry

Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 3rd December 2012 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

The meeting commenced at 7-00pm

Present, Councillors :T Horry (Chairman) J McDonald (Vice-Chairman) N Whyte, K. Harper, T Morris, R Adams, C Thomas, R Pearson,D Jolley and C Bates
Police -PSCO Nicola Satherley
Members of the Public- none
6 Members of the University of the West of England Bristol

1. Visit of Students

The Chairman allowed a question and answer session with the students of the university. They were using the sand Bay area as a research paper for their studies. The Parish had already supplied the students with various documents to help them .

The questions varied but the themes were:- about the Environment, Biodiversity, Climate, Transport, Tourism, Housing and Crime. All Councillors took part. The students agreed to send a copy of their final report to the Parish.

The students then stayed for the rest of the meeting and from time to time the Chairman allowed a question on a point of information

1a.Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-25pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ian Porter and Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee (both sick)

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2012

These were adopted with no changes

4a. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk had posted notices for the Councillor vacancy to replace Cllr M Ray

4b. Police Report PACT

PSCO Nicola Satherley gave the report

There had been 39 calls over the month of which 12 were from Cygnet 18 were domestic or minor issues and 9 were crimes

Of the crimes 7 were break-ins to cars and two were from property. Notices are to be posted warning motorists particularly to be vigilant at this time of year.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

None not Agenda items

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

None

b. Highway Issues

Flooding Outside Village Hall

NSDC are aware of the situation and have promised to come but are tied up with more urgent flooding problems within the district

Manor Garden Hedge

Cllrs Thomas and Morris have this in hand

Recent Flooding

A discussion took place about the recent flooding of the area however it was acknowledged that Kewstoke was very fortunate to get away with just road flooding. Area such as Sand Road was flooded for days mainly due to the poor maintenance of the side ditches and rhines. This in turn leads to damage to road surfaces etc.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had asked Cllr Parsons of Wick St Lawrence and Cllr Adams of Kewstoke both members of the Drainage Board to raise the issue at their next meeting

Street Lights

Some light s had been repaired however no 5 in Sand Road, No 8 Beach Road, 19 Crookes Lane and one on Monks Hill were all out. Clerk will report

Grit Bin Anson Way

This issue has been rectified

c. Other Issue.

First Bus/Crossville- Early bus

NSDC had found some subsidy money to restore the service for January the 1st 2013

Road Closure 9th January Lower Norton Lane (Wessex Water)

This closure is for a new Water Main to be installed

As the work is on one of the main access routes out of the village Council was concerned for any problems affecting the other route which is Crookes Lane/Kewstoke Road. The Clerk will contact NSDC to ensure this route is salted as it is also a bus route

Notice Board Opposite Pub

Awaiting a repair cost

6. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers October

Request for donation CAB

Request for donation Black and Minority Ethnic Group

All Noted

The Clerk reported that the CAB had supplied information of the use of the service from Kewstoke residents. The Council decided that this would be considered positively at the precept

7. Toilet Review Update

The Chairman referred to a condition survey carried out for NSDC which showed the toilets needing approximately £6,500 to bring them up to a transferable order

It was decided that as the toilets were a considerable cost issue and was a theme of the Pre- precept Report it would be reviewed along with that agenda item which is No 8

8. Pre Precept Report Discussion (Report to Follow)

The Clerk had circulated his report which is attached to these minutes

The main thrust of the report centred on the move away from service provision by NSDC and if they were to continue the Parish would have to pick up the costs. The Clerk gave some worst scenario predictions which could lead to the Village precept going up Approximately £40.00 per year.

Cllr Whyte was keen to explore ways of the Parish raising revenue rather than putting all costs to precept. This was supported by many Councillors however the problems raising money could cost more than the receipts.

The other issue of concern was the changing position of NSDC and how this related to this Parish. Despite Councillors best efforts it was felt that more information was needed before a precept could be really set. It was decided to seek a meeting with David Turner the Director of the Environment section of NSDC.

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 30.76
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
Fountain	£ 168.00
Thorne (Orderly)	£ 289.98
A Ham	£ 00,00 Submit for Jan 2013
Wessex Water	£ 38.49

Proposed acceptance by Cllr T Morris seconded by Cllr C Bates

Unanimous

10. Jubilee Commemoration

One quote was in but awaiting two others

11. Newsletter

At the printers at present expected available for circulation by the 9th December

12. Christmas Party etc

At present 30 plus children had registered. Cllrs Whyte and Bates are to buy presents next week.

13. Christmas Dinner

Agreed to go to the Commodore for the 25th January. Cllr Bates will negotiate with the Commodore about menu and price.

14. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bates reported a large boulder at the side of the road within the confines of the toll road.

Clerk will report

Date of next Meeting Monday 7th January, Tuesday 22nd (precept) 2013-Agreed

