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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 7th January 2013 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 and D Jolley
Police -PSCO Nicola Satherley-Mitchell
Members of the Public Mr Evely
WECAN Members Madeline Williams and Peter Hardaway

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mr Evely hoped that the Play Bus Scheme would be a success and commented that it was a very good idea. He hoped the Data Protection Act would not be a hindrance as he had experienced

Play bus for Kewstoke

Madeline Williams and Peter Hardaway spoke about the possibility of the Play bus for up to 4 year old children being available in Kewstoke for a three months trial. The cost which would be met by WECAN would be around £2,200.00 Figures held by NSDC warrant such a exercise. It was hoped that the venture would come to fruition and all Councillors backed the idea. A progress report would come back as soon as possible

1.Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-30pm

2.Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Bates

Cllr I Porter and Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

3. Dispensation Requests (Clerk to explain)

The Clerk had circulated a new simple form with the legal interpretation on the reverse side.

It is likely to be used rarely but at least once a year for setting the precept where all members could have a vested interest. It has come about because of a section in the new Localism Bill .

The Clerk gave an example where he thought it could also come into use, however in his opinion/advice to Councillors, it was about common sense, honesty and if not sure to ask before an issue is discussed.

3a. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2012

These were adopted with two minor grammatical mistakes

Adopted Unanimous

4a. Matters arising from the Minutes

None not Agenda Items

4b. Police Report PACT

PSCO Nicola Mitchell gave the report

There were 38 calls during the month of which only 4 were of note

They were 1 burglary, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, theft of an electrical fence panel

The rest were made up of 7 mental health and 6 Cygnet calls, 5 suspicious circumstances and misc others.

The police were experiencing opportunist thieving from sheds garages etc. and asked Councillors to get the message to residents about locking up buildings particularly sheds,garages and outbuildings.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

b. Highway Issues

Flooding Outside Village Hall

This issue still has not been resolved and still awaiting the jettors and camera crew.

Manor Garden Hedge

This has been resolved as Cllr Thomas got his work team to clear the offending hedge growth

Mrs Jenkins (who is in her 80's), through Cllr Morris wanted the minutes to record the thanks to the Council and particularly Cllr Thomas for the work carried out.

Recent Flooding

A heated debate took place about the roles of the various bodies particularly the NSDC highways, the Drainage Board and the Environment Agency. It was centred on the inability of any of these Organisations to get land owners to clear their ditches and rhines. The net result is the flooding unnecessarily of roads for long periods,damage to vehicles because the road surface breaks up and the cost to the Authorities when everyone is pleading poverty. Three people in the room had damage to their vehicles because of road damage. Cllr Thomas felt the Drainage Board needed to do more. Cllr Adams had raised this with the Drainage Board and would try again. Cllr's Horry, MacDonald and the Clerk have strenuously raised the issue at Director level at NSDC.

It was decided to ask the Clerk to write to the Drainage Board with a copy to NSDC and possibly the land owner

c. Other Issue.

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

It is understood the major work will be carried out this weekend which is 11/12/13 January 2013

Notice Board Opposite Pub

Awaiting Andy Ham coming back from sick leave

Christmas Party

42 children attended and it was a great success

Cygnnet Meeting

Issues raised were phone calls which appear on the police report when they were not actually crimes, possible problems with patients from the lodge when in village, however these were very rare and trees could be made available in the Spring as there is likely to be a surplus.

Cygnnet agreed to spread salt on the road by the pub if the need arises.

6. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers Dec 2012

Bristol Airport Newsletter

North Somerset Access Forum

All noted

7. Precept Strategy

It was decided to take this item in conjunction with item 10

8. Co-option of Councillor

There proved to be no wish by residents to hold an election therefore it was decided that the co-option process would be pursued.

The Clerk will post a notice of co-option to gauge interest and if necessary a short list would be drawn up for interviews.

A Mr Frankling had expressed an interest to NSDC therefore if seemed fair and proper that he be automatically put on the short list for interview

This was agreed and the Clerk will enact the process

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.25
Inland Revenue	£ 54.20
Clerks Expenses	£109.16
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 175.97
Fountain	£ 156.00
Thorne (Orderly)	£ 354.98
A Ham	£ 545.00
K Harper (Christmas Party)	£100.00
N Whyte(Christmas Party)	£271.13
S.E.C	£289.31
EDF	£970.20

Unanimously Agreed

10.Toilet Review Update

Newsletter Consultation Results

Firstly the results of the feedback from the newsletter item was very disappointing.

Only 5 members of the public had responded of which three considered the toilets should remain and be paid for by pay as you enter means and some small rise in the precept. The others felt they should stay open but they should not pay

Item 7 the Precept Strategy was included in this debate.

Cllr Horry reported on the meeting with NSDC where Director David Turner, Mr Magreggor and Mr Russell represented the Unitary Authority and Cllrs Horry, MacDonald and the Clerk represented the Parish

NSDC made it absolutely plain that they had serious financial issues and it was all about savings on a large scale.

They agreed to some trading of services where possible but not at major expense to the Authority.

Exploration about lighting, dog bins and grass cutting were discussed. The net results were that the Unitary felt they could take on the dog bins but no grant would be forthcoming for grass cutting.

They agreed to look at street lighting but gave no promises. The issue of the toilets were explored again with an opportunity for the Parish to bid for upgrading money before taking them over. Issues of the Toll Road were raised but not resolved. The Unitary Council will inform the Parish by the end of January relating to the electricity issue as well as possibly a discussion on the future of the Toll Road.

11. Jubilee Commemoration

A second quote by Keith Mann trading as Delta Engineering has been received which was £1,500.00.

The quality of the work of this Company was known to some Councillors.

Councillors were mindful to make a decision and get the seat installed however the Clerk explained that three quotes were needed and that has proved very difficult to get as no other companies had bothered to come back from the enquiries.

It was proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Whyte to stand down Standing Orders relating to the three quotes and accept one of the two supplied This was unanimously agreed

Cllr Morris further proposed as he and others were aware of the quality of work done by Delta Engineering and the quotes were within £50 of each other, that Delta be given the work. This was seconded by Cllr Whyte. The vote was unanimous

Subject to a written quote and specification for the £1,500.00 agreed the Clerk would then action the work

12. Christmas Dinner

It was decided that there would be approximately 18 guests to be held at the Commodore for the 25th January 2013

13. Councillors Reports

Cllr MacDonald had been dealing with a dog instance where one animal attacked another and the owner of one dog was blatantly rude and uncooperative. It was decided to get the RSPCA article relating to dog owner responsibilities printed in the next newsletter

Cllr Whyte asked for the children's entertainer to be booked for next years party destined for the 21st December 2013

Cllr Adams raised the issue that he thought the soak away drain outside No 111 Beach Road was blocked. Clerk will action

Meeting Closed at 8-45pm

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 22nd January (Precept) 2013 and Feb 4th 2013 Council Meeting