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**Chairman: Councillor Mr. T Horry**

**Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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, D Jolley, T Morris, C Thomas and Cllr C Bates  
Unitary Member I Porter.  
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee  
2 member of the public

**Public Participation (15 minutes)**

Mrs Painting raised two issues relating to dog fouling.

1. There was no dog or litter bins on the route to the school from Orchard Close and it was regularly fouled.
2. There is no banned dog sign when coming out of the Village shop and heading across the Village Green to Kewside and she regularly sees dog owners with free running dogs and not even on leads.

Mrs Ireland raised three issues

**1. What will be the bus service to Kewstoke in the winter months?**

The chairman responded by informing Mrs Ireland that the Council were in the hands of the bus company but understood it was likely to be hourly.

**2. Is there any chance of more mirrors on Monks Hill for safety reasons?**

Cllr Morris stated that in the past the Parish Council had paid for more mirrors but they were always damaged. NSDC do not like mirrors as they are considered counter productive

**3. Is there a possibility of the agendas being posted with notices.?**

The Clerk responded by suggesting that it would be possible to put them on the website rather than the notice boards and he would try and do this once the new website was operation

**1.Opening of the Meeting**

**The meeting opened at 7-15pm**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

None

**3, Declarations of Interests**

None

**4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 3rd 2013.**

These were adopted with two minor spelling changes

**4a. Police Report PACT**

There was no police report

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

None not agenda Items

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

In relation to questions posed by Mrs Painting it was decided to review the sign-age within the village. The issue of dog signs was not the only sign-age issue others had been raised to Councillors . A tour of the village would be arranged

### **b. Highway Issues**

#### **Flooding Outside Village Hall**

No action as yet

#### **Water Run Lower Norton Lane**

It appears that one leak has been repaired but a second leak at the top side of rose tree cottages was still running

Clerk will contact Bristol Water again

#### **Brambles Crookes Lane**

These have been cut back

### **c. Other Issue**

None

## **6. Toilets**

The working group had met on site and in session twice. An initial business plan has been drawn up, drawings to convert the toilet block to part toilets part kiosk has been done and initially priced.

A meeting was held with NSDC to review the situation and the working group were awaiting a reply from NSDC relating to planning permissions, business rates, car park issues, and possible funding.

The working group following their meeting with NSDC are going to review the business plan.

## **7. Interest Payments**

The Clerk had completed his tour of the Financial Establishments and the best deal on offer for business savings was from our present bank Natwest. It was 1% from money tied up for a year.

At the same time the Clerk had tidied up the banking procedures and signatories.

It was decided to invest approximately £30,000 out of the reserves in a one year saving account with NatWest.

Proposed by Cllr Morris seconded by Cllr Pearson The vote was unanimous.

## **8. Correspondence**

Southern Area Committee Papers June

Boundary Commission Submission acknowledgement

Noted

## **9. Allotment Issues**

Issues relating to usage of the allotments were now resolved and all payments made.

The new gate and water supply to the new set of allotments has been finalised.

Mr P Evans has been granted an allotment within the new section.

There was concern again about horses in the lower scrub field which caused problems last year. It is understood the fields are let by the Mead Group and then possibly sub let.

The Clerk has contacted Mr A mead about the issue particularly as the occupants are using pallets as a fence. A long discussion took place about the issue ,the end result being frustration in that little could be done unless the horses get out or get on the road.

The Clerk will write to Mr Mead voicing the concerns.

## **10. Financial Update:**

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

Clerks Salary	£ 216.25
Inland Revenue	£ 54.20
Clerks Expenses	£ 18.99
B Thorne	£ 315.98
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
A Ham	£ 919.00
D Board	£ 594.00
L Cowell (Internal Auditor)	£ 120.00
NSDC (newsletter)	£ 483.44
S.E.C	£ 289.31
Kewstoke Village Hall	£ 144.00

All Agreed

### **10b Copy of Accounts sent to External Auditor having completed Internal Audit**

Noted

## **11. Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Bates** was congratulated on raising money for the Village Hall via an organised dance.

**Cllr Vearncombe** reported that two street lights at the bottom of Monks Hill were now at 45o to the road and needed attention.

Clerk will report.

**Cllr Vearncombe** reported that three hanging baskets were stolen outside his home over the last weekend in June.

**Cllr MacDonald** raised the issue of signage within the village and was happy to lead the review to be organised

**Cllr Morris** acknowledged that the stones had been replaced at the bottom of Monks Hill but it looked a very temporary repair.

**Cllr Adams** reported the pot hole by swallow caravan park on beach road had still not been repaired.

**Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee** A discussion took place about the merits of an Emergency Plan for Kewstoke. It was decided when it was an Agenda item not to take part but wait for a small council to have a plan and modify it to suit the village. At present that seems not to have happened.

The Clerk expressed his concern that the amount of work appearing to be transferred from NSDC to the Parishes with no finance attached was continuing to increase and with now no Area Officer, no Policeman, no active PSCO there was a limit to what can be done at any one time.

## **12. Date of next Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

