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**Chairman: Councillor Mr. T Horry**

**Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Kewstoke Village Hall.**

**The Meeting commenced at 7-00pm**

**Present,** Councillors :T Horry ( Chairman) J McDonald (Vice-Chairman) K. Harper, T Morris, R Adams, C Thomas, R Pearson  
Police -PSCO Nicola Mitchell  
Members of the Public Mr Evely and Mr R Saltin

**Public Participation (15 minutes)**

Mr Evely made comment about the poor service supplied by NSDC when collecting green waste and his attempts to rectify the matter

Mr Saltin advised the Council about indiscriminate parking outside the new entrance to the Ardnave Caravan Site. He informed Councillors that the parking of up to six cars was causing danger to traffic in the area particularly the bend and cars were heard to screech to a halt on regular occasions

The residents had been contacted by himself and the police to no avail and a present impasse seems to be in place

**1.Opening of the Meeting**

**7.15pm**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs N Whyte, and D Jolley  
Unitary Member I Porter  
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

**3. Dispensation Requests**

The Clerk reported that after all the effort to Organise this option a government minister had ruled that it was now not necessary. The present system sufficed.

**3a, Declarations of Interests**

None

**4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 4th 2013.**

These were adopted with two minor grammatical errors

**4a. Police Report PACT**

P.S.C.O Nicola Mitchell gave the report

There were 31 calls over the monthly period of which 5 were of concern

There were two thefts,2 thefts from vehicles and 1 burglary. By nature it was a quiet month.

Again stress should be put on residents where ever possible to keep valuables out of sight when in locked cars and keep doors and garages,outbuildings locked.

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

None not agenda items

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

Mr Evely's comments were noted

The issue raised by Mr Saltin was discussed in detail. It was conceived that this was to a certain extent a residential dispute. PSCO Nicola Mitchell will speak to all sides over the next month and try and resolve some if not all of the issues. Failing that the Council could ask NSDC to yellow line the area.

It was decided that this would be an agenda item in April

### **b. Highway Issues**

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

NSDC reported that the priorities at the present time was to make sure all drains were clear around the areas that were flooded in the N-Somerset area

#### **Meeting with Area Officers**

The Clerk reported that he had met with two Area Officers on site. This related to the flooding of Sand Road/Lower Norton Lane, the lay by on Sand Road past Ocean Bridge, the pipe work under a gateway in the areas of the rhine and the flytipping in the rhine.

#### **It was decided:-**

The pipe under the junction of Sand Rd/Lower Norton Lane needed jetting as it was partially blocked. The area in front of the Rhine on Sand Road presently a pull in lay-by would need detail investigation for ownership. If it was owned by NSDC a scheme to block it off would be considered. The drainage board were in the spring to replace the gateway pipe for a larger bore pipe to help the situation.

A further report will be made when all the detail is available

### **c. Other Issue**

#### **Play Bus Decision**

It was regrettably decided that because of the uncertainty of funding following the 3 month trial the Council decided that the scheme could not be sustainable and therefore thought it best not to go ahead with the trial. The Clerk will write to WECAN with the decision and the thanks of the Council for the consideration.

#### **Seat on Village Green**

The seat was now in place.

It was decided to get a plaque made up to commemorate the event which was the Queens Jubilee. Cllr Morris and the Clerk will liaise on the matter

## **6.Co-option of Councillor**

Two applicants had made an application for the post

The Council will hold an interview process on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. Following the interviews the preferred candidate with Council approval will be adopted at the April meeting.

This will mean the Council will be back to full strength by the beginning of the next municipal year. The panel selected were Cllrs Horry, MacDonald and Morris

## **7. Finance Working group report (Cllr Horry)**

Cllr Horry gave an update on the first meeting of the group

The first part of the meeting went over all the costings of the main components of the 2013 budget. It was decided apart from some small savings already identified there was little extra savings could be made.

The rest of the meeting was designated to explore ideas of how best the Sand Road Bus Terminus toilets could be run in a sustainable manner.

There is at present contract negotiation taking place where the Kewstoke toilets could be part of a scheme being drawn up by WSM Town Council. The Parish is awaiting more detail

The Parish group have also met on site to consider other options for the toilets including downscaling the number to unisex and the possible building of a tea bar /café.

The Council group decided to “hedge its bets” and make an application for £6,500 and a second bid of £10,000.00 to the innovation community fund to try and cover costs of both options

The group will meet again as soon as more information is available.

## **8. Correspondence**

Southern Area Committee Papers February

Noted

## **10 Financial Update:**

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

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 53.27
B Thorne	£ 241.96
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
A Ham	£ 244.00
Fountain	£ 124.00
L.M.Welding Ltd	£1,500.00

Approved Unanimously

## **11. Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Morris** was concerned about rocks at the top and bottom of Monks Hill

Clerk will ask NSDC to move them rather than keep putting them at the side of road.

**Cllr Pearson** asked about the newsletter situation relating to the number of editions.

It was decided to just do two newsletters per year.

The next edition would be in May

**Cllr Harper** reported problems with street lights in Sand Road no 5 and 6 were out again

Clerk will action.

**Cllr Harper** reported his concern about the Cygnet hospital. He had read a report in the Weston Mercury highlighting failings following an inspection report.

The Clerk was concerned that members be made aware of the true nature of the report and suggested that contact be made officially with the hospital to establish if there was any need of concern. This was agreed

## **12. Date of next Meeting Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013**