

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kewstoke Parish held on Thursday the 14th
April 2011 Kewstoke Village Hall.**

Present N Whyte (Chairman), R Adams, (Vice-Chairman), T Horry, R Pearson,
K.Harper, C Bates. and M Ray
Clerk Colin Hill
2 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Opening Address

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs T Morris, V Morris, C Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Evely.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 15th of April 2010 were approved with no changes.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out her report which is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Whyte reported briefly on issues such as Cygnet Liaison Committee, The Toll Road and the Crookes Lane Footpath all of which some were agenda items and would be covered in more detail later in the agenda.

5. Financial Report.

The Clerk produced the legal accounts for 2009-10 and his end of year 2011 accounts which will go to audit

It has been a tough year mainly taken up in planning for the future.

The budget itself will be fine with no overspends of any nature to worry about.

Costs are on the rise particularly Electricity and we are still battling with SEC over a supply issue that cost the Council an extra £750.00

We have had an excellent year in relation to the Environment budget, looking after more of our village ourselves at value for money costs.

A full version of his report is attached to the minutes

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6. Cygnet Liaison Meetings

Cllr Whyte reported that there had been no major problems with patients out in the community worthy of mention.

There was an issue about the policing of internal disputes within the hospital. The events however minor or serious are reported to the police. There were concerns how this would be viewed in connection with crime statistics and then possibly a relation to insurance premiums

Mr Templeman asked if this has been resolved. It would be a question put to Cygnet at the next meeting

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7. Sand Bay Management Team

Cllr Horry reported on the work of the Management Committee.

The Remedial work had been carried out on the erosion of the dunes. There had been some damage to paling fencing during the year which is designed to help form dunes

There was real concern within the Committee about the continual amount of dog fouling on the beach and the attitude of what is believed to be non residents.

The Committee was undertaking a complete review of the Management plan

8. Toll Road

The Clerk reported the latest position which is that:

The Parish is in a position to move forward however there will still be a need to raise a further approx £10,000.00

The Parish has ringed fenced £10,000.00 from reserves and a further £11,500.00 from the rise in the precept of 2009-10. The latter will be in the form of a loan and will be repaid to the Parish from the profits if and when the Toll Road is reinstated.

The Toll Road is on hold at the moment because the Sea Defence and new Promenade work in WSM totally distorted the use of the road. Only now is it getting back to normal. The work will be reviewed during 2011-2012 and then a decision can be made, in the mean time £11,500.00 is still ring fenced in the reserves should it get the green light. This was a one of costs to the Parish Precept and now the Parish has returned to its original 2009/10 figure

9 Grass Cutting Contract

The Parish has been selected by NSDC to pathfinder a new project in that the Parish with a grant will take over its contracts to cut all the highway verges, hedges and grasses in the village. We as a village aim to put together a value for money service using local contractors. Hopefully we will be able to progress this during the next few months

10. Questions and Answer Session

Mr Templeman raised the issue of lack of information being made available on the web site.

Several Councillors replied indicating the use of a Parish Magazine however the Clerk was aware that a re-vamp of the web site was due and certainly minutes and other relevant papers can be made available on that site. It will be done as soon as practical

Mr Templeman also raised the issue of litter on the Kewstoke road and this to a certain effect was due to the recycling regime. The Council will review the Orderlies routes to see if it can be addressed.

Mr Quick raised the issue of the Cygnet Hospital wall and in his view it is in places about to collapse.

Cllrs were aware that some repair work was to be done in this financial year. The question would be tabled at the next liaison meeting

Mr Templeman raised the issue of youngsters coming in the village and again baiting patients on the verandas of the hospital. The Clerk will ask the police to review this situation at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8-35pm