

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Nancy Whyte

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st August 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Present: Councillors N Whyte (Chairman), R Adams (Vice-Chairman, K Harper, T Horry, R Pearson, C Thomas, C Bates, M Ray, and J MacDonald.
Clerk Colin Hill

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

7-01pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs D Jolley, T Morris
Liaison Officer S Ivemoor
PSCO Laura. Booth
Unitary Member I Porter

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 4th 2011 were adopted with no changes

4a. Police Report PACT

None

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

None

b. Highway Issues

Pot Holes Beach Road

The Clerk reported that some has been done but others remain and he would press the Area Officer to get the road made safer.

c. Other Issues

Rimbo Stones Sign etc.

The Clerk circulated a letter from NSDC highlighting the difficulty of the stones issue. The Clerk reported that he had a telephone conversation with the wife of the house and hoped there could be a reasonable compromise. He received a unhelpful response.

In relation to the sign the Clerk would endeavour to get it removed via the enforcement route. It had already been decided not to continue to force the issue of the stone removal but to write to the householder every 3 months to continue to get him to act.

Youth Club

No contact had been received from the Youth Club following the request from the Council for a meeting. Members were conscious that the issue needed to be discussed on a broader base and had sought informal advice from NSDC Officers. It was decided to try and find out the addresses of the other Members of the Youth Committee and write to them

Commodore Litter and Trees

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the P.A of the Director of the Company and she had promised to take care of the issue.

Footpaths

The Rights of Way Department had replied indicating the responsibility was for the Parish Council to repair the gates and bridges with perhaps a part financial grant from NSDC. This was at odds with the actions of recent years. The Clerk will try and qualify the position

In the meantime the Clerk alongside Cllrs Harper and Horry will walk the Church path and assess the situation and price repairs necessary.

Jubilee Fete

No further progress has been made at present

I.T Equipment

The new laptop has been purchased and all the necessary transfer of documentation had been done and it was working well.

The Council through the Clerk and Cllr Horry had been to see the website manager Marcus Tripp to start the process of upgrading the website.

The Clerk had just been involved in two new websites which were costed out much dearer than the provision changes of the Kewstoke site.

In total approximately £500 will need to be spent to upgrade the site so it is able to take aboard a lot more necessary information.

A further meeting is planned and another report will come to Council.

6. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk has now put in position all the documentation relating to the contractors representing the village. The next step was to get a document ready for signing by those contractors and then proceed to NSDC documentation with the Council

7. Crossroads

Crossroads is an Organisation with their main interest in the elderly. They had received a grant from Kewstoke Trust and wanted ideas on how best to make people aware of their services.

The idea most supported was an open day at the Village Hall. Clerk will contact them to express the Councils view

8. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee July Minutes and Agenda

Weston Package Transport System

North Somerset Local action Forum

Wessex Water Sewer Ownership

Core Strategy Publication for NSDC

Some issues were discussed and the Core Strategy would be examined

9 Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 166.38
David Richards	£ 283.99
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 156.00
A Ham V/G-C/Y	£ 408.00
P.C World	£ 488.99
Stylish Plaques	£ 450.00
EDF	£833.29
Communicorp	£ 11.00
Village Hall trust	£144.00
All Agreed	

10. Sand Bay Management Meeting Report (Cllr Horry)

Cllr Horry reported on the meeting

The main concern was the use of paling fencing strategically positioned for the making of sand dunes which act as sea defences being torn away and used for barbecues. There was an indication by the Environment Agency that the Parish should be responsible as part of their agreement however the Clerk has already emphatically told the Agency that sea defences are their clear responsibility.

Other issues raised were the use of buckthorn to form the dunes, the beach watch surveys and the date of the Big beach watch weekend which was to be September 18th 2011

11 Partnership Working with other Parishes

Cllrs Adams and Horry

Both Councillors were of the view that although useful there was little other than swapping ideas that came out of the meeting. A further meeting is scheduled for 3 months time

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bates reported on a over hanging tree outside the Commodore car park and the sign advertising the Castle Cafe which was obstructing the traffic view.

The latter, Cllr Bates would ask the owners to move slightly to clear a vision of the area. The Clerk would try and get the tree cut back.

Cllr Pearson raised the issue of the Newsletter and whether to delay a few weeks as there was little information to go into it. It was decided to go for a September print

Cllr Harper reported that the A1 bus now stopped in Oxford Street so it is easier for locals to get easier to the WSM town center

Cllr Horry raised the issue of the Community Pay Back Scheme and had they visited the village yet.

Two schemes were raised by the Parish, beach cleaning and signpost painting. Clerk will investigate

13. Date of next Meeting Monday the 5th September 2011