

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th July 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Present: Councillors N Whyte, R Adams, K Harper, T Morris, T Horry, R Pearson, C Thomas, C Bates, M Ray, D Jolley and J Macdonald.

Clerk Colin Hill

PSCO Laura.Boothe

12 members of the public

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mrs M Roland reported the gate was left opened at the entrance to the beach from the commodore and motorbikes accesses the beach through it at the last weekend. The grass had grown long around the seats and had not been cut. Sand was building up around walkways onto the beach due to the latest bout of high winds

Mr P Evans asked if any reply had been received relating to the high poplar trees and the rubbish behind the Commodore Hotel

Mrs Jacky Williams asked if the Parish Council had any ideas for a position within the village for a portable building for the youth

Mr Chris Harrison was of the opinion that the present facilities were unsuitable and a different approach was needed.

A long discussion took place by Councillors and Youth Club Supporters about issues of practicalities relating to portable buildings in relation to power, toilets etc. Issues of viability were discussed. The Clerk reiterated that it was his view that despite what was intimated it was the statutory responsibility of the Unitary Authority for the provision of youth Facilities and it was not the Parish Councils

The Parish however wanted to help.

Mrs Gunningham raised the issue of next year's jubilee celebrations of June 2nd and would other Organisations want to join with the Church to put on a fete or other festivities. It was suggested the Council would take part.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-23pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

Unitary Member I Porter

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 6th 2011

The minutes were adopted with the addition of the name of Mr R Parsons who raised the issue of the bus company in Public participation

4a. Police Report PACT

PSCO Laura Boothe gave the police report. There were 65 recorded calls during the month. These were considered high but were mostly small incidents

The more important ones were 4 instances of horses being ridden on the walk path of the beach, 2 burglaries, to incidents at the local pub and some use of drugs by local youngsters

The Officer reported that metal thefts had declined but opportunist burglaries were on the increase particularly with light nights.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

Commodore Gate

Clerk will contact the Area Officer to get it locked

Grass around Seats

This is the problem with the present cutting regime

It will be solved when the Parish take over in September

Sand Filling in the walkways of the Beach

This will be referred to the Sand Bay Management Committee but the Clerk reported he thought that the agencies wanted this to happen in certain areas

Commodore Trees and Rubbish

Following Mr Evans request the Clerk will write a more forceful letter to the owners

b. Highway Issues

The Clerk reported that a considerable amount of patching work had taken place however he was still concerned about the road from the Toll Gate to the Commodore Hotel

Cllr Pearson raised the issue of damage to the side of the toll road near the slowing surface section

c. Other Issues

Rimbo Van etc

The Clerk had circulated the response from NSDC which effectively considered that no more could be done. Some Councillors considered it was time to draw a line under the issue others felt that this was wrong and the issue should be progressed further Cllr Thomas was concerned that the NSDC refused to deal with the issue relating to the policy of verges and what can be or not be allowed on them when they are close to a highway.

After another long discussion it was decided to ask NSDC their policy relating to verges and what is allowed on them and to write to the house owner to ask him again to remove stones back and take down the yellow parking prohibition sign.

It was also decided to continue to write to the owner every three months if he does not cooperate.

Churchyard Stones

Section one to three of phase one has been completed
A small section of that side of the churchyard remained and a quote for £1,405 from the same contractor had been received
A discussion took place as to whether a second quote was needed for this section however it was decided to accept this quote to complete this side of the churchyard.
Proposed by Cllr T Horry seconded by Cllr T Morris
When the other side of the churchyard is restored quotes will be needed from hopefully at least two contractors.

Dog Bin Costs

The issue has been resolved. The Clerk thanked Cllr Jolley for his help with this matter. The Parish own 5bins none of which are on the sea front but in Crookes Lane, The Village Green, near the toll gate and the school.

Youth Club

Following the debate in Public Participation it was agreed to form a small working group made up of Cllr Macdonald, Cllr Whyte, Cllr Ray and the Clerk
Clerk will arrange a meeting

Play Area\Roundabout

The project is complete and is working

Notice Boards (Restoration Quotes)

The Clerk had sought a quote in the first instance from A Ham to consider the value of repairing the notice boards or for Council to try and buy new ones
It was felt at £468.00 it would be good value to repair them and the work would be done over the winter period

6. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk is in the process of getting from the contractors all the relevant documentation to forward to NSDC so a formal agreement can be drawn up
Depending on the contractors it is hoping to get everything in order for August or September.

7. New I.T. Equipment

Cllr Horry produced a set of statistical and price analysis from three different suppliers. After discussion it was decided to purchase the P.C World computer.
The projector would be used later at a planning meeting and the purchase decision was delegated to them.

8. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee June Minutes and Agenda
Noted

9 Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 83.20
Clerks Expenses	£ 12.70
David Richards	£ 284.19
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 156.00
Fountain	£ 124.55
A Ham V/G-C/Y	£ 350.00
Weston Bus Services Internal Audit	£ 144.00
G.B Leisure	£11.028.00
Stylish Plaques	£ 877.50
SEC	£ 289.31

Copy of Accounts sent to External Auditor

All approved

10. Play Area Village Green

The new roundabout is now up and working and the project is complete

11. Bus Service

No more information is available

12 Partnerships Working with other Parishes

The Clerk had been advised of a grant aided project of a Portal being used to match people from college to get community experience in their educational or work place fields. The information available was not specific enough for the Council to make a comment

13 Community Engagement

Hutton Parish Council along with Locking and Banwell wish to set up a meeting with Kewstoke to look at working practices. A discussion took place about the benefits of such a meeting and it was decided that Cllrs Horry and Adams would meet with the other Parishes.

14. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bates asked for the Sand Road footpath to be strimmed back.

Cllr Harper complained about the state of the church footpath that needed attention to the kissing gate and the bridge as well as strimming back

Cllr T Morris had noted that two touring caravans were parked just off Lower Norton Lane on the approaches to Kewstoke. Clerk will write to enforcement

Cllr Ray will represent the Council on the cycle forum this month

15. Date of next Meeting Monday the 1st August 2011