

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Nancy Whyte

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th June 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Present: Councillors K Harper, (Acting Chairman), T Morris, T Horry, R Pearson, C Thomas, C Bates M Ray and D Jolley. Cllr Adams from 8pm
Clerk Colin Hill
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
P.C Hickton
Area Officer Will Price

Due to the Chairman or Vice –Chairman not available Cllr Harper was elected to chair the meeting

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mr Paul Evans spoke on the issue of rubbish and the trees behind the houses adjacent to the Commodore Hotel. He outlined the actions taken so far and produced correspondence to that affect.

Mr Richard xxxxx raised the issue of the bus service (or the lack of it) because of the road closures due to Crookes Lane being repaired. A discussion took place about the rights and wrongs of the issues and the total intransigence of First Bus.

Mrs Jacky Williams raised the issue of siting a portable building somewhere within the village for the Youth Club.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-15pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J McDonald, N Whyte (Chairman) R Adams (Vice Chairman), up to 8pm
Unitary Member I Porter.

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 9th 2011 were adopted with the addition of ‘Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee was present’ and Cllr Jolly should read ‘Cllr D Jolley’

4a. Police Report PACT

P.C Hickton gave his report

There were 25 calls during the period of which 5 were traffic, 2 missing

persons(Cygnets) 1 fraud,1 disturbance,1 assault(Cygnets) 2 alarms activated and 10 misc.

2 burglaries had taken place, one an arrest was imminent. The police advised vigilance at this time of year as the lighter nights tend to give opportunists a better chance of stealing.

5. Visit of Area Officer Will Price

Officer Will Price gave an update of what is happening and due to happen within the Village. Crookes Lane is being patched at this present time and Norton Lane would follow. Both would be surfaced dressed later in the year. The section of Beach Road (Commodore) to the Junction with Kewstoke Road would also be resurfaced.

Kewside is due for repair later in the year.

The badger set at Sand Point is being readied to move so the road can be repaired.

Elmsley Lane is due to be repaired as is the Toll Road section in Weston.

Issues were raised relating to the jetting of the Bus Terminus Car Park and it was admitted that there was still a section which was not clear. Cllrs were dismayed that this problem is never resolved properly.

Cllrs raised issues about signage particularly at Sand Road Junction with Lower Norton Lane and Beach Road.

The Kissing gate on the Church Footpath needs attention as does the Sand Farm path which is impassable in places.

Cllr Ray asked for a proper inspection to be made prior to top dressing as indentations can not be seen and if hit by cyclists are dangerous.

A heated discussion took place about the patching procedure and its effectiveness. The Officer was adamant that all sealing was done properly. This was disputed by some Councillors

The other issue raised by Cllr Thomas was the intrusion of stones and barriers on verges which were the pavements of villages. He contended that NSDC should enforce the removal of them

This was discussed further under highway issues.

6. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

Cllr Horry raised the issue of the bus service again totally disrupted by the patching road closure of Crookes lane. It appeared as usual that First Bus did not even bother to get an effective re-route and as usual did not even contact the Parish. A letter of complaint was considered but it was decided that by the time any action was possible the normal service could be resumed.

b. Highway Issues

Covered in Officer Visit

c. Other Issues

Rimbo Van etc

A meeting was held on site with NSDC Officer Wollacott, Cllr Porter, Ray and Thomas with the owner of the property

The Clerk understood that the owner had agreed a compromise although not to the total agreement of the Council but at least a safety measure. He agreed to move the large stones back a metre so pedestrians could access the verge. The owner of the

property contended that he was being victimised as many other houses had stones out to avoid cars parking or using as passing places. The Clamping Sign was a deterrent as he contended that people permanently blocked the entrance. This was strongly contested by Councillors

The sign itself was to be checked for legality by the Officers but the Council contended it was illegal and insulting in a village and was not appropriate. Officers Price and Ivermee were asked to investigate what else could be done.

Churchyard Stones

Cllr Horry reported on the first phase which was now completed. Quotes were being sought for the second phase. The Council has received a £500.00 donation from the Church and a £100.00 donation from a Councillor resident.

Dog Bin Costs

Cllr Jolly had obtained a map reference for all the dog bins which NSDC were aware of and was part of a collection round

Cllr Ray had through the freedom of information route confirmed the same with indications of payment figures by NSDC. The position of ownership of the bins was still not clear. The Parish believe they could own up to 6 however the bills do not give any real indication due to the change of contractor and the number of emptying variables.

The bills have been paid to Fountain's to ensure the service is continued however a cover letter has been sent outlining the Council position.

Cllr Jolley will undertake to find out whether, or how many bins in Kewstoke are paid for by NSDC

Community Payback

The Community Payback team will visit the village and will do a complete beach clean hopefully twice a year. Beach Warden Sue Ryall will coordinate the work

Trust Membership

The Trust clarified the position. The two members representing the Council were Cllr Pearson until 2014 and Ex-Cllr Lowe until 2012

7. Grass Cutting Contract

The Working Group had finalised the bids and selected their preferred bidders. Standing Orders were stood down earlier in the year when it became apparent that there were not three quotes available for each section.

They recommended the bid by Board for the hedge cutting

The grass cutting to A Ham

The beach road bank and highways went to a Ham/Iscar partnership

The working group then reported on the next stage which was to get in place all the necessary documentation to be a contractor for three years of NSDC. This will take place with the help of NSDC

The grant offered to the Parish was 60% of the present cost which was admittedly less than was expected. Some one off payments would be made or extra work carried out prior to the contract being implemented. The proposed date for implementation would be August 1st 2011.

It was proposed by Cllr T Morris seconded by Cllr K Harper that the Council accept

the offer from NSDC provided all the necessary papers and documentation are approved; the vote was 8 in favour with one abstention

8. Youth Club

The issues raised by Mrs Williams were discussed. A 12ft X 48ft port cabin building was available to them but a site was needed. Cllrs raised concerns about the need for electricity, water and toilet facilities and this would reduce the number of sites available.

Cllr Harper (Chairman) allowed Mr Evely a Member of the public to speak as he had done preparatory work on the youth issues in the past.

Mr Evely stressed the importance of trying to resolve a permanent home for the youth and to try and find a site which could access facilities. They were the future of the village he contended. Cllr Horry would put the issue to the Village Hall Committee but he was concerned about the Charitable Status of the site and possible implications. The other site that could possibly be used was close to the Village Green. Cllr Harper would speak to the owner.

9. Correspondence

The Clerk covered the correspondence of note and it was accepted by Councillors

10 Financial Update:

10a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 34.80
David Richards	£319.98
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£156.00
Fountain	
A Ham V/G-C/Y Seats	£613.00
Wessex Water	£ 35.68
Mrs Gunningham - Children's Party	£214.00
History Group Donation Confirmation	£154.60

These were all agreed

9a Accounts

As agreed the accounts under delegated powers will be signed off to go forward from the internal auditors to the external auditors by the Chairman

10b Fountain Dog Bin Collection

Dealt with in Item 6c

10c Electricity Supply Street Lights

The Clerk reported that EDF would only do a three year deal for un-metered electricity for the street lights. There were no other suppliers available. The contract would add a figure of around £1,000.00 to the bill over three years. Cllrs agreed to the deal reluctantly as there was no choice in the matter.

11. Play Area Village Green

The new roundabout would be complete by Wednesday of this week and turfing will be laid round the wet pour.

12. Church Notice Board

The Church have decided to renew their own notice board as they have a carpenter who will make one

13 Bus Service

The possible service to Worle was still under discussion and Crossville were awaiting answers for various Organization's. The Council could do nothing until these issues were resolved. Cllr Pearson felt that any newsletter or advertising was not the responsibility of the Council but the operator. The Clerk pointed out that the group who met with the operator offered the help as it was one of two of the highest issues raised by the public in the Village Appraisal and he thought it was agreed

14. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bates warned of an e-mail scam that purported to indicate a tax rebate from Inland Revenue

Cllr Pearson asked about the replacement of the computer and the purchase of a projector. The Clerk explained that the ongoing pressure of other issues meant it was delayed. **Cllr Pearson** asked for it to be an agenda item next month

Cllr Ray reported that the indication by NSDC that they were on top of pot hole repairs was directly opposite to the thinking of the cycle forum who indicated they were worse

Cllr Horry reported on the success of the recent history group exhibition and on how well it was attended

Cllr Porter thanked everyone for returning him to his post as Unitary Councillor for the area and informed everyone he was on the mend from his recent operation

15. Date of next Meeting Monday the 4th July