

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Nancy Whyte

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th November 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Present: Councillors N Whyte (Chairman) R Adams (Vice-Chairman), K Harper, T Horry, T Morris, C Thomas, M Ray, D Jolley and J MacDonald.
Clerk Colin Hill
P.C Adam Hingston
PCSO Laura Bishop
Charlotte Richardson (press)
Mr Evely Member of Public

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mr Evely raised issues relating to the youth club and expressed his wish that the Council however difficult try and find a solution to ensuring the youth have a permanent home in the village
He had raised the issue of the service bus being full of visitors leaving little room for locals at a recent forum meeting and he felt it fell on deaf ears.

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Bates
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
Ian Porter Unitary Member

3. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Adams Personal Agenda item 9a, and 9b.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 3rd 2011

The minutes were adopted with no changes

4a. Police Report PACT

P.C Hingston and PCSO Booth gave the report
There had been 36 calls during the month made up of 1, burglary, 3 domestics, 3 neighbourhood disputes, 3 assaults and 17 misc.
Thefts from motor vehicles were on the increase but fortunately not in Kewstoke. The new number to ring for non emergency issues is 101.
If motorbikes or mini mopeds are operational in the area please try and get a registration number of the bike or the van it is being transported in.
Kelly Porter is due back in February to bring the team to full capacity

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

None not Agenda items

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

Cllr Harper commented on the bus service raised in public participation again chastising First Bus for removing the 8am bus in the winter service. First Bus has been contacted about the issue

b. Highway Issues

Wall -Bus Terminal Car Park

The Clerk was still awaiting a reply from NSDC about the repair of this wall

Letter of complaint- Buses Lorries using Sand Road

The Clerk wrote to Sand Bay Holiday Village and they had replied stating that all their buses and deliveries use the proper route Councillors were aware this is not always the case however many local companies including school buses do not comply, hiding behind the access only condition.

The Clerk had replied to NSDC highlighting issues such as sign-age and enforcement etc. The Council at this stage based on the small complaints they get felt the matter should not be pursued.

Wall Crookes Lane Footpath

The Clerk wrote to Mrs Hoskins of the Compton Land Company reminding her that the wall condition was poor. She thought the agreement for the footpath meant it was the Council responsibility. The Clerk reminded her that it was not. She was going away to read the deeds. As at present she has made no new contact

Mirror Monks Hill

The Council is to replace the mirror

Ardnave Caravan Park Street Names

The Council accepts the new naming but have sent a letter of protest about the way the owner has achieved his approval

c. Other Issues

Youth Club

A meeting took place with Cllrs Whyte, Horry, Macdonald and the Clerk with Mrs Jackie Williams the Youth Worker

The object of the meeting was to try and find a way forward long term and short term for the youth of the village. Issues that were raised were, finance, grant aid and applications, portable buildings and the siting of such a building, a long term solution of a permanent building.. The issue of a constituted committee and parental help was raised and discussed. The Village Hall committee will be asked to look at building suggestions. It was agreed to meet again on the 22nd November with representatives of the youth. A set of accounts for last year were produced but not complete and are to be audited and resubmitted . On the basis of discussions it was recommended the Parish Council release the £400.00 budgeted for the youth club.

CAB Request

Following more information showing that the CAB has had double the yearly applications for help from Kewstoke residents it was decided to make a donation of £100.0 Proposed by Cllr Morris seconded by Cllr Harper

Vote was unanimous

Community Transport Request

The Clerk was instructed to write to Community Transport to ascertain the usage of Kewstoke residents and the issue will be reviewed in December

Poplar Trees Behind Commodore Hotel

The Clerk has received no reply from the head office of the group owners

It was decided that the position of the Parish was one of requesting and no more.

There would appear nothing more the Parish can do in respect of felling or lopping these trees

6. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk and Officer J Flannigan of NSDC had redrafted the copy sent to NSDC.

Apart from some minor alterations hopefully the job is nearly done.

7. Kewstoke Bus Shelter Repairs/Maintenance

A group visited the Bus Terminus Car Park last Sunday and cut back all the undergrowth and brambles etc. They will return again on Sunday the 20th November to paint the shelter and toilets

8. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee October Minutes and Agenda

Jubilee Brochure

Accepted.

9. Future of NSDC services Report /feedback Cllr Ray/Clerk

Cllr Ray and the Clerk attended the meeting and a full report and suggestions are in that report. The key issue for the Parish is the need for NSDC to save £47million pounds and it was deemed inevitable there would have to be service reduction or cuts. A debate took place surrounding issues of electricity supply, dog bins, car parks and toilets with other issues such as venue incomes such as the Toll Road, parking charges etc. The Clerk advised the Council not to rule anything out but to be prepared to talk to NSDC at all times.

It was agreed this would be the line the Council would take.

10, Flood Defence Report

The intricacies of flood defence and the responsibility of different agencies relegates the Parish to an advisory role, but an important role, making sure that the other agencies are aware of possible flooding situations such as blocked rhines or culverts as well as guiding the community to self help

9 Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£216.45
Clerks Expenses	£ 147.26
David Richards	£ 189.20
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 163.97
Fountain Timber Products	£ 98.36
Fountain	£ 156.00
Inland Revenue	£ 61.00
Andy Ham	£530.50
K Harper	£ 3.60
Stylish Plaques	£1,425.00
Society of Local Clerks	£280.00
Clevedon Office Equipment	£102.00
K Adams Temp Orderly	£ 312.00
E.D.F.	£875.19
NSDC Dog Bin	£ 70.80
Youth Provision	£400.00
Wessex Water (allotments)	£ 46.82

Paid In

VAT	£2,019.66
Donation for seat	£1,235.00

9a Approval for Sick Pay to Orderly

It was agreed to pay the orderly £100.00 per month for the next three months while off sick. The orderly does not qualify for sick pay and the letter to the orderly outlines clearly that the matter would be reviewed in January

9c, Half Year Financial Report

The Clerk produced his half year report and a projected balance sheet. The Clerk was keen that looking towards the precept was a real challenge as there was uncertainty of the future of services. Issues such as the Toll Road will be back on the agenda. There is likely to be less money available from the Unitary Councils as Council Tax is frozen for the Unitary. Only Parishes can increase their Council Tax by precept. The challenge will be to prioritise the issues and be clear what we can and cannot do when we come to budgeting in January

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9d, Tree Warden

A resident has offered to be the area voluntary tree warden. This is a voluntary position set up by NSDC. The resident will be asked to come to the next meeting to meet Councillors and a judgment made

10 . Play Area

TaylorMade have quoted for the replacement units of the play area and it will cost around £18,000.00. Other quotes will be sought but they are likely to be similar. The equipment will have to be changed over the next year or so and this will mean that this will have to be considered a priority issue at the precept

11. Newsletter

Cllr Pearson now had enough information for the newsletter and would now start to get it ready for publication for early December

12. Sand Bay Management Report /Clerk

The Clerk reported on the recent meeting where the main issue was the possible replacement of buck thorn with other types of plants mainly grasses. There seems to be a dispute between English Nature and the Environment Agency that is being resolved.

The Sand Bay Management Plan is being updated and concern was expressed by the Beach Warden about the increase in vandalism mainly the paling fencing (vital for dune retention) and dog mess

13.Children's Christmas Party

The party will be held on the 17th December .Cllr Whyte and Bates will get the posters and school invitations printed. Mr Beckingham will be requested to arrive from Lapland and the Clerk will book the children's entertainer

14, Christmas Meal

The Christmas meal will be on January 20th 2012 venue to be decided

15.Councillors Reports

Cllr Morris reported that a possible footpath below the New Inn Car Park has been blocked by a seat. The Clerk will firstly check the validation of the path and if necessary write to the owners of the house in question

Cllr Harper raised the issue of the leaves on Monks Hill
Clerk will ask area officer when the sweeper will visit

16. Date of next Meeting Monday the 5th December 2011