

## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

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**Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Nancy Whyte**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors N Whyte (Chairman), R Adams (Vice-Chairman), K Harper, T Horry, T Morris, C Thomas, C Bates, M Ray, D Jolley and J MacDonald.  
Clerk Colin Hill  
Unitary Member I Porter (till 7-30pm)  
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee  
PCSO Laura Bishop  
Two members of the public

#### **Public Participation (15 minutes)**

Mr Evely spoke on three issues

1. He congratulated the Council on getting rid of the skip outside Rimbo, Crookes Lane. Kewstoke
2. He felt that there should be no restriction on the number of donated memorial seats on the sea front.
3. He thought the Council should challenge any Organisation ,national or regional about the unfairness of Council Tax in relation to the number of occupants per house

Mr Paul Evans raised the issue of the trees behind the Commodore Hotel and asked if and when they would be lopped.

#### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

Meeting opened at 7-08pm

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr R Pearson,

#### **3. Declarations of Interests**

None

**4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 1st 2011** were adopted with no changes

#### **4a. Police Report PACT**

PCSO Laura Booth gave the Police Report

The Officer reported that 55 calls had been made in the monthly period much higher than normal however the statistics reveal that 10 were miscellaneous and 11 were for youngsters causing mainly noise problems on the beach over the holiday period Of the rest there were 2 burglaries, 4 accidents (2 on toll road),4 thefts, 5missing

persons and one drunk.

There was issues raised about the lack of toilet provision at Sand Point and residents had to endure people urinating in gardens etc. Some Officers had been deployed to Bristol during the recent riots but Weston stayed reasonably calm

## **5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report**

### **a. Public Participation not agenda items-**

The Clerk responded to point 2 and 3 of Mr Evely's questions

1. The seats on the front were now restricted because of room and the Council had to maintain them. The Environment Agency were reluctant to allow any more below No 92 Beach Road
2. The issue of the Council Tax is one for February when we are asked about the financial issues that NSDC will prioritise before it sets its budget however Council Tax rebates are normally nationally decided

In relation to the request by Mr Evans the Clerk will write again to the land owners to try and get a specific reply about work on the trees

### **b. Highway Issues**

Cllr Ray raised the issue of the poor workmanship carried out during the recent re-surfacing work. The Clerk and Cllr Ray have informed the Area Officer

### **c. Other Issues**

#### **Rimbo Sign etc.**

The Clerk had been advised to write to Planning Enforcement which he has done

#### **Youth Club**

No reply has been received from the invitation sent by the Council however the Council wanted to stress that the door is open for any discussions that could help

#### **Jubilee Fete**

A preliminary meeting of various Organisations is to meet on September the 7th

#### **Website Update**

The site will be taken down in late September and then rebuilt for a re-launch

#### **Dog Bin Crookes Lane**

The bin has either been stolen or vandalised and thrown possibly in a Rhine

It was decided to purchase a new one

#### **Trees Village Green**

The Tree Surgeon had identified 2 trees which were dead among the avenue of trees from the Pink Shop to the Local New Inn Pub. Both would be felled

At the same time the debris of the hedge felling over by the Kewside entrance would be removed.

A resident who wanted action taken on a tree supposedly blocking out light situated in the coppice area would be told that on the advice of a tree surgeon they would not take any action. The resident however could action removal of branches on his side of the property if he deemed it necessary.

#### **Play Area Report**

The Clerk had received a copy of the recent play area inspection.

Some minor work was needed to some of the equipment and the bark needs to be refilled.

A discussion took place relating to the swing seats and the lorry slide and whether a

new form of flooring should be installed. The Clerk will get prices and come back next month. In relation to the bark a load would be purchased and Cllr Thomas would collect

### **Seats Sea Front**

The last two spring metal seats need work doing to them or scrapping however they have plaques on them.

The Clerk will investigate the situation and remove for safety reasons if necessary

### **6. Grass Cutting Contract**

The Clerk explained the difficulties relating to the legal side of the contractual liability issues. He had sought advice from the Society of Clerks and from the Councils Insurers. The work relating to costs and documentation was all in place, it was now just the legal paperwork to do. A meeting with NSDC is fixed for Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> September with the Clerk and Cllr Horry representing the Council. The hope is a final way forward will be found at that meeting

### **7. Kewstoke Footpaths**

Cllr Horry and Harper with the Clerk had walked the Church Path and identified certain repairs that needed to be done. A quote had been sought of £200 for the work NSDC would agree to share the costs on a 50/50 basis

This was agreed and the Clerk will contact NSDC to action the repairs

### **8. Correspondence**

Southern Area Committee August Minutes and Agenda

Your Airport

Future of Local Services Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October

Policing Awards

The Future of Local Service is an invite to a meeting with NSDC on October 6<sup>th</sup>

The Clerk had booked two places

### **9 Financial Update:**

#### **9a Cheques for Approval**

Clerks Salary	£ 216.25
Inland Revenue	£ 84.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 55.40
David Richards	£283.99
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 156.00
Fountain	£ 141.60
A Ham V/G-C/Y	£ 302.00
GT Leisure	£ 60.00

#### **9b Further Audit (Part of 5% extra this year)**

The Clerk reported that the Council were part of an extra Audit which required more detailed information such as risks, financial strategies as well as standing orders, bank statements etc The Clerk had sent everything off and was awaiting the result

### **10.Flood Defence Plan**

The Clerk was concerned that following the consultation day the Council had done nothing about progressing the issue. A new flood tilting weir had been installed and was obviously working well as despite some heavy rainfall the village has escaped flooding

Cllr Adams felt that the ex- Drainage Board Official Mr Underwood might be able to help and he would contact him and report back

### **11.Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Bates** asked if highways could look at trees outside Rose Cottage , Lower Norton Lane as they were blocking out light in the cottages. Clerk will contact the Area Officer

**Cllr Adams** raised the issue of the Finger Post Signs and when or if they will ever get a paint. The Clerk will contact the Community Payback Group to see if they can help.

### **13. Date of next Meeting Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011**