

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Nancy Whyte

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th May 2011 at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Present: Councillors N Whyte (Chairman), R Adams (Vice Chairman), T Horry, K Harper, T Morris, R Pearson, C Thomas, J McDonald, P Jolly and M Ray.
Clerk Colin Hill
Two members of the Public

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mr Evely spoke on several issues.

He hoped his article in the newsletter stirred some interest in supporting the youth of the village

He spoke of the dangers of the public alighting from buses outside the holiday centre and the dangers incurred.

He felt that the dog fouling issue needs to be addressed and produced leaflets of what happens on the South Coast

He suggested charging for car parking to alleviate some of the costs of dog bin emptying costs

Mrs Roland agreed with Mr Evely about the dog mess situation

Mrs Roland raised the issue of rubbish and rat problems behind her home close to the Commodore Hotel. The authorities were aware of the situation. Cllr Morris will investigate and report back

1. Opening of the Meeting

7.30pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Unitary Member I Porter

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 4th 2011 were adopted with one change. Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee had apologised

4a Police Report PACT

No Police Presence

a. Public Participation -

None

b. Highway Issues

Pot Holes etc

The Clerk reported that there will be a road closure to patch Crookes Lane in the next month.

He continued to press for the pot holes to be filled.

It was felt that being a new council it would be good to have the Area Officer at the next meeting. Clerk will try and arrange

c. Other Issues

Rimbo Van etc

The Clerk reported that NSDC had indicated that they would not take anymore action. A long and heated debate took place covering the issues again. It was decided that a last site visit would take place with the Unitary Member, Members of the Parish and NSDC

Churchyard Stones

The first phase is almost complete and a quote is sought for ongoing phases.

Dog Bin Costs

The Clerk now needed to pay two months invoices however they are double in price than the Connaught days. The Clerk is concerned that some of the bins are actually owned by NSDC but there appears to be no proof. He has put the point to Fountains who seem to be ignoring it and NSDC are also ignoring the situation.

Cllr Ray is going to use the Freedom of Information procedure to see if NSDC do own bins in the village.

The Clerk was instructed to pay the bills with a letter covering the Parish Councils wish to dispute the charges.

Toilets Sand Point

At a recent Sand Bay Management Meeting a representative from the National Trust confirmed that they would not issue out a new lease for toilets or a café on the site. There was some dispute as to whether the N.Trust or the NSDC owned the land however NSDC have confirmed they do not own the land.

6. Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported that he had only one more quote to come in and then the working party would evaluate the quotes, see NSDC and report back to the Council. He hoped it would be by the next meeting.

7. Community Payback

The Community Payback Scheme was available to the village. Several schemes were put forward and in the end it was decided to see if it was possible to get the beach cleaned several times a year. Clerk will progress

8. Correspondence

A list was circulated and accepted

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 209.76
David Richards	£313.99
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£156.00
Fountain	£137.00
A Ham V/G-C/Y Seats	£ 378.12
Signtech	£ 165.60
AON Insurance	£1,814.67
Stylish Plaques (stage payment)	£1,023.75
Kewstoke History Society Group	£100.00
All Agreed	

9b Fountain Dog Bin Collection

Covered earlier in the agenda

10. Play Area Village Green

The work will now start on May 23rd

11. Church Notice Board

Still awaiting an answer from the Church Parochial Council

12 Bus Service

There is a possibility of a new service coming into the village by a second operator. The Clerk had been approached by Crossville Motor Services. Councillors were keen to give their support however they wanted to ensure the viability of such a project had a good chance of success so it was decided to have a meeting with the operator. Cllrs McDonald, Morris and Pearson with the Clerk will represent the Council

13. Councillors Reports

Cllr Ray attended the Joint Transport Bid launch and hoped to see it come to fruition later in the year however there was little in it for villages

Cllr Horry requested the Clerk write to ex-Cllrs V Morris and S Jacobs thanking them for their services to the Council. The Clerk had the letters written and was waiting to clear the Elections before sending them.

Cllr Horry also requested a position on future Agendas to deal with Public Participation issues not directly akin to an agenda item

Cllr Whyte raised the issue about donations given on the Royal Wedding day for the Village Green Party. The Council had met the costs of the party and therefore £153.00 needed to be allocated.

It was decided that it would go to the History Group which is holding an exhibition this month. It was proposed by Cllr T Morris and seconded by Cllr Harper and will be confirmed next month.

14. Date of next Meeting Monday the 6th June 2011