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Chairman: Councillor Mr. Tony Horry
Colin Hill, Clerk

Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on December 9th 2013

Present: Councillors T Horry, (Chairman), J MacDonald (Vice Chairman), K Harper, G Vearncombe C Bates, T Morris, R Adams R Pearson, N Whyte and C Thomas
Clerk Colin Hill
Police -PSCO Nicola Mitchell
Srg Jason Roberts
6 Members of the West of England University
1 member of the public Mrs Ireland

Visit of students from the West of England University

Question and Answer Session

Cllr Horry invited the students to interact with Councillors on issues which would enhance their learning in relation to the module work they have to undertake. The theme was to consider the area of which Sand Bay/Kewstoke sits into part of a broader Nation Park and its implications. A very active session followed covering topics such as population, transport, services, planning regulations, flooding issues and tourism.

The students stayed for the prominent part of the meeting and promised to give the Council a report of their findings and recommendations. The Chairman referred them to many of the documents available on the area as well as offering any other help the Council could give.

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mrs Ireland commented favourably on the new web site but her main focus was to report to Council the situation at the Kewstoke Primary School where she was now a governor. The finances of the school were difficult budget wise and an action plan would drive the school forward. There was a possibility of the school being federated but it was highly unlikely. It was important that the school had the backing of the Parish even though it was accepted it could not be financial.

Mrs Ireland offered to return regularly with updates from the school.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Ireland for her efforts and would look forward to a more informed regular up date of the school actions.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-55pm

Prior to the next item the Chairman wishes to record that on behalf of the Parish Council on the 25th November he attended the funeral of Mrs Wendy Guest who died on the 14th November 2013 aged 73. Wendy had been an active member of the Community for many years, serving as a Parish Councillor from 1982-1998 and as Chairman from 1989 to 1995

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr, D Jolley,

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

Unitary Member I Porter

3, Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 4th 2013.

These were adopted with no changes

4a. Police Report PACT

Srg Roberts introduced himself as the new Beat Srg for the area and commented on two area actions of interest

Operation Tonic which was about drinking and drug related driving

Operation Tornado which related to Scrap metal dealers and traders and the ramifications of their actions within the highways and the trade

PSCO Nicola Mitchell gave the report which was that over the monthly period there were 45 calls (down on last year) of which 7 crimes were related to the Parish

They were 3x thefts, 2 x thefts from vehicles, 1x criminal damage and 1x theft from a dwelling

Concern was expressed about the Hinton trade vehicle parked next to the children's play area, although legal, it was in the opinion of Councillors a risk in case a child came out in front or behind. The police are to try and resolve the issue but failing that it may be necessary for the Council to ask for double yellow lines at the junction

The PACT Priorities will be considered at the next meeting

Cllr Horry asked that the Area Officer contact the Owls Crest about the continued use of heavy vehicles going up and down Crookes Lane/Kewstoke road

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

Several information issues were added to the Agenda

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

None

b. Highway Issues

Flooding Outside Village Hall/Car Park/Sand Road Junction

Cllr Harper had managed to rod the offending drain in the Bus Terminus Car Park. He is awaiting heavy rain to see if this has got the drain working properly. Again, however, NSDC still have not been on the scene

Hawk Road

This is awaiting a date from NSDC for re-surface

New Appointment of Area Officer

The new Area Officer is Nick Raymond who the Clerk knows well from his involvement at Wick St Lawrence. The Clerk will arrange a tour to look at the main issues relating to the village

Ocean Bridge

NSDC has identified the owner of the vehicle that demolished the wall and were now proceeding to get the insurers to rebuild and proceed

Road Closures

The Clerk informed Council of road closures of the Toll Road and part of Beach Road/Kewstoke Road on the 5th and 9th of December and the 9th February 2014 for sporting events

c. Other Issue

Church footpath

The Clerk had responded to NSDC request where it was agreed to meet half the cost of the work to be carried out on the path which was estimated at £350-£400

New Proposed NSDC Ward Boundaries

The Chairman and Clerk have written to the Commission advising them of a different option than their submission which would still leave Kewstoke as a rural ward

Hospital Open Meeting/Waste Report from Centres/Lower Norton Lane Bench,

The Clerk reported on the above issues which are all ongoing
Councillors noted the comments

6. Toilets

Working Party Report

Cllr Horry reported on a meeting held with the preferred two concessionaires in November.

At that stage a decision was made for a preferred client and an indication had been given.

The Clerk will now officially inform both applicants

With relation to the Planning Application this is now in the hands of NSDC after Cllr Morris had finalised the application details and drawings.

The legal contracts would have to go to a local solicitor for approval and the Clerk would arrange this once planning was gained

Council agreed these actions unanimously

7. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers

Noted

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 20.95
B Thorpe	£ 393.76
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 169.00
Cleveland Office Equipment	£ 60.00
Bailey Street scene	£ 1,380.00

Paid In

Keystone Motor Services	£25.00
Cane and Company Rebate	£ 9.00
Others	£75.00

9b Projection for year end in preparation for precept in January

The Clerk had produced a report which is attached to these minutes as well as an end of year forecast . The object of the exercise was to focus Councillors on the task ahead of setting the precept for following years .

A debate took place about the issues and some scenarios which could be considered.

Street lighting was seen as a possible area of savings as the Toll Road was considered an area where income could be gained. Councillors were clearly aware of the problems which could lie

ahead.

10. Newsletter

The winter newsletter has been circulated. No problems had been generated

11. Childcare's Christmas Party

Cllr White raised the issue of children from outside the village via the school coming to the party however she believed the numbers were small. 60 children had registered to come, 10 more than last year and effectively the Parish was running a School Christmas party.

No action was recommended on the outside children and Cllr Whyte and Bates would coordinate the event as usual

12. Web- Site

The new web-site was up and running but still needed work done to it.

A resident has come forward offering help and this would be acted upon in the near future

13. Christmas Dinner

The date was fixed for the 17th January 2014 the venue to be confirmed at the January meeting

14. Councilors Reports

Cllr's Harper and Adams reported that the bin at the Bus Terminus Car Park could not be emptied because it was wedged between the wall and the building

Clerk will action

Cllr Whyte reported that there was wire hanging from what is suspected as paling on the beach

Clerk will action

Cllr Vearncombe had seen a touring van positioned on land opposite a site in Kewstoke Road

If it is still there in January a report will be sent to NSDC

Cllr Bates wanted it recorded in the minutes that she had been involved in an issue relating to a cottage at Rose Tree Cottages relating to smoke from a household fire. It was referred to NSDC

Cllr Harper was concerned about fly tipping of the Rhine in Sand Road. It may be it will have to be dug out again

14. Date of next Meeting Monday January 6th 2014

The meeting closed at 9-55pm