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Chairman: Councillor Mr. Tony Horry
Colin Hill, Clerk

**Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at the Kewstoke Village Hall on
February 3rd 2014**

Present: Councillors T Horry, (Chairman), J MacDonald (Vice-Chairman), K Harper, G Vearncombe, C Bates, T Morris, R Adams R Pearson, D Jolley and C Thomas
Clerk Colin Hill
Unitary Member I Porter
Three members of the public

Public Participation (15 minutes)

The landlord of the New Inn Pub requested whether it would be possible to have a sign erected at the end of Crookes lane with the junction of Beach road indicating that the New Inn pub was within walking distance. He hoped this would attract more trade particularly from visitors
Councillors were sympathetic to the request and will see if it is possible to have a sign on an existing pole.

Mrs Wall and Mr Wilson both spoke about the chaos being caused by cars parking on the road edge opposite Swallow Point Caravan site.

This was an Agenda Item no 8 which the Councillors agreed would be brought forward.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.08

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Whyte
Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
Nicola Mitchell; Police

3, Declarations of Interests

None

8.Car Parking on Verges

Following the comments of Mrs Wall and Mr Wilson the clerk supplied pictures of the car parking and problems it was causing.

A major discussion took place covering aspects of parking control with yellow lines ,policing the area and possibly erecting signs

The issue eventually focused as to whether the land being parked on was highways or was encroaching the sea defence land. It was generally thought it was not highway land and therefore could be justifiably defended by stones to deter parking.

Although the Council could not give agreement to stones being placed on the ground they could not see any practical alternative. Rightly or wrongly the use of stones was a common practice in Kewstoke to stop indiscriminate parking despite all car parks being free.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 6th 2014.

These were adopted with no changes

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

None not agenda items

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

Dealt with earlier in meeting

b. Highway Issues

Fly Tipping Sand Road

Cllr Adams after consulting with the Chairman and clerk took action to clear the Rhine of the fly tipping . Flooding of the main road was imminent unless the Rhine start to flow

The Clerk circulated photographs of the offending material which includes low level asbestos

NSDC were aware the material was on the bank and would need to be disposed of.

The issue was further discussed in agenda item 10

c. Other Issue

Seat on front

The seat is now of concern as the relatives are adamant they do not want to pay for an Irish seat but a cheaper model which would not comply with Council Policy.

After discussion two action points were proposed and seconded

The present seat will need to be scrapped as it has been established that the seat is not worth repairing.

1.If there is a seat available without a plaque on it the plaque will be moved to that seat.

2. When and if no seats without plaques are available a new mounted board will be placed in the shelter and plaques will be mounted on that board

Proposed by Cllr Thomas Seconded by Cllr Morris

Vote was unanimous.

Play Area Bark

The Clerk supplied quotes to cover the area with a different type of loose fill based on a rubber compound

The cost would be approaching £6,000..00

It was decided not to progress but stick to the traditional bark

The work would be done when the weather improves and before inspection

6. Toilets

Working Party Report

Members of the working group had been in discussions about issues raised by the planners relating to rubbish, extractor fans and opening times.

It would appear from the latest e-mail received these could now be resolved.

A decision is awaited with urgency as the work needs to start as soon as possible.

The Chairman and Clerk have instructed solicitors to draw up both the concession contract and the toilet cleaning contract.

7. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers January 2014

North Somerset Access Forum

Noted

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 216.45
Inland Revenue	£ 54.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 157.67
B Thorne	£ 257.48
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 172.98
A Ham	£ 229.00
EDF	£ 970.50

Unanimously agreed payments

9b Printer/Copier

Cllr Horry and the Clerk had visited one supplier and had seen a machine in operation which would do the workload of the Council. This was a nearly new machine.

A second quote had been obtained for a new model

The Chairman and Clerk would be visiting another supplier to view a similar unit in the next week and then a decision could be made.

10. NSDC Flood Defence Strategy Consultation

The issues relating to fly tipping in Other Issues should be read in conjunction with these comments After the January meeting the Clerk wrote to Councillor Bryant about the whole issue of the cleaning of Rhine's and water courses and had eventually had a stock letter sent by an Officer once again avoiding the issues of responsibility.

It was decided to write to Councillor Bryant again with photographs of the recent fly tipping which, if not removed by the Parish Council could have resulted in flooding in the village.

During the recent high tides and bad weather the Sand Bay sea defences has seen some erosion in the banks. The Clerk has reported these issues to the NSDC Clerk for the Sand Bay Management Committee and it will be raised at their next meeting

On Saturday the 31st st January 2014 Cllr Adams and the Clerk were called out to view Huckers Bow which is the main outlet to sea of the Kewstoke Rhine.

It was a high tide of some 12metres plus and leaks could be seen in the wall infrastructure. The Internal Drainage Board and Environment Agency were present. It is understood engineers were to inspect the wall at low tide.

11. Village Fete Possible dates- 21st June and the 12th July 2014

The Church has confirmed that they will no longer run the village fete.

It was decided in the first instance that the Council, through a small working party, would examine the feasibility of taking over the running of the fete.

Cllrs Bates, Whyte, Morris, Vearncombe, and Pearson with the aid of Cllr Harper from the Village Hall would form the working group. The date reserved is the 12th July.

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr Pearson reported that the Castle Bistro would open evenings from mid April

Cllr Vearncombe reported lights out C8 Kewstoke Road, 17 Monks Hill and the last light at bottom of Monks Hill. No 3 Crookes Lane is also out.

Cllr Vearncombe had reported through the Clerk that in his opinion there were collapsed drains at Lower Norton Lane by the Rose Tree Cottage. The Clerk has reported to NSDC

Cllr Thomas had inspected the boardwalk and was concerned that action should be taken ASAP. The Chairman responded by confirming the budget of £2,000 was available and work would start as soon as practical on the basis of removing and changing the worst rotted posts.

Cllr Bates had been contacted several times with thanks for the Parish children s party. Councillors also expressed their thanks for her organising the Christmas dinner

Cllr Harper was concerned that the recent Tough Ten road race was shutting to many roads in Kewstoke. The Toll Road was one thing but Sand Road and Beach Road were now involved and it was to much

Cllr Horry reported that the Water hydrant cap was off again at the bottom of Monks Hill Clerk had reported

13. Date of next Meeting Monday 3rd March 2014