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**Minutes of the Kewstoke Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2013 at
Kewstoke Village Hall.
The Meeting commenced at 7-35pm**

Present, Councillors :T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald K. Harper, R Adams, C Thomas,
R Pearson, C Bates, G Vearncombe and D Jolley.
5 Members of the Public

Apologies from Cllrs N Whyte and T Morris.

1.Chairman' Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting by apologising for the slight mix up in the poster date.
Cllr Horry reported on a very busy and frustrating year where the Council has had to contend with Government cuts through the Unitary Authority which has affected the finances and operations within the village. The net result was the Parish taking control and paying for services which would have ceased or reduced.

There are ongoing negotiations about the toilet block at the Bus Terminal Car Park and at present it is to stay open until the end of October at Parish expense.

There has been a total replacement of the play area during the year.

The Sand Bay Management Plan is out for consultation. This itself has been a major task of which the Parish is heavily involved.

He was pleased to report the success of the Village Community Service last October which was well supported.

He was present at the opening of the Kewstoke Community and Youth Farm at the Cygnet Hospital funded by grants from the National Lottery

He reiterated that Councillors were volunteers at Parish level and thanked them for their support over the year.

2.Adoption of the 2012 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th April 2012

These were adopted with no changes.

3.Matters Arising not included as an Agenda item

There were none that were not agenda items later in the meeting

4. Chairman's Report

As per his introduction

5.Financial Report.

The Clerk's Financial Report was attached to the papers and he produced evidence as required of the last Audited Accounts.

The Clerk gave a power point display outlining the year past and the expected Financial out-turn which will now move on to Internal Audit.

Questions and answers were reserved to the return of the agenda items.

7. Sand Bay Management Team

Car Parks, Toilets, Sea Defences, Dog Fouling

The Chairman outlined the process for the new Sand Bay Management Plan of which the Parish was heavily involved and more so now. It had taken considerable time during the year to get it ready for consultation

Mr Templeman felt at this juncture that revenue should be sought from car park charging.

Cllr MacDonald told Mr Templeman that the Parish was still looking at the issue but was concerned on several accounts.

1. This would also need a regime of double yellow lines to force people to use the car parks.

2. The Clerk and several other Councillors had been monitoring The Bus Terminus Car park and it is only sunny weekends and some summer midweek days that a revenue might be profitable. The other issue was business rates which is seen as likely to kill of any profit. The Council however had not dismissed the idea totally.

Mrs Templeman felt that fly-tipping, dog fouling and general rubbish dumping was the result of a relaxed attitude of NSDC and the Parish was an easy target.

The Clerk felt it would be worse if it was not for our hard working Orderly

8. Toll Road

No Comments

9. Grass Cutting Contract

No Comments

10. Play Area

Everyone was pleased with the result

11. Youth Club

Mr Evelyn was still concerned (despite him accepting the closure of the Youth Club) that it could not have been solved other than by parents and volunteers coming forward' however. he was concerned about future provision for the youth. He felt trouble could be stored up in the village.

Mrs Templeman thought that it was parents to blame not anyone else

The Clerk explained what had happened generally around the area with WSM and Castle Batch having good youth facilities which were in reach for Kewstoke Youth

6. Cygnet Liaison Meetings

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Liaison Committee only met once a year, or if there was an issue. If there are problems that affect the Parish the information is passed through the Clerk and it appears to work well.

Mr Templeman raised the issue of the fallen perimeter wall now fallen in more than one place.

The Chairman informed the meeting that this issue had been raised with the hospital regularly.

It is about being allocated the funds to repair. Cllr Adams warned that the wall could be replaced with a block wall and that would look poor.

A debate took place about the whole issue. No resolution was made. Mrs Templeman intended to write to the Cygnet Chief Executive.

12. Questions and Answer Session

Mrs Templeman raised two issues about congestion caused by indiscriminate parking on Kewstoke Road

1. Outside the church on a Sunday morning
2. At the junction with Beach Road by the Toll Gate

The Chairman agreed to raise them at the next Parish Council Meeting

Mr Evely raised the issue of Buses using Sand Road and he singled out Coombe's Buses
The Clerk gave an outline of what buses could use which roads and normally this works well.
The Coombe's bus could be a school bus which would have access to Sand Road nevertheless the Clerk will write to Combers

Mr Evely also raised the issue of First Bus and Crossville running within five minutes of each other and could something be done to change it.
The Chairman and the Clerk had made both Companies aware of this issue but it has become a competitive market for the route.

Mr Templeman raised the issue about information availability and the lack of an up to date web site for minutes etc.

The Chairman stressed the point that the website was due to be renewed last year, it was partially ready and set up but was not complete and needed further work on it.

The Clerk apologised for not having it ready but pointed out the workload last year had to be prioritised and this item had slipped.

This year they hoped to complete it but already the workload to both Councillors and Clerk has increased dramatically.

The Council still hoped it would get up and running.

Meeting closed at 8-50pm