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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at the Kewstoke Village Hall on Monday September 1st 2014

Present: Councillors T Horry, (Chairman), J MacDonald (Vice-Chairman) K Harper, G Verncombe, R Adams, C Bates, T Morris, N Whyte and C Thomas

Clerk Colin Hill

Unitary Member I Porter

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee

PSCO Nicola Mitchell

9 Members of the Public

Before the meeting started the Chairman paid tribute to ex-Councillor Vic Morris who recently died. Councillor Morris served the Council from 1995 to 2009 as well as serving on other bodies in the village and gave long and valuable service to the Parish Council and the Village. His funeral took place at a packed Kewstoke Parish Church on the 29th August and he was interned in the family grave.

Cllr Horry informed the meeting that Cllr Roy Pearson had been taken seriously ill last week and was in hospital at Weston Super Mare. A card has been sent to his wife wishing him a speedy recovery.

Public Participation. (15 Minutes)

Court Road Residents Re-Issues

A deputation from Court Road had given notice to speak at the meeting. A letter from the residents was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting outlining the issues.

Mr. O'Brien, Mrs Moray and Mr Percell spoke on the issues

The areas covered were three.

Possible expansion of the Willows Care Home.

Contamination and smell from the Rhine/ditch behind Pontin's

The state of the ditch in terms of vegetation and rubbish within the ditch

1. Expansion of the Care home.

If the present Care Home was expanded the present traffic situation would get worse. At present there were times when residents were unable to access the road. -

There were considerable flooding issues relating to the present road condition that needs to be addressed.

2. Contamination of the Rhine ! Ditch behind Pontin's

It was alleged that drain pipes from sinks or showers from the building were being allowed to run into the Rhine/ditch and clearly they should not. This in the opinion of residents was possibly the cause of the stench in the Summer time when the Rhine does not run.

3. The state of the ditch/Rhine in terms of vegetation and rubbish

The vast majority of the rubbish was in fact vegetation from cuttings and natural wastage however cans and bottles as well as worker related items were also within the ditch.

A request was made by the residents for the Parish Council to intervene in the matter and talk to Pontin's.

Cllr Adams gave the legal position of the Drainage Board. The Forman of the Drainage Board was to visit the site and talk to the management.

Councillor Horry reminded the residents that until a planning application was in front of the Council any opinions or ideas about issues were not relevant at this stage.

Mrs Ireland thanked the Council for erecting another support bar on the sea shore to help residents get up the steps.

Mrs Ireland asked if it was possible to review the magazine distribution list as some residents were not receiving the magazine. **Cllr Whyte** would liaise with Mrs Ireland.

Mr Evely thanked local Councillors who cleared the fly-tipping in Sand Road. Mr Evely was at a recent function where part of the profits went to the Community Garden in the Village. He inquired whether this was a Council supported function. The Chairman informed Mr Evely that it was known by the Council but not financially supported by the Council.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting opened at 7-22pm

2. Apologise for Absence

Clls D Jolley and R. Pearson

3. Declarations of Interest

None

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

These were adopted with no changes

4a Police Report

PSCO Nicola Mitchell gave the report

There were 43 calls to the police last month of which only three were relevant to crime. There was one of each, assault, burglaries and violent behaviour.

PSCO Mitchell reported on an issue relating to an intoxicated person being a nuisance to some businesses in the village and the police, despite trying were unable to get a speed unit to Kewstoke mainly because of the manpower needed in the WSM town centre over the holiday period.

It was agreed after discussion to look at the possibility of making Kewstoke a prohibited cold call zone. It would however need the support of the whole community road by road.

An anti-social behaviour problem was raised about youths in the Myrtle tree area. The PSCO would visit and try to deal with the issue on a low key basis.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

None not agenda items

a. Public Participation not agenda items

The issues raised at Court Road were discussed with photographic evidence and reports from visits.

A visit was made by Cllr Harper and the Clerk in pouring rain

At this situation the Rhine was running, there was no smell and the Rhine had minimal general rubbish in it such as cans, bottles, etc. The vegetation however is

quite severe from years of neglect. There was no evidence of contamination by running pipes however there appeared to be some white pipes angled at the shiner however they were not running.

There was considerable work being undertaken on the Pontins side which we were led to believe was the conversion of workshops to chalet's and considerable working debris was on the bank side of the Rhine.

The car park of the Willows was not flooded however there was a large puddle in the entrance which was overflowing into a drainage pipe and then onto a Rhine.

A visit was made three days later by the Chairman and the Clerk to the same site

The main differences were that there was no surface water on the road but it was clear to see that the road in sections needed re-surfacing. The Rhine was barely running but the water was crystal clear, and some effort had been made by the workmen to remove the debris from the bank.

A discussion took place and views were given in support and contradiction on both sides.

This is a private road and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the Authorities to a degree

It was noted that resident owned vehicles were stationary in points, in an untaxed condition not helping the traffic issue if and when they occur.

The Clerk highlighted the issue of cleaning the Rhines. He felt that the residents ought to be aware that getting the Rhines and ditches cleaned by any organisation was almost impossible and did not want residents to get false hopes up in this direction. It was decided to write to Pontin's to make contact to discuss these issues and discuss Pontin's plans for the future if they are willing to converse with the Council in the first instance.

b. Highway Issues

Pot Holes in Roads

There were still a few potholes mainly on the side of the roads that needed filling and around the Pink Shop. These would be addressed as soon as possible.

Kewstoke Road Recover with Asphalt

Kewstoke Road was one of five roads to be resurfaced. The date is not yet decided but will be after the 12th September.

Hawke Road

Hawke Road was originally on the list but has since been removed.

Cllr Porter assured the Clerk it was definitely back on the list for resurfacing

3. Other Issues

Bins

NSDC have indicated that these two bins have been replaced twice. The Parish staff have not seen sight of any replacement bins, in fact one has been replaced temporarily by a washed up wheel bin with no top. This was done by the Beach Warden.

Again following the Bank holiday the bins were all overflowing and NSDC had to be called to empty them. The issue of the bins and the process of emptying them will be discussed at the Sand Bay Management Meeting.

Myrtle Green Childrens' Behaviour

Dealt with under Police Report

6. Toilets

Progress Report

The toilets themselves are operating with little or no problems. £420 was banked from the coin machines covering two months.

The kiosk is now open and trading limited hours.

It was decided to be flexible with the October closing situation should there be visitors about.

7. Correspondence

Some extra correspondence was noted by Councillors.

8. Defibrillator

Some progression on information has been made. It was known that Cygnet carry them and it is believed that the holiday camp carries them and contact will be made with both to get information on how best they work and whether the Parish could link into their service.

Financial update:

9a Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£266.40
Inland Revenue	£ 66.60
Clerks Expenses	£ 20.02
B Thorne	£ 311.98
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£182.00
A Ham	£886.00
Fountain Timbers	£443.52
Harlow Hygiene	£375.19
Kewstoke Village Hall	£144.00
Ron Palmer	£307.50
Baileystreet Benches	£2,688.00
Cane & Co Insurance	£1,452.74

All Unanimously agreed for payment

10. Newsletter

The next newsletter is due in November and it was decided that as this will be an experimental edition, a meeting will be held in early October to discuss the issues and hopefully the editor would be available following recovery from his recent illness

11. Play Area

A further 4 bags will be delivered on the 4th September and that would complete the project for this year.

12. Speed Bumps Beach Road

The Clerk has been approached about the continued “boy racers” activity on Beach Road late at night and whether speed bumps might be an option as it would appear the police have not the manpower to deal with the situation. The police are now aware of the feelings of some residents.

This could be controversial and it was decided the best approach was to consult via the newsletter to gauge opinion.

13. Councillors Reports

Cllrs Adams and Harper raised the issue of an overhanging tree at the church footpath.

Clerk will action

Cllr Adams raised the issue as to why a fence had to be removed at Sand Farm Lane next to a footpath and yet another has been erected on the church path.

Clerk will inquire.

Relating to the issue of overhanging brambles on Monks Hill.

Clerk will ask A Ham to cut back.

Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of another footpath opposite the church which goes up towards Monks Step.

Clerk will inquire off NSDC

Cllr Thomas requested if Old Crookes Lane hedgerow which is not on any list for cutting could be considered in the future.

Clerk will investigate

Cllr Harper was concerned about the wall around Crookes Lane which was degenerating at an alarming rate and whether something legally could be done about it.

Clerk will contact the owner to set up a meeting to discuss the issue in the first instance.

14. Date of next Meeting 6th October 2014

The meeting closed at 8.35