

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Tony Horry

Minutes of the Annual Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on Thursday 29th April 2014 which commenced at 7.00pm?

Present: T Horry Chairman, J MacDonald Vice-Chairman, R Adams, D Jolley, C Thomas, K Harper, C Bates, T Morris, G Vearncombe and N Whyte
3, Members of the Public
Mr. Templeman, Mrs. Ireland and Mr. Quick

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th April 2013.

These were adopted as correct

3. Matters arising from those minutes

None

4. Chairman' Report

It was a very frustrating year with some achievements but considerably frustrating issues. The closure of the toilets by NSDC has led to difficulties with the role of the Parish in planning to take control of the operation. There have been planning issues, time issues as well as Solicitor issues.

The toilets have been converted and thanks to Cllr Harper for keeping them clean while the search for a client is finalized.

The continued frustration of fly-tipped Rhine's continues.

Once again a successful children's party was held and thanks go to Cllrs Whyte and Bates for their Organisation.

The village fete will be on the 12th June followed by a dance in the evening

5. Clerks Financial Report

The Clerk gave a presentation covering all aspects of the Council work as well as a forward prediction of the likely account out-turn for the year. His report was circulated at the meeting

6, Cygnet Hospital Meeting

There were some changes in Ward use but generally all issues at the hospital were working well. There had been few complaints in the year apart from some noise problems. The issue of the badgers that was causing problems on the top road was discussed but this was in NSDC hands

7. Sand Bay Management Committee

This now only meets twice a year, in March and September.

The plan was under review and out to consultation.

The recent storms had certainly had some effect on the sea defenses but the defense had held firm and the environment agency were monitoring how the dunes restore themselves during the next months prior to any major works being carried out.

8. Toll Road

No action had been taken during the year however it is likely a review would take place during the coming year.

Mr. Templeman felt that this should be a priority issue. Cllr MacDonald reminded everyone that the junction 21 changes had just been completed and the sea front changes had only in reality been finally finished. It would be prudent to wait a few months before instigating a review

Views for and against were given by Councillors

9. Grass Cutting Contract

This was working well and now in its second year other small works will be added to the contract.

10. Youth Services

The Only work carried out or requested during the year was the Christmas Children's Party

11. Questions and Answers

Mr. Templeman was concerned that public opposition to the conversion of the toilets to a Kiosk and toilets was ignored by the Parish Council

Cllr MacDonald in refuting the claim made the point that in no way was it going to be a "chippy" type operation and as in all planning there will be people who are for and against. The Council did consider the residential objections prior to its final judgement

A general discussion took place and on the whole the main concern for the Parish was to offset the costs of running the toilets for the summer period. It was felt that a £6,000.00 bill was not fair to burden the ratepayers with.

Mrs. Ireland asked if another rail could be installed on the sea front close to the Holliday Villas to help residents get up on the sea front walk

Council will consider the options

Mr. Quick was concerned about the Yew tree close to the Toll Gate and it should not be removed The Chairman informed Mr Quick that this tree was listed and could not be removed without an order

The meeting Closed at 8-55 pm