

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday March 2nd 2015 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present: T Horry Chairman, J MacDonald Vice-Chairman, R Adams, C Thomas,
T Morris, R Pearson, G Vearncombe, C Bates, N Whyte and D Jolley
Cllr Unitary Member I Porter
Cllrs R Willis and L Pilgrim
Member of the public R Evely

Public Participation

Cllrs Pilgrim and Willis introduced themselves as the new prospective Conservative candidates for the new ward of Kewstoke and Worlebury
Mr Evely raised the issue of subsidence of the road in several places in Sand Road and highlighted the dangers to motorists particularly on corners

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened 7-08pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
K Harper

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 2nd 2015

These were adopted with two minor word changes

5. Matters arising as a matter of Report

The issue of the cancelled Annual Dinner was discussed and was left to the Chairman and Clerk to arrange

6. Police Report

There was no police report

7. Public participation

Mr Evely's point was dealt with at Agenda Item 8a

8a, Highway Issues

Sand Road

The Clerk reported that this was now in the hands of a Senior Officer of NSDC Highways. He suspected that because of the cost of strengthening the Rhine banks it would not be a job done very quickly. All the Council can do is to keep the pressure on NSDC

Kewstoke Road

It is understood this road will be resurfaced in the spring

Outside Woodleigh Crookes Lane

A temporary repair will be made this month

Drains Beach Road

These drains or soak ways are situated at the lower end of Beach Road and are, it is believed, in need of some form of maintenance to improve their efficiency
It was decided to try and get an Officer to visit to look at the situation

Sign Anson Way

The Area Officer is aware of the situation

b. Other Issues

Fly-tipping issues

The situation is, that three Rhines have fly-tipping in situ. The Parish offered NSDC to hire a digger to get it out if they would supply the vehicle to take it away.

At present NSDC are still indicating that it is the land owners responsibility not theirs

A debate took place relating to the policy adopted by the main national and regional agencies. In the Councils view it was unworkable and unpractical.

It was decided to take photographs of the tipped material and send to the Authorities

9. Correspondence

Wessex Water Survey

This survey due later this year is about usage of the beaches in winter by bathers and the consequences of reducing U/V treatment in winter. Councillors expressed concerns about the issue but in the first instance the matter was referred to the Sand Bay Management Committee for their comments

10. Financial Update:

Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 266.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 48.53
Inland Revenue	£ 66.60
B Thorne	£ 311.98
A Ham	£ 511.00
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£ 182.00
Signtech	£ 82.80
Unanimously Agreed	

11. Toilets

The Chairman reported that a selection meeting was held with four candidates two of which were local ladies however in the end the decision was unanimously agreed to let the kiosk and toilet concession to The Crossville Motor Company

The main reason was they were backed by an operational Company and wanted to feature the bay more prominently as part of their core seaside services

The Lease was being redrafted at the same time and the Council was grateful to a local solicitor who had given his time freely to help the Village

12 Toll Road Issues

A meeting was held with Frank Cox (senior Highway Engineer) to discuss whether NSDC were in favour of the project being resurrected. Until that decision is made by NSDC the Parish did not want to spend time and energy updating their business plan

13 De- fibulator

A meeting will take place between interested Councillors with the Ambulance Service who specialise in the use and positioning of this type of equipment.

A report will then come back to the Council

13. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Adams reported a signpost down in Lyefield Road. Clerk had already made the Area Officer aware of the situation

Cllr Morris reported that a mountain bike had been suspended at the top of a tree near the entrance of the toll road close to the BMX track. However much of a joke it is seen it could cause an accident if it fell out onto the road.

Clerk will ask to be removed

Cllr Whyte raised the issue of Hawke Road and Harwood Green and the urgent need to resurface the road. The Clerk has already raised the issue with NSDC asking for a clear date when some action is likely.

This has been on the list for approaching two years

Cllr Thomas asked for a progress report on filling the pot holes outside the Pink Shop

The Clerk reported that an order had been placed to do the job but could not give a date when it would be done at this stage.

Cllr Vearncombe reported that the hydrant sign on the top of Monks Hill attached to a boulder has become detached.

Clerk will inform the fire service in the first instance

Cllrs Pearson and Whyte raised issues relating to the newsletter. The closing date for articles is the 14th March and a run of 800 is envisaged

14. Date of next Meeting Monday The 13th April 2015

