

Kewstoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday April 13th 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, K Harper and D Jolley

Public Participation

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-04pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee
Cllr Unitary Member I Porter

3. Declarations of Interests

None

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

5. Matters arising as a matter of Report

Cllr Jolley referred to agenda item 8b, Other issues-Fly tipping in Rhines
He reported that having taken the matter up with the Officers they have agreed to supply a
vehicle to use when the Rhines fly-tipping is removed. This was to avoid double handling.

6. Police Report

There was no report

7. Public participation

None

8a, Highway Issues

Sand Road Subsidence

No further information was available

Outside Woodleigh Crookes Lane

The work is completed. Thanks to Cllr Harper for his efforts

Beach Road Drains

A meeting and investigation took place on sight with Officer Phil Bush and Cllrs Harper, Morris, Adams and the Clerk

Several new drains appeared to have been located under tar mac and further investigation led the group to believe there is a series of drains leading down to the point.

The Officer agreed to send the drainage team out for a day to clean and jet the areas to try and help the situation.

Other drainage work will be carried out on the same day

b. Other Issues

Fly-tipping Issues

The Clerk reported another major fly-tipping issue at Elmsley Lane and would report.

Other issues were covered earlier in the agenda.

Chapel Car Park

A letter from the trustees had been received about the legal ownership and use of this car park

The ownership is clearly the Chapel and the use is available to the public Monday to Friday but the weekends are for the Chapel patron's. All cars are parked at their owners risk

A complaint had been received from a Kewstoke Road resident relating to the school staff who permanently park in Kewstoke Road and could use this car park. This causes unnecessary congestion.

The Clerk will take the matter up with the school

Huckers Bow Sea Dam

This is the outlet to sea from the Rhines and is a concrete structure with an opening gate.

For some eighteen months it has been leaking and the arguments about who is responsible for its upkeep are unresolved.

Cllr Adams tabled that something needed to be done and he suggested the three councils affected most, which are Kewstoke, Wick St Lawrence and St Georges write as a body to the returned MP. If this structure gave way on a high tide the results would be a major disaster for the area. Clerk will get the issue on the other Council agendas and report back

9. Correspondence

BT Phone Box

The Clerk had received correspondence relating to the general policy of BT to close these red boxes down as there was little use. At this stage no indication was made about the box in Crookes Lane however concern was expressed that the Council would like it to remain. It is a listed building.

After a debate it was decided to write to BT to confirm the box listing and enquire of any actions they may be planning

10. Appointment of New Beach Warden

Mrs S Ryall has retired as the Beach Warden. She did her last duties at the end of March.

The Clerk will write to Mrs Ryall on behalf of the Council thanking her for her service.

A Mrs J Mortimore has been appointed on a trial basis for a month to the position of Beach Warden She took up her duties on March 6th 2015

10. Financial Update:

Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 266.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 147.81
Inland Revenue	£ 66.60
B Thorne	£374.98
A Ham	£709.50
S Ryall (Beach Warden)	£186.98
Kewstoke Village Hall Trust	£150.00
K Harper (road engineer)	£ 43.65
SSE Electric Toilets	£ 31.65
SSE Electric Lights	£ 289.31
Harlow Hygiene	£ 72.58
Zerographic	£ 59.46
Miss C Twigge	£50.00
Taste	£141.60
EDF Energy	£830.65
Bailey Streetscene	£1,374.00

Clerk explained that this was the usual end of year cheque list to ensure that an attempt to keep all payments in the year of work carried out

Unanimously agreed

11. Toilets

The toilets were opened on Easter Friday the 4th April. Some teething problems had occurred. The kiosk is still not open but it is understood will open on the 20th April.

12. Toll Road Issues

No reply from NSDC in relations to the issues raised by the Council at its meeting with Senior Officers. It is not expected before the election is over.

13 Defibulator

A meeting took place with the local ambulance service about the viability, siting and usage of a unit.

Cllr MacDonald explained the rational of the methods employed and the best working scenarios. This is a medical issue and has to be viewed to try and position the equipment in a practical access point that could save lives. After a question and answer debate it was proposed by Cllr MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Morris to purchase a unit and storage box to be positioned at the village hall

The price is estimated at installed £1,500.00

The Clerk will write to Kewstoke in Need Trust to try and get a donation towards the cost.

13. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Adams was concerned about the magic lanterns that have wire in them that occasionally land in the area of feeding animals

He had had a report of children's motorbikes in local fields causing a noise problem but suspected it might go away when the children go back to school

Cllr Bates reported that the plaque had again been removed for the bench outside Sand Farm Lane as well as the sign post broken again. She felt it was a personal vendetta. All that could be done was for everyone to be watchful and vigilant

Cllr Harper raised the issue of sand on the sea front path and it was stopping children's buggies and invalid carriages from getting past.

The Clerk was aware of some correspondence on the issue with NSDC.

Cllr Adams would try as soon as possible to take his tractor up to clear it.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of ownership of the land opposite the New Inn pub which is now a communal parking area of which NSDC have indicated they own. He had serious doubts this was the case and suggested if Councillors agreed to try and get proof.

A debate took place and it was agreed the Clerk would write in the first instance to a resident to see if the land or part of was on her deeds.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of a large tree in the churchyard and the effect it may be having on the surrounding wall. A short debate took place and it was decided to seek the advice of the tree surgeon of which the Council uses

Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of the drain cover opposite Rose Tree Cottages Lower Norton Lane. He was concerned that despite recent major work in the area the cover may be cracked or damaged.

Clerk will ask the Area Officer to investigate

Cllr Vearncombe reported that street light C8 was out on Kewstoke Road

Clerk will report

Cllr Vearncombe raised the issue of the amount of traffic using the road and it was now becoming dangerous by his garage mainly because of the speeding and ignorance of drivers who are rat-running in part because of the road works and diversions in WSM

The road at the bottom of Monks Hill has been completely worn away and the Wessex Water drain covers damaged. He suggested that unless something is done then the road will become an expensive repair problem and there will be a serious accident.

Clerk reported that he had reported the bottom of Monks Hill and Wessex Water were aware of the situation

The issue will be raised at the Annual Parish meeting

14. Date of next Meeting Monday The 11th May 2015