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**Chairman: Councillor Tony Horry**

Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on  
Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald (Vice Chairman) R Adams, T Morris, R Pearson,  
G Vearncombe, C Thomas and K Harper

Members of the Public Mrs Scarbro, Mr Wareham and Mrs Lowe  
PSCO Nicola Mitchell

### **Public Participation (15 minutes)**

Mr Wareham introduced himself as a possible new Councillor as he wished to apply for the  
vacancy.

Mrs Lowe raised the issue of the sand again covering the path on the seashore in several  
places. She reported that another volunteer party had been up to try and remove it as well as  
help from the Scouts. The Chairman thanked her for the efforts

Mrs Scarbro asked about the movement of her wall near the village pump and had not heard  
back from the Parish since writing.

The Clerk reported that he had sought advice from NSDC with no avail.

Cllr Morris would speak on the matter later in the agenda

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting opened at 7-15pm

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Liaison Officer Sue Ivermee.

Cllr N Whyte

Unitary Members L Pilgrim

Members of the public Mrs Kelly and Jenkins

Cllrs Whyte's absence was due to hospitalisation and the Council recorded wishing her well  
for a speedy recovery

### **3. Declarations of Interests**

None

### **4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September the 7th 2015**

These were adopted with two minor spelling errors

Under Councillors Reports

1. Councillor MacDonald was referring to the Village Hall Car Park
2. Councillor Harper reported a large hole in Sand Road not South Road

## **5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report**

Extra items under correspondence for possible discussion were agreed

### **6. Police Report**

The report was given by PSCO Nicola Mitchell

There were 38 calls to the police during the month of which 3 were actual crimes.

1, burglary, 1 drug related and 1 malicious communication.

There is now a serious issue of staffing shortages and it appears that Kewstoke because of its low crime record is not covered as well as it should.

Cllr Bates recorded that motorcyclist were riding this Sunday with no helmets.

It was not recorded on 101 so no crime statistic will be available.

Cllr Roz Willis reminded Councillors how difficult it may be to persevere with calls to 101 so a record is generated.

### **7. Visit of an NSDC Community Officer Re-Fly- Tipping**

The Clerk asked for the visit to be put back pending information coming in from the Drainage Board relating to Rhine Fly tipping

### **8. Public Participation**

**1. Mr Wareham** was welcomed by the Chairman and hoped he would find the meeting interesting.

#### **2. In relation to the ongoing problem of dune sand on the seashore footpath**

Cllr Adams and Cllr Bates would liaise about putting a large log in the dune gap to start forming a barrier against dune sand

#### **3. In relation to the Village Pump and wall surround issue.**

Cllr Morris has looked closely at the situation and suggested that if the Village Pump was moved approximately up to 2 feet the bulge in the wall could be straighten and the access made much better. This was discussed and agreed

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Morris and seconded by Cllr Pearson to give Parish blessing to the project

It was unanimously approved

### **9. Highway Issues**

#### **9a, Toll Road Small Car Park**

Cllr Horry explained the circumstances of the whole saga to Councillors and highlighted many of the consensus issues.

From all the information gathered it was obvious there was a serious difference of opinions and the majority of Councillors felt the Officer of NSDC had acted in a

Non- professional way. The Council could now do little as this was a signed lease and the Parish has no influence other than to make certain the terms of the lease were clearly adhered to.

Serious concerns were raised about the future and possible actions on other car parks in the village.

It was decided to write to the Director of Environment seeking assurance that any actions relating to car parking issues within the village firstly be discussed or seek the views of the Parish Council. Members feel so strongly about the issue that they wanted the letter to be copied to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council

## **9b, Beach Road Drains.**

Still no reply

## **Rhine Fly Tipping**

A letter had been received from the Clerk of the drainage Board indicating that it was the responsibility of land owners to clear obstructions from their ditches however the issue is to be discussed further at a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October

This will be reported back at the November meeting

## **Kewstoke Road**

NSDC had confirmed this road will be re surfaced in the near future but no date was available

## **9c, Other Issues**

**Pontin's Ditch :-** No action at present

## **Bund along Sand Road**

This has been planted up with bulbs and grass seed

## **Quote Play Area Surface**

One quote had been received for a 50m square patch under the swings which was £4342 .00 installed

Further quotes will be forthcoming ready for precept consideration in January

## **9. Correspondence**

### **Re: Unmetered Electricity Supply**

The letter indicated that there is likely to be a small increase in our streetlight costs

## **Community Investment Fund Grant Monitoring**

This process is part of the grant allocation following taking over the toilets from NSDC

## **10. Financial Update: Cheques for Approval**

Clerks Salary	£ 266.40	
Clerks Expenses	£ 83.42	
Inland Revenue	£ 66.60	
B Thorne	£ 313.98	
A Ham	£ 1,418.50	
Harlow Hygiene	£ 36.35	
R Palmer	£ 299.98	
J Mortimore	£ 175.00	
SSE Electricity	£ 289.31	
Fountain Timber Products	£ 443.52	
Zerographic Systems Ltd	£ 145.65	
Village Hall Rent	£300.00 (6 Months)	
Cane & Company (insurance)	£1,261.29	(paid)

### **Paid In**

Toilet cash	£ 330.00
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Unanimously agreed

### **11. Sand Bay Management Meeting –Report**

The Chairman reported on minor layout changes to the carpark at Sand Point by the National Trust

Natural England was concerned about “Chinese Rose growth” within the dunes as they were very invasive and could upset the balance of the dune growth. There was also danger to the other plant growth of the dunes some of which is quite rare.

### **12. Meeting with NSDC Officer- Traffic Calming**

A meeting was held with NSDC Traffic Engineer David Bailey to explore all avenues of traffic calming in the village. A presentation was made on the Council behalf by Emily MacDonald who has researched and provided information on other areas and the types of calming measures to be considered. The presentation was well received and a major discussion took place. The Office agreed to take the ideas away and come back with some proposals for consideration by the Working Group and then onto Council and the wider public.

### **13 Toilet Opening Hours (Christmas)**

The toilets will shut as usual at the end of October but will be opened by the Council between Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Christmas period.

### **14, Vacancy Parish Council**

There were four candidates for the post.

It was agreed interviews would be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October in the evening.

The interview panel will be Cllrs Horry, MacDonald, Vearncombe ,Morris and Adams

The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements

### **15. Councillor’s Reports**

**Cllr Harper and Vearncombe** reported on a spate of damage to sign posts. The 30MPH sign at Lygate road was on the ground, Anson road sign was damaged as well as a 40MPH sign and two other 30MPH signs in the area.

Clerk will ask the area Officer to drive road and inspect all signs as it is thought this is wanted vandalism.

Cllr Willis is dealing with issues relating to a serious accident at the junction of Lygate road and Collum lane where signage and markings are non-existent.

**Cllr Willis** is also dealing with Council Tax issues relating to caravans now granted 12months occupation. This is a complex issue that the Council warned NSDC would eventually evolve. It is seen as ongoing.

**Cllr Pearson** wants issues for the newsletter all in by 26<sup>th</sup> October

### **16. Date of next Meeting Monday November 2nd 2015**