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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday February 1st 2016 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald (Vice Chairman) R Adams, T Morris, R Pearson,
G Vearncombe, N Whyte, K Harper, C Thomas, C Bates and K Jenkins
Members of the Public Mrs Cunningham, Mr Evely and Mr Bartlett

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Mrs Cunningham informed everyone that the Church Fete would be on May 7th this year and would be interested in the debate relating to traffic at the Queensway Area of which she had requested to be an agenda item.

Mr Bartlett raised issues relating to the traffic problems of speeding in Collum Lane and Lyfield Road, "boy racers" and possible drug users using the area and issues relating to poor Police Management of the area

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-12pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Unitary Member Lisa Pilgrim
Liaison Officer S Ivermee

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 4th 2016 and the minutes of the precept meeting of January 11th 2016

The main meeting of the 4th January 2016 were adopted with no changes

The precept meeting date was wrong .It should read January 11th 2016 and apologies were expressed from Councillor Pearson for this meeting.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

An extra cheque to be signed

6. Police Report

PSCO Nicola Mitchell gave an update of recent calls to the police

There were 8 calls recorded none of major significance, 4 related to highway issues, 4 from Cygnet .1 neighbour dispute and 1 misc. Issues related to Collum Lane raised by Mr Bartlett were expanded upon for the Officer to take back to her superiors.

PSCO Mitchell informed the meeting that they were very stretched because of manpower and sickness problems

7. Highway Issues

7c, Beach Road Drains.

Still no action by NSDC

Unitary Member will make enquiries again

Traffic Queensway into Kewstoke and Area

A long and detailed debate took place relating to traffic using Lyfield Road as a “rat run” and the increased traffic using Cullum Lane. There had been accidents at the junction recorded over the years. An attempt was made several years ago to get NSDC Officers to look at the site but no action was undertaken.

Several suggestions were highlighted such as:-

1. Changing the right of way of the traffic at the junction
2. Closing off the End of Lyfield Road to traffic from the Kewstoke End
3. Possible better signage and road marking.

It was decided, in the end, to try and involve this section of the road network as part of the whole package being considered for the whole of Kewstoke as this was seen as the best hope of getting something done in the future

8, Other Issues

Sand Dune Coast Path Route

The Clerk reported that there had been no reply from the Natural England Officer about the issue. It would however be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming Sand Bay Management meeting to discuss

Boardwalk-Invalid Vehicles

The Clerk and the Chairman gave a detailed report about safety issues relating to disabled people’s use of Mobility Vehicles on the Boardwalk and the ability of the boardwalk to handle such vehicles as it was never built or envisaged to have them using the route.

There had been a meeting with NSDC Disability Officer to investigate what could be done and in the meantime notices have been posted to deter vehicles not to use the route.

There is a possibility of creating a path in front of the boardwalk as an alternative other route of which all could use but particularly Mobility Vehicles

Council agreed to investigate this route as a priority before progressing further.

Facebook Meeting

Cllr Jenkins had lead the small Working Group set up to investigate this communication tool

It was decided to recommend to Council to set up a small Internal Facebook page with Members only as a trial so Members could get some idea of its use. It was important that this was seen as a community site not a Parish Council site. A trial would take place over February and it would be agenda again for March

Street lighting

The Clerk gave an update on the quotes and visits of the various companies chosen to do the project. He hoped to have it all in place by April

9. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on a quotation for work on the play area should the Council make the decision to move from bark to a wet pour surface.

More quotes were to be secured

10. Financial Update:

Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 266.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 233.26
Inland Revenue	£ 66.20
B Thorne	£ 311.98
J Mortimore	£ 175.00
Signtech	£ 64.80
Kewstoke Village Hall	£150.00
K Harper	£28.14
Information Commissioner	£35.00

11. Update Traffic Management

Cllr MacDonald, The Chairman and the Clerk gave Council an update on the various meetings and progress

David Bailey of NSDC had been back for a second meeting where it was expressed that just signage would not be suitable and there were talks relating to gateways and reducing road sizes as well as other issues.

A local resident who works for a Traffic Management Company attended a further informal meeting and gave other ideas relating to the use of speed restrictions, roundabouts and road marking issues. The whole process will now be formed into a group of ideas ready for the Annual Parish Meeting

12. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Whyte suggested an April Newsletter which would co-inside with the Annual Parish Meeting. Cut off date for articles would be April 1st

Cllr MacDonald was concerned about some of the outer upright posts of the footpath in Crookes Lane. Clerk will investigate

Cllr Thomas reported on a hedge being removed, a fence installed in its place outside a caravan site in Crookes lane. He questioned the legality of the installation as it was out of character with the rest of the area. Unitary Member will investigate

Cllr Vearncombe reported on changes to the allotments and requested some small works to be done. A Ham will be asked to contact Councillor Vearncombe.

The meeting closed at 8-45pm

13. Date of Next Meeting Monday March 7th 2016.