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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday January 2nd 2017 which commenced at 7.00pm
Present T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald (Vice Chairman) R Adams, K Harper, C Thomas,
T Morris, K Jenkins and N Whyte
Members of the Public-none

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-05 pm

1a Resignation of Cllr R Pearson for Personal and Health Reasons

The Chairman read out the relevant letter received from Cllr Pearson and had accepted his resignation. Health reasons were a prominent part of his decision having recently been very ill and was now slowly recovering. The Chairman wanted publicly to acknowledge the service given to the Parish by Mr Pearson and it be reflected in the minutes.

The position on the Kewstoke in Need Trust held by Mr Pearson subject to there being no constitutional issues would not be affected

2, Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Vearncombe and Bates

Unitary Members L Pilgrim and R Willis

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 5th 2016

The minutes were adopted with two minor grammatical errors

5.Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

One extra cheque payment was agreed

6, Police Report

None

7. Unitary Members Report

None

8. Highway Issues

8a, Beach Road Drains.

A quote of £1,500.00 has been received to do a 12metre stretch of road outside approximately No 111-114 beach road to relieve the flash flooding issues recently incurred

A debate took place about the ongoing issues and it was decided to sent the quote to NSDC for them to decide whether to do the work and meet the cost

9, Other Issues

Cars parked outside Caravan Parks ,Crookes lane

This issue of cars being parked on this stretch of road is causing concern to the Council. The bulk of the cars appeared to come from the Sun Valley site and it was decided in the first instance to write to them seeking there views and if any plans were afoot to alleviate the problem.

10. Correspondence

Two Bays Tough Ten 5th February 2017

Police Plan

Noted

11, Traffic Management Update

The Gateways have been installed as the first part of the programme. It was now up to NSDC to complete the programme in the new financial year

12. Toilets

The toilets were opened over the Christmas and New Year season and no major issues occurred. Some work on the disabled toilet door would be undertaken before the new season

14, Nat -West Bank

Prior to Christmas around the 14th December Nat- West froze the current account and rejected nearly £5,000 worth of cheques. After two days of effort the Chairman managed to ascertain that the signatories of some 12 years plus needed to be ratified. This was done immediately and it still took 10 further days to unfreeze the account. The embarrassment to this Parish cannot be measured and a complaint will be made to Nat -West and the resulting reply will be relaid to Members.

The Clerk discussed the matter with the Society of Local Clerks and it appears this is not unknown and a new bank has offered a different service to Parishes The Clerk is to investigate this and report back with a view to possibly changing banks

Financial Update:

13, Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£377.16
Clerks Expenses	£ 42.56
Inland Revenue	£ 55.84
B Thorne	£ 416.48
J Mortimore	£ 175.00
SSE Electricity Toilets	£ 18.04
R Palmer	£ 195.17

D Board	£1251.00
Weston Hygiene Services	£ 32.69
Zerographic LTD	£ 91.55
N Whyte (Christmas Party)	£ 382.48
SSE electricity	£ 289.31
S Babbage	£ 684.00
Paid in Crossville	£1,250.00
Printing	£25.00

15 Car Parks

The Clerk and Chairman reported back on a meeting with NSDC Officers and more information from the Parish has been sent to them relating to costs incurred maintaining the car parks. Issues were discussed about drainage and tarmacing the Sand Road Car park as well as changes to other car parks.

NSDC will discuss the issues and come back to the Parish in due course

16.Councillor's Reports

Cllr Whyte raised the issue of the Village Fete and would be setting up a meeting of interested bodies in late January /early February. She hoped new blood would come aboard as well as regulars. The Christmas Party was a great success and next years would be on Dec 16th 2017

17. Date of Next Meeting Monday 13th February 2017

Meeting close at 8-15pm