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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday December 4th 2017 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present T Horry (Chairman) R Adams, T Morris, K Jenkins, C Thomas, K Harper, C Bates
and N Whyte

Unitary Member Lisa Pilgrim, Roz Willis.

Liaison Officer N Richards

Members of the public Mrs Gunningham, Karen Henry and Mark Renes

Public Participation (15 minutes)

Karen Henry had received the newsletter and came with her partner to hear the discussion about the Car Parks as they were new to the village.

Mrs Gunningham had circulated a document ahead of a possible planning application for housing behind the Beach Terminus Car Park and was seeking Parish Council approval as to whether they should continue at this stage to develop such a plan.

The basis of the application was for 10 houses on land which was outside the village fence and on a flood plain. Mrs Cunningham contended that this would be good for the village. A possible payment would be made for the refurbishment of the toilet block and a yearly charge put on all ten houses for the upkeep of the toilets.

The Clerk; had after consultation with both Chairman and Vice Chairman; offered in a letter ahead of the meeting, advising that at this stage any application could be premature pending a review by NSDC in the Spring of 2018, however this was not accepted.

Mrs Gunning indicated that boundaries were likely to be moved and building on flood plains in this area was becoming the norm.

These minutes would be transferred to the planning minutes later in the evening when an official debate would take place

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7-25pm

Cllr Horry introduced Mrs Natalie Richards who is the new NSDC Liaison Officer

2, Apologies for Absence

J MacDonald, R Cunningham, G Verncombe, and the Police

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of November 6th 2017

These were unanimously adopted with some minor grammatical errors

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

Cheque for D Board not paid awaiting invoice

6. Police Report

There were 14 crimes recorded during the month of which they were -:

1 Public Order,4 Assaults,7,Harassment,2 Thefts

An Attempt would be made to get some mobile numbers for the PSCO Officers

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr R Willis was still chasing issues relating to enforcement but admitted staff problems were causing a major backlog.

Cllr Willis raised the issue of co-opting a member onto the Police Community Group After a short discussion, Cllr Adams agreed to attend a meeting as an observer in the first instance.

8. Highway Issues

Traffic Management Work Schedule

Despite best efforts the work has not been done and from information received it is now NSDC Contractors who are failing to meet their deadlines. A heated debate, boiling over to frustration by Councillors took place, with some strong poor opinions of the way NSDC operate.

Cllr Willis will try and see a Director as the Unitary Members are concerned about how long a project paid for by the Parish is taking to implement.

Traffic Order Lower Norton Lane

It was understood the work has been done and the matter resolved

9. Other Issues

Roundabout Flooring.

The work to repair the floor will be carried out in the Spring of 2018

10. Correspondence

None

11. Car Parks

The Clerk firstly explained the present position in relation to the work. The Parish was still awaiting the final drawings for the Commodore Car Park as well as a planning application for the update of the small Lower Commodore Park. The traffic order it is understood still needs to be placed

The newsletter circulated to all houses was a consultation information booklet to warn residents in advance of the plans, remembering that these car parks are not in the ownership of the Parish.

The feedback has been mainly from the side roads of Crookes Lane and around Myrtle Crescent where basically they do not want restricted parking despite admissions of having their own off street parking. The discussion that took place accepted that not everyone would be pleased but where off-street parking was available the Members felt that this was still better than allowing visitors and residents to park anywhere.

Cllr Horry had a list of observations made through unofficial channels which were of a similar nature.

The most pressing question to be considered again was the issues in Crookes Lane where some residents do not accept that parking outside on the road particularly on the corner is a problem and yet in the last 2 years the subject has been on the agenda or raised at least 10 times to the Clerks knowledge.

12. Children's Christmas Party

Cllr Whyte indicated all was in hand

12. Financial Update:

13, Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 346.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 68.55
Inland Revenue	£ 86.60
B Thorne	£ 567.73
J Mortimore	£ 180.00
A.Ham	£ 654.00
Water 2 Business allotments	£ 141.94
R Palmer	£ 67.04
SSE Electric	£ 27.64
Water 2 Business toilets	£467.33

Paid in £1,528.00 (seat plaque and base)

Toilets £130.00

Unanimously agreed for payment

13b Update on Accounts

The Clerk produced an updated spreadsheet document showing the present spend and the projected spend for the year. The year he suspects will end comfortably in a balanced budget but the purpose of the exercise was to warn Councillors of financial difficulty ahead. The present income has been inflated by high VAT returns Parish Relief, and some others but next year they will be very much lower

Costs are rising with the minimum wage as well as getting work done getting dearer by the month. The precept meeting in January will need some serious thought if the Council wants to try and maintain its present standards.

14. Christmas Dinner

Cllr Bates will arrange for 19th January

15.Councillor's Reports

Cllr Harper reported that the footpath opposite the Pub had been cleared.

Cllr Bates raised the issue of passing on Monks Hill at the top. A debate took place about the issues of which much has been considered before. No action was agreed

Cllr Whyte reported some tree branches filter-tipped around the footpath at Harwood Green
The matter had been reported but no action has been taken by NSDC as yet
Clerk will report again

16. Date of Next Meeting Monday 8th January 2018

Meeting closed at 8-46pm