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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday February 5th 2018 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present T Horry (Chairman) J McDonald , R Adams, T Morris, C Thomas, K Harper, C Bates, N
Whyte, K Jenkins, R Cunningham, and G Vearncombe

Liaison Officer N Richards

Unitary Members L Pilgrim and R Willis

Members of the public -None

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7-05pm

2. Apologies for Absence

None

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 8th 2018

These were adopted with one minor spelling error

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

A road closure of Kewstoke Road for the 25th March was recorded

6. Police Report

There were 48 calls to the police of which 10 were crimes .

They were 1, Malicious Communication, 1, assault, 1, missing person, 4 threatening behaviour or
harassment, 1 theft and 1 ASB

The issue of calls from Cygnet Hospital again was of concern but was being dealt with by a
Special Officer.

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Willis raised the issue of representation of Parishes on police committees and she hoped that
offers to parishes would be forthcoming. The 6.6% rise in the police community charge was
designated to retain the same number of Police Officers as present.

Other issues were dealt with further in the agenda

8. Highway Issues

Traffic Management Work

Despite the recent spate of visits about the positioning of some of the signs the Parish reluctantly has to accept that NSDC will not alter the configurations in any way. The argument being that these schemes have to have strict criteria agreed to on implementation. There are still issues about signs not on Gateways and the issue of Monks Hill was not resolved.

A debate took place about whether the Council could have been wiser in its earlier planning stage and whether NSDC could have explained the criteria better however it was decided to see whether the scheme has the desired effect of changing driver habits.

9, Other Issues

Pot Holes/Road issues

There was serious problems at Kewstoke Road at the Norton Lane to Garage section with serious pot holes and the road edge subsidence

Cllr Vearncombe and the area manager have inspected and a Senior Officer from Highways is to visit shortly. The other area of concern known to highways is the road subsidence at Lower Norton Lane and Sand Road

Dog Bins /Waste

An email has been received from Ian Price of the waste section indicating they are withdrawing the dog bin emptying service from April. No indication was given other than to find another contractor to do the work. It seemed obvious to Members that he was unaware that he was responsible for the bins not the Parish. The major concerns in the debate that followed was once again at very late notice NSDC were expecting the Parish to pick up a £10,000 plus bill with no regard to how it would be done or whether there were the resources to meet the requirement and being totally unaware it was their bins. Members highlighted the total dilemma the Parish faces of NSDC,s inability to recognise the plight the Parish finds itself in with meeting major bills not of its making Council made it plain to its Unitary Members that they would not pick up this bill and they wanted by the next meeting to know why the decision was made without any form of discussion with the Parish

10. Correspondence

Letter from Kewstoke School Re- Crossing Person

The school because the funding for school traffic crossing Officers (lollipop men) has been withdrawn by NSDC were trying to get sponsorship or grants to meet the £3,500.00 per year bill. The Parish is very sympathetic to the school predicament and will help however before it is prepared to commit any grant it wants more information of the breakdown of the £3,500 figure. Clerk will action

11. Car Parks

The car park project was stopped on Jan 15th 2018 days before its work was about to start because (the costings had come in to high)

A debate took place about this decision and various correspondence by Officers Medus and Taylor. The Unitary Members once this decision was known were asked by the Clerk to seek a meeting with the Portfolio Holder for highways to clarify what at this late stage had gone wrong and why.

Councillors were dumbfounded as to why this decision relating to an over cost by a contractor could have come in so late.

Several questions were laid for the Unitary Members to take back to Officers and the Portfolio Member.

The Clerk and several Councillors recorded their disappointment in the way Kewstoke was being treated by NSDC and consideration will have to be given as to whether there was any point in continuing any partnership working with Local Authority bearing in mind about £35,000 was spent on work by the Parish that could be classed as NSDC responsibility

12. Financial Update:

Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 346.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 165.64
Inland Revenue	£ 86.60
B Thorne	£ 335.97
J Mortimore	£ 190.00
Whitehall Direct	1,503.00
R Palmer	£ 58.66
Commodore Hotel	£100.85
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00
Proposed acceptance Cllr Whyte seconded Cllr Gunningham	
Vote was unanimous	

13.Councillor's Reports

Cllr Adams reported cars were regularly blocking the bridleway next to No 2 Kewstoke Road It is believed the cars are from 2,Kewstoke Road. Clerk will write to the householder.

Cllr Gunningham reported some fly tipping and other rubbish on Kewstoke Road. For the sake of convenience Cllr Vearncombe will deal with.

Cllr Bates had written to the commodore complaining about the annual dinner food and set up. Cllr Bates has also written a piece for the next newsletter about Facebook comments which indicated issues in the village. The basis of her concern was to ensure any actions could only come from going through the right channels which would be the relevant agency

Cllr Whyte informed the Council of the activities planned for the 30th anniversary of the Village Hall to be held this May

Members were all invited but names to be submitted by 25th March

Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of the blue markings on the beach. Cllr Adams was aware the marks were part of depth soundings for the dunes/sea defences and a report will be issued soon

14. Date of Next Meeting Monday 5th March 2018

Meeting closed at 8-45pm