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Minutes of Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at Kewstoke village Hall on Monday 7th January 2019 which commenced at 7pm.

Present R .Adams , K, Jenkins, C Bates, N.Richards (Liaison Officer) T Horry T Morris (Vice Chairman) N.Whyte G.Vearncombe R.Cunningham K.Harper

Unitary members

Cllr.Pilgrim

Members of the Public

None

1 Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 7.00 pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr, MacDonald.

Cllr,Willis (Unitary member)

The Vice Chairman read out a resignation letter from Cllr Thomas. It was agreed that the councillors would purchase a gift in appreciation of all his hard work over the years.

The Parish Clerk to also draft a letter to Cllr Thomas expressing the councils appreciation and wishing him well for the future. To be signed by the Chairman.

Action Parish Clerk

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Adoption of the minutes of the council meeting of 3rd December 2018

These were adopted with no changes. Proposed Cllr Vearncombe
Seconded Cllr. Whyte

Vote was unanimous.

5. Actions from previous meeting

Letter to W-S-M hotels O/S

Letter to be drafted by Cllr Vearncombe to W-S-M hotels to request coach drivers to use advised bus route. Letter to be e-mailed to Cllr members for agreement and then forwarded to Malcolm Nicholson at W-S-M Town Hall to e-mail hoteliers..

Action- Cllr Vearncombe

Book swap club- To be raised at next Village hall meeting

Action Cllr Horry & Cllr Harper

Projector Replacement

Cllr Horry confirmed that at Television rather than a replacement projector as previously agreed, had now been purchased with expected delivery 9/1/2019. Cllr Vearncombe agreed to purchase a wall bracket and arrange fitting.

Action Cllr Vearncombe

Dog Bins

An offer had been received from NSDC to partially fund the collection for next financial year with the Parish Council picking up the full cost for 2020/2021.

It was not clear if the figure quoted of £6 included the subsidy or how many bins this related to.

Action: Cllr. Pilgrim to follow up to clarify offer of subsidy.

Ongoing discussions would continue to finalise arrangements for 2019/2020- A worst case scenario amount £8.2K has been included in next year's budget.

Action Cllr MacDonald, Cllr Harper and Cllr Adams to meet with a view to finalising a costed solution to propose to the full council.

Expenditure governance sub committee

Initial meeting now arranged for 17th January 7.30pm Village hall

Action: Parish Clerk to circulate invites

Framed Photograph of Councillors

This has now been provided by Cllr Whyte and is to be displayed in the display cabinet, with an unframed copy to be sent to Colin.

6. Matters arising as a matter of report

None

7. Police Report

There was no PCSO representation.

Beat Report

Road Related 6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle 7
Abandoned 999 calls 5
Domestic related 3
Concern for welfare 3
ASB 2
Criminal damage 1
Missing Persons 6
Assault 1
Hoax Calls 0
Found Property/Person 0

The beat report appeared to have again included calls relating to the Cygnet hospital

Action: Cllr Willis to raise with Leanne Pook, District Commander to have them excluded.

8. Unitary members report

Cllr Pilgrim

There was an update on the Planning application for change of use of Land off Sand Road. 18/P3275/FUL - responses have now been received and collated and a decision was expected shortly.

Action Cllr Willis & Cllr Pilgrim to seek a further update and report back to the Parish Council.

9.Highways issues

Car Parks

Cllr Bates reported some issues on New Year's Day with vehicles parked along Beach Road as Sand Road car park was not available.

Parish Clerk reported that this had been raised with NSDC but the response was that unless vehicles were parked illegally there was little that could be done.

Cllr Horry confirmed that a response was required to Parking review survey forwarded to the council by Cllr Nigel Ashton (Leader North Somerset council)

Action: Cllr. MacDonald

10. Other Issues.

Seat renovations sea front

It was agreed to discuss at expenditure meeting 17th January See item 5.

Outstanding grants

There are two O/S grants still to be received one for the Church yard maintenance and secondly the Sea front defence maintenance

Action Parish Clerk to follow up.

Precept 2019/2020.

Following a Precept meeting on Mon 3rd January, it was recommended to the full council that the precept for 2019/2020 be set the same as last years at £46K.

Documentation and a report prepared by the Parish Clerk was circulated and discussed at the precept meeting, attended by a number of councillors, where the proposed precept figure was finalised,

The key points were

It was expected that there would be a small surplus at the end of this financial year due to an under spend on Capital assigned for the purchase of Vehicle activated signage. This would be used to offset the increase in expected expenditure for next year, in particular the Dog bin emptying, a function which is being passed to the Parish Council from NSDC, this combined with the relatively healthy state of the councils reserves it was agreed that the Precept should remain as last year at £46K.

A capital figure of £8K has been included in respect of the purchase of Vehicle activated signage for 2019/2020 as it is still the council's intention to introduce such signage to supplement the current traffic management plan.

A review of expenditure would also be undertaken to see if any cost savings could be made and that the council was receiving value for money from contractors. This would be undertaken by a Financial Governance working group.

The precept figure of £46K was unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Vearncombe

Seconded by Cllr Morris.

Local Plan

Agreed to be an agenda item at the Financial Governance meeting 17/1/2019

11. Correspondence

none

12. Financial Update

Cheques for Approval

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| <i>Clerks salary</i> | <i>£259.80</i> |
| <i>Inland Revenue</i> | <i>£173.20</i> |
| <i>Clerks expenses</i> | <i>£63.51</i> |
| <i>B.Thorne</i> | <i>£352.00</i> |
| <i>J.Mortimore</i> | <i>£192.00</i> |
| <i>R.Palmer Toilets</i> | <i>£164.92</i> |
| <i>R. Palmer Village hall</i> | <i>£313.20</i> |
| <i>T Baker</i> | <i>£882.00</i> |
| <i>N.Whyte</i> | <i>£276.53</i> |
| <i>EDF Energy</i> | <i>£236,58</i> |
| <i>RPH Ltd</i> | <i>£58.20</i> |
| <i>C.Hill</i> | <i>£150.00</i> |

Unanimously agreed for payment

Proposed Cllr Cunningham Seconded Cllr Vearncombe.

13. Councilors report

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Cllr Adams

Reported that tarmac around inspection chambers & drains in Lower Norton road require repair

Action: Parish Clerk to contact NSDC

Cllr Whyte

Confirmed that the Christmas party was a great success and thanked all the Volunteers. The date of next year's Children's Christmas party has been confirmed as 21/12/2019 albeit with a different entertainer.

The date for next year's village fete has also been confirmed as 22/06/2019, and an initial meeting has been set up for 14/01/2019 in the village hall for representatives of all interested parties to start to plan for the event.

Cllr Vearncombe

Reported repairs required to Kewstoke School crossing – Cllr Vearncombe to contact N.Raymond at NSDC to report the issue

Cllr Jenkins

Concerns were expressed over local Public transport issues, Cllr Jenkins is to draft a letter outlining the issues and with the agreement of the Council forward to John Penrose MP.

Action: Cllr Jenkins

Cllr Morris

Raised concerns over the Pot holes appearing on Monks hill

Action: Parish Clerk to contact NSDC.

Meeting Closed 8.08pm

14. Date of Next Meeting Monday 4th February 2019 in the Village Hall

