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Chairman: Councillor J MacDonald

Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday 4th June 2018 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present T Morris, (Vice Chairman), R Adams, C Thomas, K Harper, K Jenkins, C Bates,
N Whyte and G Vearncombe
Liaison Officer N Richards
Unitary Members L Pilgrim and R Willis

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

The Chairman at this point introduced Mr Mike Hardwick who will be the new Clerk from around
September this year

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7pm

2, Apologies for Absence

J McDonald (Chairman), R Cunningham and T Horry

3. Declarations of Interests

None

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

These were adopted with no changes

Proposed Cllr N Whyte seconded G Vearncombe

Vote was unanimous

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

Agreed that three extra cheques for signing

6. Police Report

A report was sent.

There were 66 calls to the Parish of which 9 were crimes

They were 2, thefts, 1 theft from a vehicle, 2, criminal damage, 3 assaults, 1 ASB

Comments were made by Councillors that there was a trend of increasing calls to the police and it
will need monitoring.

7. Unitary Members Report

Cllr Willis reported on her efforts to tidy up the smoking and rubbish problem outside the Cygnet
Lodge. Council Officers have advised a way forward and if not implemented then fines will be
imposed. The road pot hole problem at Monks Hill had been remarked for repairs but no date was
available

8. Highway Issues

Traffic Management Work

The Clerk had requested a review of the positioning of the signage and whether it was all in the right position. NSDC had agreed to do this expected sometime in June

9, Other Issues

Pot Holes/Road issues

In areas such as Monks Hill, Kewstoke Road and Beach Road these holes were getting bigger. The Clerk was aware that NSDC know the locations however expectations of an early resolve of these problems should not be high as the Authority is having to prioritise the work of the patching unit in each area. Clerk will report again

Dog Bins /Waste

NSDC have not come back as yet with a meeting date of any comment from the request of the Parish to talk about the future of the situation of bins, fouling and waste

Sea Defences/Radon Report

A report in the local press highlighted the possible flooding likely to be caused if Huckers Bow outlet was to break and this was linked to tests on the dunes. Both were totally separate issues but highlighted what could happen. The report was not in the opinion of some Members, really factual. As it did not raise any real concern in the Village the matter was left

10. Correspondence

None

11. Car Parks

No information of progress has been made

12. Financial Update:

Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 346.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 76.02
Inland Revenue	£ 86.60
B Thorne	£ 443.98
J Mortimore	£ 208.00
Weston Support Services	£ 79.47
Southern Electricity	£ 38.11
A Ham	£2194.50
Bristol Water (allotments)	£ 23.59
Bristol Water (Toilets)	£116.07
R Palmer Toilets	£ 302.46
R Palmer Village Hall	£ 285.80
EDF	£ 234.00
R Blanthorne (internal Audit)	£ 150.00

The Clerk explained the expenditure where necessary and highlighted issues to watch as the year progressed

Proposed acceptance Cllr Vearncombe seconded by Cllr Whyte Vote was unanimous

12a, To Approve the Accounts to go to External Audit

All the relevant paperwork had been circulated ahead of the meeting

The Clerk explained the process under the new external auditors

Proposed acceptance Cllr Thomas seconded Cllr Adams

Vote was unanimous

13.Councillor's Reports

Cllr Adams reported on the number of manhole covers that needed the tarmac levelling around them. Clerk had reported to Wessex Water but will report again

Cllr Vearncombe had now obtained the “No Coaches” signs for erection around Kewstoke Road This was to stop them using the section from Crookes Lane to Anson Road causing chaotic problems for traffic. These will be erected soon

Cllr Whyte raised the issue of the Newsletter. It was agreed to go to print in September with the deadline at the September meeting date for entries

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of problems of locals accessing the buses to WSM at peak times. It was agreed it was unfortunate but it was not something the Parish could influence

Mrs Harding(headmistress of the School) gave an update on the issues of parking and drop off problems around the school. It has always been problematic for a small time twice a day and it would be virtually impossible to solve the problem totally.

Issues such as remarking the zig-zag and repairing the “yellow brick road” would help but seems to fall on deaf ears at NSDC

14. New Clerk

The new Clerk will be Mr M Hardwick who will take over officially around September time

15. Date of Next Meeting Monday 2nd July 2018