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Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held in the Kewstoke Village Hall on
Monday January 8th 2018 which commenced at 7.00pm

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

Liaison Officer N Richards

Members of the public -None

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 7-05pm

2. Apologies for Absence

K Jenkins,

Unitary Member R Willis and Lisa Pilgrim

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 4th 2017

These were adopted with 2 grammatical errors

The lady speaking was a Mrs Gunningham not in places Cunningham

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

6. Police Report

The two Officers in attendance were called away urgently but left a report.

The report contained the following :- there were 55 calls to the police of which 9 were crimes. They were 1, theft, 1, harassment, 4 assaults, 1, Public Order offence, 1, Incident relating to Drugs, 1, Anti- Social Behaviour.

7. Unitary Members Report

Both Councillors were tied up with other meetings and could not attend

8. Highway Issues

Traffic Management Work Scheduled

The Clerk circulated the full drawings to the councillors.

The Chairman and Clerk had investigated what had been installed so far and it was debated about the merits of the scheme. The opinion of those Councillors who had seen the partial installation was that the positioning of the road signs would lead to confusion, have little impact and would be difficult to police. The practical outweighed the theoretical in this case. Many of the signs were

never where the Council wanted them placed although it accepts that the Parish went along with NSDC officers recommendations, however, in practice this appears not to work.
It was decided to ask NSDC to suspend further work pending a review

9, Other Issues

A section of wall abutting the highway in Kewstoke Road has collapsed leaving a parapet situation on the side of the road. This could result in a car going over and falling into the field
NSDC are aware of the situation

10. Correspondence

N-Somerset Builders Plans for Green Belt

Noted

Two Bays Tough Ten

February event noted

Letter from resident about local dog owners fouling the Beach

A letter outlining that there were some local dog owners who were known to the writer allowing their dog to foul the beach and then not pick up afterwards. The issue was how to report them and change their habits.

Cllr Horry will visit the writer to see what can be done and report back

11. Car Parks

A letter had been received by Councillors, (but not the Clerk), by email sent at 3pm that day from Officer Medus In essence it reflected that the whole scheme would not be done for April of which the Parish had always been concerned about. The reasons given seem to differ from previous conversations and there was concern of chaos if the scheme started half heartedly
Clerk will seek an urgent meeting with NSDC

12. Children's Christmas Party (Report)

Cllrs Whyte and Bates reported on its success with 44 children attending and it came in under budget. A general discussion took place about next year and some changes will be made.

13.Financial Update:

13, Cheques for Approval

Clerks Salary	£ 346.40
Clerks Expenses	£ 105.52
Inland Revenue	£ 86.60
B Thorne	£ 416.48
J Mortimore	£ 180.00
D Board	£1,248.00
R Palmer	£ 175.98
SSE Electric	£ 15.33
Zerographic systems	£ 6.81
EDF	£ 129.45
N Whyte	£301.66
SSE Electric	£ 16.00

Proposed acceptance Cllr N Whyte seconded Cllr Cunningham
Vote was unanimous

14. Precept 2018-9

The Clerks report is attached to these minutes as well as his budgets for the end of year.

The Clerk highlighted the continual upward spiral of costs and the lowering of income.

Because the reserves are healthy and the Council will not undertake any more major capital tasks in the coming year it was recommended to leave the precept as last year at 46,000.00.

The Clerk did warn that in his opinion the present system of where the actual Parish responsibility was at a cost of £17,000 and the Council was spending £50,000 plus. Other agencies especially NSDC were benefiting greatly from what could be seen as double taxation and it in the long term will have to be addressed as it is not sustainable. There needs to be a major re-think by Primary Authorities instead of just blaming Government and other agencies

14. Christmas Dinner

Cllr Bates has Organised for the Commodore for the 19th January

15. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Vearncome reported on the wall breakage earlier in the agenda

Cllr MacDonald reported on the state of the dunes since the recent high tides and storms where he felt the Environment Agency should inspect.

Clerk has reported

Cllr Adams with tractor assistance will try and push some big washed up trees into the holes of the dunes to help formation

Cllr Adams reported on graffiti on signs near Sand Road

Clerk will try and get removed

16. Date of Next Meeting Monday 5th February 2018