

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
2015/16

Precept for Kingsteignton Town Council 2015/16 was made up of £161,375 plus a Council Tax Support Grant of £18,200, totalling £179,575.

Work carried out by the Committees during 2015/16 is as follows:

Community Hall (Budget: £5000 Capital, £8000 Revenue). This committee is responsible for the smooth running and maintenance of the Community Hall.

- Kingsteignton Town Council appointed its first Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards with the costume designed by a Rydon Primary School pupil.
- Community Hall charges were increased from September, 2015.
- Lighting in the Mary Hall Suite was upgraded for groups that meet in this room especially the craft and fine stitching groups.
- The council were awarded £5000 from the Elector Fund, towards the cost of extending the Community Hall Car Park.
- The provision of additional toilet facilities within the Community Hall is ongoing
- Rydon Primary School held a "Make a Difference" Week and planted bulbs within the Community Hall grounds, washed the council van and designed leaflets to "Stop Dog Fouling".
- A new member of staff, Mr John Stacey, Finance/Events Officer, joined the office. The small meeting room became the Town Clerks Office and planning permission was sought for a Portacabin and Storage unit at the rear of the hall which will be available for hire. The storage unit will store salt, grass cutting equipment etc.
- The Mayor's Civic Carol Service was held in the Community Hall in December

The **Recreation/Footpath/Fountain Committee (Budget: £5000 Capital, £5000 revenue)** was chaired by Cllr Malcolm Stevenson. This committee looks after Clifford Park, Oakford Lawn and designated footpaths around the town.

- Clifford Park play area is in the process of being upgraded
- Kingsteignton Garden, Craft and Hobby Fayre was held on Saturday 22 August, 2015 at Oakford Lawn
- The Grass Cutting contract for Oakford Lawn and Clifford Park was appointed to S W Grounds Maintenance for the next three years
- Mr A Bunclark donated a large Christmas tree for The Fountain, Christmas Street Lights were extended into Fore Street and a Carol Service held at The Fountain
- New Fitness Equipment was installed at Clifford Park,
- Five trees were planted during autumn 2015 at Oakford Lawn.

The **Works & Services/Planning Committee (Budget: Revenue £6000, Capital £7,000)** was chaired by Cllr Ron Peart. The committee gives observations to the on planning applications; responds to Consultations; tackles litter problems and maintains the Leat on Crossley Moor Road/Berry Lane. The council contributes £2000 annually towards the upkeep of the toilets at The Fountain.

Major Planning applications commented on by the Town Council during 2015/165 included applications for Teign School; Penns Mount; Land south east of Penns Mount; Land of Hestow Road and Kingsteignton Community Resource Centre.

During 2015/16 Kingsteignton Town Council made observations on 114 planning applications.

The committee also dealt with:

- Provision of a new bench at Tarrs End
- Two BT Telephone Kiosks were adopted by the Town Council
- The Town Council agreed to cover the additional cutting of grass verges which were only being cut on visibility splays and inside corners by Devon County Council.
- The Kingsteignton name sign near East Golds and Tesco was replaced
- The bus shelter at Five Lanes was replaced by Sibelco
- Exeter Road Post Office closed during 2015/16 with services transferred to Ley Lane
- A new bus shelter was installed on Vicarage Hill by Devonshire Homes
- Sibelco replaced the bus shelter on Greenhill Way near Woodmere Way
- CIL payment was received from Teignbridge District Council of £145.07
- The Town Council are still looking for proposed cycle routes through Kingsteignton
- The Town Council are talking with Devon Air Ambulance to locate a suitable site for landing during night time flying.

Kingsteignton Town Council commented on 6 consultations.

The **Finance Committee** was chaired by Cllr Malcolm Stevenson. The Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring finances of the Council, training, setting the precept and awarding grants to locally based organisations.

The Town Council approved two grants from the Travel Fund to Miss Evie Old and Mr Christopher Beeks.

- An additional computer was leased and one upgraded
- A grant of £4000 was received from Devon County Council towards the purchase of the Portacabin and Storage Unit for the Community Hall.

- Councillors and staff attended various training events throughout the year

In March, 2015 were approved to locally based organisations and were awarded at the Annual Town meeting held on Monday 11 April, 2016:

- **Kingsteignton Allotment Association** - £200
- **Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church** - £150
- **KILTS – KCBC Parent & Toddler Group** - £300
- **Kingsteignton Swimming Pool & Recreational Association** - £1900
- **Rackerhayes Pre School** - £300
- **Strokes Ahead** - £250
- **Friends of Kingsteignton Library** - £450
- **Teignbridge Titans Netball Club** - £250
- **Kingsteignton-Orbec-La Vespiere** - £400
- **1st Newton Abbot (Kingsteignton) Sea Scouts** - £400
- **KingsCare League of Friends** - £700
- **Newton Abbot Community Transport Association** - £300
- **Stover Canal Trust** - £230
- **Kingsteignton Swimming & Life Saving Club** - £300
- **Under the Sea Play Café** - £250
- **Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club** - £600
- **Kingsteignton Tennis Club** - £250
- **St Michael's Parish Church** - £250
- **King'sTeignton Ram Roast Fair** £500
- **Royal British Legion** £100

Thanks are given to County Councillor Tony Dempster and District Councillor Mike Walters for attending meetings throughout the year; Rev'd Mark Smith, Rev'd Sandra Gill, Rev David Goddard and Rev'd P Nevard for saying a prayer prior to the Full Council meeting; PCSO Vanessa Pike and Anthony Wilson for their monthly Police reports; residents for drawing matters to the council's attention and all Town Councillors for all their time in working tirelessly in a voluntary capacity for the good of the community.

Thanks are also given to Mr Turner, Mr Hedges and Mr Willoughby for the work they carry out around the Town and the Community Hall; to Mrs Shirley Simmons, Mrs Caroline Moist and Mr John Stacey for all their help and support in the office.