



KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2022 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON AT 7.00 pm

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Peart

Councillors: Brotherton, Dempster, Field, Jones, Ripping, Thorne

Town Clerk: Mrs C Lakin

Police Report

Police report received from PCSO Pike on 8 January 2022.

Criminal Damage – 4

Theft from Shop – 1

Drink/Drive – 3

A relatively quiet month, no issues with the parks. Criminal damage to public Toilets – soap dispensers ripped from walls over the Christmas period. Toilets are now being monitored

Public Participation

There were no public present at the meeting.

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Chi Chi the dog comes to the rescue.

This winter potential disaster was averted with the help from Chi Chi the dog, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and Careline South Somerset.

Firefighters from Yeovil Fire Station were recently mobilized following a call to fire control from a Careline alarm sounding at a property in Yeovil.

A smoke detector had been activated and the occupier, Mr Green, had initially answered the call when the Careline operator rang but they soon lost communication with him. Within six minutes, the crew of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service were on the scene and investigating. They could hear the alarm but were unable to establish contact with the occupant inside. With curtains drawn the crew could not see inside but could hear a dog barking. They tried the front door, but it wouldn't open. As the crew looked for another entrance, they heard a click and the front door opened. The crew went inside to find a man collapsed on the floor in the kitchen whilst a fire was beginning to take hold on the cooker. They contacted the ambulance service, whilst extinguishing the fire and ventilated the property.



Firefighters then carried out first aid and stabilised the casualty until paramedics arrived. It wasn't until later in the incident that they discovered that Chi Chi (Mr Green's dog) had managed to open the front door and let the crew inside. Ian Bolton, Crew Manager for Home and Partnerships at Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service commented:

"Having monitored detection in people's homes means the fire service are only minutes away from providing lifesaving assistance. This is a real success story and highlights the importance of joint working between Careline and the fire service. Careline's system, combined with the speed of our crews getting to the incident, saved Mr Greens life. The cherry on the cake, however, was Chi Chi letting the crews in before they had to force entry to the property".

District Councillors' Reports

Councillor B Austen

Teignbridge will receive £115k to continue to provide rough sleepers with support, accommodation and help to get vaccinated. Teignbridge has been providing this service throughout the pandemic and the grant will help offset the costs to provide suitable and safe accommodation and received health assessments. Those who have not been vaccinated will be supported to do so.

Several grant schemes are available to help local businesses and information is available from Teignbridge District Council.

Residents have until 24 January 2022 to take part in the local plan review which is asking for suggestions to comment on possible renewable energy sites and land for new housing development. Also, suggestions are invited for possible new gypsy and travellers' sites.

Teignbridge has requested Councillors to encourage residents to them whether they agree or not with budget priorities by visiting teignbridge.gov.uk/budgetsurvey

There have been several cancellations and postponements of meetings in the last month, but councillors are kept in touch daily by the internet with the Council's concerns.

Councillor R Peart

Newton Abbot -m wide 20mph limit rejected but lower speeds near schools supported.

Proposals for a 20mph speed limit across Newton Abbot have been withdrawn after most people who responded to a public consultation said that they did not support it. However, the consultation, which attracted 1,489 responses also showed that there was overwhelming support for a 20mpy limit outside the town's schools, nurseries, and pre-schools. Devon County Council will now consider what can be delivered for the community to support reduced speeds at these locations. Any new scheme will be subject to the normal legal consultation process. The consultation was available online and on paper and took place between October and November last year.



Councillor D Rollason

No report received.

Councillor B Thorne

As you might expect there was little business taking place in the run up to Christmas with various meeting cancellations due to COVID.

The long-awaited Sands Copse planning application came to the planning meeting on 21 December 2021, which was all quite a surreal affair in that so many apologies had been offered by the committee members and chairman that the meeting was barely quorate. I was the only representative from Kingsteignton and had only a Ward member opportunity to speak which was fine as I believe most of my work to make the application as safe and sustainable for residents and wildlife had been done in the months leading up to the Planning Meeting.

As you might recall I had several reservations about the application which I submitted as a call in for the application 21/0053/MAJ back May all easily found on the portal and my video recorded speech at the meeting is available on the TDC link to U-Tube as well. Essentially the balance was for 500 plus jobs and business premises to accommodate them versus the wildlife, amenity disruption for residents and ensuring the greenest credentials for the scheme. During the summer I invested my time to check with the consultees the various details of their thoughts and ensuring they had placed sufficient importance on this major application especially ensuring Local residents' suggestions and objections were included well in advance of it coming to committee. Natural England was a major consultee, and I spent a long time pushing the welfare of our wildlife and resident amenity. I also fought for sole and guaranteed use of the access road as no-one wants 100 white vans taking liberties along the land past the Sandygate Inn multiple times per day.

I brought several things to the attention of the planners who have included a long list of conditions which we will need to ensure are delivered effectively to satisfy the residents' requests for this ultimately successful application into the future.

I have today investigated the bin collection situation over the festive period and ensured that everything that could be done has been done within the constraints of staff absence and infilled driver vacancies. I have been promised missed collections will be caught up as soon as possible so please them out but protect against letting the contents of the bins blowing or falling out and making a health and safety problem. Common sense must prevail in these difficult times.



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.02 PM

01/2022 Apologies

Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Austen, Scagell, Plummer, Laws and Stacey.

02/2022 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

03/2022 Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Mrs Imogen Laws

Deferred to February meeting.

04/2023 To receive the Mayor's Report

My wife and I attended Teignbridge District Council Civic Service. The Service was held on Sunday 28 November 2021 at 3pm at St Lukes Church, Milber, Newton Abbot. The Chairman of Teignbridge District Council, Cllr Colin Parker and his Consort Cllr Jean Parker welcomed us when we arrived. This was the first time I had been to St Lukes Church, and I believe it was built after the Second World War. The Service was conducted by Father Nick Debney, Vicar of St Lukes, Milber and the Chaplain to the Chairman of Teignbridge District Council. Other guests included the Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, High Sherrif of Devon, /the Chairman of Devon County Council and many other Mayors from Devon, Councillors and Officers of Teignbridge District Council and our local MP, Anne-Marie Morris. After the Service we all made our way to the Church Hall for refreshments and a collection was taken for Alzheimer's Research; this was the chosen charity by the Chairman of Teignbridge District Council, Cllr Colin Parker. It was a good opportunity to meet other guests, an enjoyable afternoon.

My wife and I attended our next engagement on Sunday 5 December 2021 at 3pm. The Mayor and Mayoress of Teignmouth, Cllr Peter and Cllr Cate Williams, welcomed us to their Civic Carol Service at St Michael's Church, Teignmouth. Welcome by Rev Carol Green, and the Red Rock Harmony directed by Assistant Director Helen Peacock performed "The most wonderful time of the year". Welcome by the Town Mayor, Cllr Peter Williams and we all joined in singing Carols. The Local Humanist shared his thoughts followed by a performance by children from Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School "All around the world". Kathryn Collings performed "O Holy night"; blessing by Rev Green and Red Rock Harmony performed "Carol of Bells".

We then joined the Mayor and Mayoress for refreshments in the church which was most welcoming. All the church doors were left open because of CVD and an easterly wind was



blowing through the Church from the sea. Everyone kept their coats on and my wife and I enjoyed the event.

05/2023 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1 December 2021

The mayor presented the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021

Resolved: Minutes adopted

06/2023 To receive the Clerk's Report

- I am still awaiting a quote from Compwiz for the costing of a new projector for use in the main hall, together with a suitable stand and new laptop. This quote has been chased.
- An email has been received from TDC informing us that on 22 December there was a lot of vandalism at the toilets at The Fountain in both the ladies and gent's units. This involved the soap dispenser being ripped off the walls and the soap being sprayed around the floor; the toilet roll holders being ripped off and the toilet seats being broken. TDC have reported this to their anti-social behaviour team and asked that they let the local PCSO's know so that they can keep an eye over the Christmas period. The contractor was working on repairing and replacing the damaged items.
- Mrs Simmons has returned to work today, 5 January 2022, working on a phased return and Mrs Lewis-Clarke has returned to work after compassionate leave

07/2023 To receive the minutes of the following Committees:

Finance Committee - Cllr Thorne presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021. **Approved**

Community Hall/Recreation Committee – Councillor Brotherton presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021. **Approved**

Works, Services & Planning Committee – Councillor Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on 1 & 8 December 2021 **Approved.**

08/2022 Representative Reports

Police and Crime Commissioner – Councillor Advocate – Cllr Thorne reported that there is a consultation accessible via the Facebook Page for the OPCC concerning the main budget proposals for the PCC – maybe you would like to add your feelings about where the priorities should be? Next meeting is 10 January 2022.

Stover Park Advisory Board - Cllr Thorne said that he was unable to attend the last meeting but will endeavour to keep the council up to date with the delivery of the upgrade to



the park. An immense amount of planning is required to bring together the research and planning to prepare the final claim for the massive amount of work required to future proof the park for the next century.

Climate Change – Cllr Thorne said that he hoped Councillors had received the awaited development plan proposed by the Wildlife Wardens in the Town – operating through the auspices of the Action on Climate in Teignbridge (act) banner. It is just what Hanna Dolling delivered in her presentation some time back and we must get behind it if we can to deliver a series of things, including the Kingsteignton Wildlife Trail, which influences Climate and hopefully ecological conservation as well. To-date we have only delivered the hedging in Clifford Park, with the help of Alex Khan and Hanna Dolling with their team and hopefully we will be able to start other linked projects along with significantly more tree planting soon.

09/2022 Set Precept for 2022/2023 – to approve

Resolved: that the Town Council increase the Precept by 5% details as follows:

- Equates to increase of £2.95 per annum, per Band D property (increase of 6p per week)
- Precept value £244,799

10/2022 To approve Delegated Powers to Clerk due to Omicron whilst COVID conditions continue

Resolved: that delegated powers be given to the Town Clerk due to Omicron whilst COVID conditions continue for 6 months. To be reviewed in July, if virus continues.

11/2022 To approve change of Internal Auditor

Resolved: that the Internal Auditor for the Town Council should be changed to Kevin Rose, IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd., with effect from April 2021. At a cost of £690 plus VAT including travel and out of pocket expenses.

12/2022 Risk Assessment/Management Plan and Financial Risk Assessment

Resolved: that the Risk Assessment/Management Plan and Financial Risk Assessment be approved subject to an enquiry being raised with the Insurance Company at to what GDPR protection is provided under our Policy. Documents to be reviewed January 2023.

13/2022 Request received from Openreach to run underground duct to upgrade the existing copper broadband connection to fibre to poles in Clifford Park

Openreach had contacted the office as they are currently surveying the whole of Kingsteignton to eventually provide fibreoptic to premises. Whilst surveying the area they noticed Clifford Park, where there are two telegraph poles which are presently joined by armoured cable, which is just dug into the ground. They would like the poles to be connected by an underground duct, to be able to upgrade the existing copper broadband connection to fibre, which would benefit twenty-five properties with improved internet



access. The work would take approximately four days and the land would be made good. Access onto Clifford Park would be via the double gates off Margaret Road

Resolved: that approval be given to Openreach to run underground duct to upgrade the existing copper broadband in Clifford Park providing any damage to the ground is reinstated satisfactorily.

13/2022 Correspondence

There was no correspondence. Next meeting Wednesday 2 February 2022

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed:..... Dated:.....

141/2021 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed:..... Dated:.....