



Kingsteignton Town Council

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 S.100 unless precluded by the Town Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not however include the right to speak on any matter except at the beginning of the meeting providing that prior notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Members of the public are invited to ask a question or make an observation to the Chairman. Notice should be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting if there is an issue. Twenty minutes has been set aside for questions at the start of the meeting. Residents are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

28th October 2021

To Members of Kingsteignton Town Council

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend the Full Council meeting of Kingsteignton Town Council on **Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Main Hall at the Community Hall, Rydon Road**, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Carol Lakin
Town Clerk

Can Councillors please email written reports to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting for circulation to committee members so they can be taken as read at the meeting.

Entrance to the hall will be via the back of the building. There will be no entrance from the front of the building. Toilets to be used will be those of the main hall.

A copy of the Risk Assessment for Face-to-Face meetings has previously been circulated and this remains the same. Please note:

- Circulation of paper documents is suspended
- There will be no drinks provided. Councillors are encouraged to bring their own with them.
- Temperatures will be taken as members enter the hall
- Masks must be always worn unless you are sat at your desk
- Hand sanitiser will be available

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor: Councillor R Peart

Deputy Mayor: Councillor J Scagell

Councillors: B Austen, R Bovey, A Brotherton, T Dempster, K Jones, S Plummer, D Ripping, B Thorne,

A G E N D A

Council not in formal session

- **Police Report –**
- **Public Participation** - in accordance with Standing Order no: 3e the Mayor will invite members of the public present to ask questions or make statements
- **County Councillor Ron Report –** to receive report from our Devon County Councillor
- **District Councillors Reports: Cllr B Austen, Cllr R Peart, Cllr B Thorne, Cllr D Rollason** - to receive reports from our Teignbridge District Councillors

Council in formal session

- 116/2021 **To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council –** Members are reminded that they have a duty to notify the Town Clerk that they will be absent from a Town Council meeting.
- 117/2021 **To receive any declarations of interest and consider requests for Dispensation(s)** - to declare any disclosable interests relating to the forthcoming items of business (if any)
- 118/2021 **To accept resignation received from Mr David Rollason, 4th October 2021 –** for information
- 119/2021 **To receive the Mayor's Report**
- 120/2021 **To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th October 2021**
- 121/2021 **To receive and approve the Clerk's Report**
- 122/2021 **To receive the minutes of the following Committees:**
- *Finance Committee – 13th October 2021 – Cllr Thorne*
 - *Community Hall/Recreation – 20th October 2021 – Cllr Scagell*
 - *Works, Services and Planning – 6th October and 20th October 2021 – Cllr Peart*
- 123/2021 **Representative Reports – Brief up-date (Reports to be received prior to the meeting in writing please)**

Organisation
Ball Clay Heritage

Representative
Cllr Thorne



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CAB

Climate Emergency

Devon Association of Local Councils

Feoffees

Friends of Kingsteignton Library

Hackney Marshes

Kingsteignton School

Kingsteignton Youth Centre

Outdoor Bowling Club

Oakford Lawn (Kingsteignton Village Trust)

PCC

Parish Tree Warden

Ram Roast Fair

Rydon Primary School

St Michaels Primary School

Sibelco

Stover Canal Trust

Swimming Pool Association

Teign Estuary & Coastal Partnership

Teign School

Teignbridge Association of Local Councils

Teignbridge Cycling Forum

The Stover Advisory Board

The Environmental Warden

Twinning Association

Viridor

KingsCare

The Old Rydon

Newton COVID 19

Speed Watch

Cllr Peart

Cllr Thorne

Mrs C Lakin

Cllr Peart

Cllr Dempster

Cllr Brotherton

Cllr Peart

Cllr Austen

Cllr Peart

Cllr Jones

Cllr Thorne

Cllr Austen, Lawes, Thorne

Cllr Dempster

Cllr Ripping

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Cllr Dempster

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Cllr R Bovey

Cllr Thorne

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Cllr Rollason

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Cllr Dempster

124/2021 Nature Trail Proposal – Short Presentation by Hannah Doling
(Documentation to be forwarded before meeting)

125/2021 Kingsteignton Town Signs - Working party to be considered to relook at Town Sign Project.

126/2021 Road Warden Scheme - to discuss if this scheme is something that the Town Council would benefit from.

127/2021 Community Safety Watch- to discuss The Speed Indication Device to be sited temporarily on a lamppost on Old Exeter Road, Kingsteignton

128/2021 Community Fridge/Larder - to discuss the possibility and consider researching.

129/2022 **Correspondence** to discuss email received from Cllr Bovey regarding safety at Face to Face Council meetings (attached)

Next meeting: Wednesday 8 December 2021

129/2022

Dear All,

The committee meetings last Wednesday were the first Council meetings I have attended since Covid put a stop to face to face meetings and I must admit that I have real concerns about the adherence to some important points in the risk assessment which was produced, by Carol after a great deal of work seeking to obtain the highest possible protection for all attending Council meetings.

Last Wednesday's meeting failed to follow some of the key points highlighted in the risk assessment document.

I would like to make some observations, which if followed, would make attendance at meetings safer for both councillors, council staff and members of the wider community. I realise that it is unfashionable to follow any Covid safe measures currently and that I may be setting myself up for ridicule, but want meetings to be safe for all. I will attempt to explain...

Our risk assessment, produced by Carol, made clear statements about how we can meet safely, but in the following respects we were ignoring the risk assessment in last Wednesday's meeting.

Ventilation: The risk assessment states that "All windows and doors will be opened to ensure the free circulation of air". Only the Northern door was open in the meeting. There was little free circulation of air in the Hall.

Please can we ensure that the hall is properly ventilated, by opening more windows?

Masks: "Participants in meetings will wear masks." Only two people at the meetings were wearing masks.

I fully understand that mask wearing is no longer mandatory in law, but this is one way in which we can ensure that we are going a little further to protect each other and more importantly, those who are vulnerable. Two unmasked people at the meeting were coughing.

It is still mandatory for all who enter the Palace of Westminster (except MPs !!!) to wear a mask. Why not our Council Building?

Temperature monitoring: This is useful, but SAGE tell us that most infections are passed on in the early stages of a Covid infection, when there may not be any raised temperature. Also, a lot of infections are passed on by people who are asymptomatic, don't have a temperature and don't feel ill at all, but who are still breathing out clouds of virus particles.



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I know lots of people are getting regular tests (perhaps at work) but tests are not 100% accurate or fool proof. A friend who is currently quite ill with the Delta Variant, was tested, giving a negative result on Monday, but was positive in a lateral flow test on Tuesday Morning, backed up by a positive PCR test that afternoon.

Devon County Council state:

Coronavirus is still with us. Let's carry on protecting each other and keep life moving.

- Let fresh air in if you need to meet indoors. Meeting up outside is the safest way to protect your loved ones.
- Continuing to wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed settings is a small action you can take to protect yourself and others
- [Get tested](#) and self-isolate if required

Let's protect our contacts at home and in the community by ensuring better ventilation and wearing masks. It's about setting an example and showing respect to others.

As the old saying goes " Belt **and** braces keep the trousers from falling down!"

Many thanks for reading,
Rob

Just in case you are sceptical.....

During my degree course I worked with hazardous materials in laboratory settings, I have also attended training courses, in connection with my role as a secondary science teacher in health and safety, so have some understanding of how biological hazards can be minimised. With Year Seven students each year we carry out an experiment to demonstrate diffusion. An infected person in last Wednesday's meeting would have spread virus particles to all areas of the Hall within a few minutes.

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7293495/rnals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600\(20\)30514-2/fulltext](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7293495/rnals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(20)30514-2/fulltext)

<https://www.thelancet.com/jou>

To put my concerns in context:

Currently Covid infections in the South West are at their highest level since the peak in mid-August, with just under 1600 active cases in Teignbridge, estimated by the Zoe study (Kings College London) and it is highly likely that numbers will increase due to half term holidaymakers travelling to Devon this week. Current estimates are already up by 352 from last week in Teignbridge.

Vaccinations given to the elderly and vulnerable last January and February are now losing their effectiveness and the booster vaccination programme is not rolling out as fast as hoped. Housebound individuals are not getting their booster jabs (My Mother's GP practice expressed their frustration in not being supplied with vaccine and weren't able to tell me when she would get her booster, even though she received her second jab in early March).

We are all facing reduced immunity, provided by our Covid vaccinations and will probably have to wait beyond the six-month period before we can get our immunity boosted again.

The more people who are exposed to the Delta variant, the more likely it is that new and more worrying strains of the virus will mutate. Currently a new variant is circulating which is estimated to be between 10 and 15% more transmittable than the Delta variant. New infections are being increased by large numbers of asymptomatic infections.

Numbers of patients being admitted to hospital with Covid are on the rise. Although just under 2/3 of infections are amongst unvaccinated people, over one third of hospitalisations are amongst fully vaccinated people. Also, more children are becoming ill with Covid.

I hope that I have made a case for being a little more cautious in our Council meetings!