



Kingsteignton Town Council

12th May 2022

To Members of Kingsteignton Town Council Works, Services and Planning Committee

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 S.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 at least six working days prior to the meeting if there is a particular 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.

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend the **Works, Services and Planning Committee** of Kingsteignton Town Council on **Wednesday 18th May 2022** following the Community Hall/Recreation Committee Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and may ask a question before the meeting with the Chairman's approval.

C J Lakin, Town Clerk

WORKS, SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillors: K Jones, B Thorne, D Ripping, M Field

Ex Officio: Cllr R Peart(Mayor) Cllr B Austen (Deputy Mayor)

AGENDA

WSP46/2022 To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council.

WSP47/2022 To receive any declarations of interest. - *a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any disclosable Pecuniary Interest in items on this Agenda; b) Clerk to report any written request for dispensation in respect of items on this Agenda.*



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WSP48/2022 Election of Chair

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WSP50/2022 Election of Vice Chair

WSP51 /2022 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings held on 20th April 2022 and 4th May 2022

WSP52/2022 **Planning Applications.** To discuss and Approve Planning Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

WSP53/2022 **Kingsteignton Wild** – to receive an update from Cllrs Thorne/Field

WSP54/2022 **Defibrillator** To discuss and consider a request to purchase and Instal a defibrillator outside Kingsteignton Youth Club building.

WSP55/2022 **Allotments** - To discuss an email received from a resident regarding Allotments within the Town and the high demand from residents for the use of them. We Currently have 64 residents on the allotment waiting list.

WSP56/2022 **Swift Boxes-** To discuss 2 letters received from pupils at St Michaels School. (attached)

WSP57/2022 **Correspondence**

Next meeting 1st June 2022 to discuss planning only

WSP52/2022 To give observations on Planning Applications received from TDC – attached.

Week ending 29 April 2022

No applications

Week ending 6th May 2022



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PARISH: KINGSTEIGNTON **WARD:** Kingsteignton East

APPLICATION REF: 21/00869/HOU

LOCATION: 40 Rydon Estate , Kingsteignton Devon TQ12 3LR

PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension.

Web Link:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/forms/planning-application-details/?Type=Application&Refval=21/00869/HOU&MN=Y>

PARISH: KINGSTEIGNTON **WARD:** Kingsteignton West

APPLICATION REF: 22/00882/TPO

LOCATION: 1 Amberley Gardens, Kingsteignton Devon TQ12 3RU

PROPOSAL: Fell a group of Leyland Cypress.

Web Link:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/forms/planning-application-details/?Type=Application&Refval=22/00882/TPO&MN=Y>

WSP56/2022 Swift Boxes-

St Michael's Church of England Primary school
Church Street
Kingsteignton

We are Year Four pupils from St Michael's school in Kingsteignton and we are writing to you because we are concerned about swifts and making sure that they are still able to nest in our town.

A swift is a medium sized migratory bird that spends most of its life flying in the sky. It only ever lands to nest. The rest of the time it eats, drinks and sleeps whilst flying. Their numbers have dropped by half in the past 20 years and we are sad and worried about this fact as it makes them endangered. We think we need more swift boxes and these are a couple of reasons why:



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Swifts used to nest in the eaves of houses and other buildings. When people fix holes in their rooves or eaves, the swifts' lifelong nests are blocked up and they cannot get in. They will try to get in and, in some cases, they have died trying. If they fall to the ground, they can struggle to get back up which is also serious for them. By putting up more boxes the swifts will have more places to nest that will not get blocked up.

The church next to our school has nesting boxes in the tower and in the late Spring you can see a large number of swifts return to nest in not only these but at various building in the immediate area. Because we are close by, putting up more swift boxes will encourage them to nest and stay in our town.

Every year these incredible birds fly from Africa to northern Europe in the summer to nest. Why would they bother returning to us if there are barely any places for them to nest in? Would you be able to support us with this in any way as we feel we need some more swift boxes? Having more would encourage them to stay which we also feel is especially important for our environment.

Thank you for your time.

Your sincerely

Year Four St Michael's School

Kingsteignton,
Newton Abbot
TQ12 3LP

St Michael's Primary School,
Church Street,
Kingsteignton,
Devon,
TQ12 3BQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Rights Respecting School, we have been learning about Article 24, which says that we have the right to a clean, healthy and happy environment. We therefore want to protect our environment for the future. We are writing to ask if the council are able to help with supplying more swift boxes in our area or protecting the homes of the swift



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population living in St Michael's Church and surrounding area. Please can we have more swift boxes, we don't want to see the lovely swifts in our area going extinct.

Swifts are in danger because they are losing their cosy, warm homes, food and water. Swifts often live in the rooves of people's houses. Their homes are disappearing because people block them off when they fix their rooves. This is bad because swifts will try over and over again to get their nests back and will eventually die trying even if they can't get to it.

Swifts are brilliant creatures because they help look after the environment. They keep insect numbers under control so that we are not overwhelmed with irritating insects. They also eat lots of insects that are troublesome to humans like mosquitos and aphids. There is a problem though- there are less and less insects than there used to be because humans are damaging their habitats and building on areas where they would thrive. This is the swift's main source of food- they can collect up to 1000 insects at a time when feeding their babies so we must do more to help.

We don't want swifts to become extinct because they have been around since the dinosaurs- 65 million years ago (around the time when Tyrannosaurus Rex became extinct). During this time, nothing about the swifts has changed except where they live. They used to nest in rocky caves and high trees, now they nest under the boards and rooves of houses. They made this change because we have been cutting down trees and blocking caves so that we can have more room for houses. This makes it harder for swifts to nest and causes more problems when they want to come back to the same nests every year. We don't think it is fair that the swifts' homes are being damaged for our houses.

We can help solve this problem though by building more swift boxes high up so that the swifts can return every summer. We can build more ponds in our area, let grass grow longer and plant more flowers to provide the swifts with food, water and plenty of insects so they can nest, breed and live alongside humans. This would mean we would have more cute chicks and families of swifts will keep going for hundreds of years from now.

We know you can help, there are already lots of swifts living peacefully in St Michael's Church and we want to encourage more to our area. We look forward to seeing what you write to us.



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Yours Faithfully,

Year 4,

St Michael's Primary School