

**Minutes of the Kingsteignton Town Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 7:00pm
The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton**

Present:

Mayor:	R Peart
Councillors:	J Scagell (Deputy Mayor), T Dempster, M Field, D Ripping, K Jones, J Gordon, M Eggar, B Thorne, S Danks, A Tillson-Hawke
Locum Town Clerk:	Mrs R Avery (FSLCC)
Asst to the Clerk/Events Officer:	Miss B Hooper

Council not in formal session

Public Participation: Prayers by Reverend Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley

Police Report:

No report received

County Councillor Report:

Cllr R Peart

Broadway Road Kingsteignton – ‘Next Steps’: Following the drop-in session held in Town Hall on Friday 19th April Feedback during and after the engagement session has highlighted a strong discontent with the Amberley Section 278 scheme in its current form, particularly the speeds that vehicles navigate the priority system. Comments were also received regarding vehicle speeds further towards Exeter Road and the danger these can pose to pedestrians walking to and from the Redrow Development.

To address this, Devon County Council have requested a Speed Compliance Action Review {SCARF} assessment of the area to be carried out. With a view to explore the possibility to reduce the speed limit on the full length of Broadway Road from 30mph to 20mph. Further details on the SCARF process can be found here: [on this link](#), Speeding. Speed Limits and SCARF – Roads and transport {devon.gov.uk}

Many responses have requested the Amberley build out feature to be removed, however some responses have asked for the feature to remain as a crossing point. Ultimately the SCARF assessment will determine whether the build out will be needed to enforce the proposed 20mph speed limit, and if further engineering features are required for enforcement elsewhere along the length of the road. If the SCARF concludes that the priority feature will need to remain, we will still look for opportunities to work with the developer to reverse and reduce the length of the priority system to improve visibility and safety for vehicles using it.

Meanwhile, options for the off road active travel route are progressing with Teignbridge District Council and Sibelco, to give potential opportunities for pedestrians to bypass Broadway Road on a car free route.



District Councillors Report:

Cllr R Peart

Safety warnings have been issued after children have been seen risking their lives breaking into disused buildings. The warnings have gone out from fire and police chiefs following incidents of youngsters getting into the empty buildings in Bradley Lane and putting themselves in danger.

Fires have been started at the site and youngsters have become trapped inside, needing to be rescued by firefighters. Teignbridge Council who owned the buildings which are earmarked to be demolished Teignbridge Council has now appointed a contractor to further secure the site's perimeter with a 3m fencing and there are increased police patrols in the area.

The buildings at Bradley Lane were left standing in order to make use of CIL credits and improve viability for the site, however, these are due to expire at the end of the calendar year and the strategy is now redundant.

The 12 month contract with the developer expired on the 5th May 2024 and the planning application stalling, it is recommended that the Council takes control of Bradley Lane and moves to demolish the buildings as soon as possible. This will reduce the holding cost and liability of the buildings and also make the site more straight forward to develop site.

Cllr B Thorne

A quiet month for District meetings except for great effort being expended towards the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Task and Finish group where we have been focussing as members of the group on fully understanding the various processes which control the entries into the MTFP to see which adjustments will generate the savings required and affect the residents least. Various suggestions are being considered and we will make some early recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny committee for them to consider hopefully in time for the Budget setting process which will soon commence for the 25/26 Budget. We have every belief that a suitable method of cost savings will come forward giving the sustainable solution needed by the Council.

Cllr K Gearon

No report received

Cllr D Rollason:

No report received

Council in formal session

FC84/2024 Apologies

To receive, note and where requested approve and accept any apologies for absence.

Resolved: Apologies received and accepted from:
Cllr L Goodall (Work Commitments)

FC85/2024 To receive any declarations of interest and consider requests or Dispensation(s):

- a) in accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on this agenda:

- b) Clerk to report any written request for dispensation in respect of items on this agenda, made in advance of the meeting.

None declared.

FC86/2024 To receive the Mayor's Report: Mayor, Cllr R Peart

June and I attended Kingsteignton Twinning Group evening event held in our main hall. This year was a special year to celebrate Forty Five years of Twinning with Kingsteignton and La Vespiere . I welcomed Gisele the leader of the French group and presented her with two gifts for their two mayors from Orbec and La Vespiere. The Kingsteignton Twinning Group provided everyone with food and drink enjoyable evening.

Our next event was Kingsteignton in Bloom Prize giving this is always a nice evening and this year we had more residents enter than before. Martin Field and myself gave out the Cups and Certificates and vouchers to those who had the best gardens in each category this included young entrance one from Rydon School gave up some of his dinner break to water the flower tubs at the school. After everyone enjoyed the food we had provided, always a nice event we put on for our town.

On Thursday 1st August Cllr Julie Scagell and myself took on the task of our annual stock take. We had to count everything in the down stairs area including the kitchen, Not the most enjoyable job but someone as to do it.

The next event was this Years Community Festival held on Saturday 10th August in Kingsteignton Town grounds. Jackie Edwards and myself officially opened this years event. Live music from Pure Diamond The Liberty Sisters Roger Styles and Merlin The Magician, Inflatables, and games for the children. This is a free event the Town Council provided for its residents plus local groups who were there in our main hall for residents to see what they are doing in our community. Many residents came along to enjoy this event.

On the 14th August June and I were invited to a fund raising event at the United Reform Church. Many people attended this event to raise money for Rowcroft after the raffle we were treated to a cream tea.

On the 16th August June and I attended Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club Ramsfest Beer and Cider Festival I cut the ribbon to officially open this two day event the club provided everyone with live entertainment great evening funds raised went to two local charities I would like to thank everyone involved in making this event such a success.

FC87/2024 To receive the Town Clerk's Report:

I have been working with Kingsteignton Town Council (KTC) since week commencing 12 August 2024, generally visiting the office once a week to work with staff. Working 8 hours per week, I will be overseeing the work of, supporting and guiding the staff team whilst the Town Clerk is on leave. Areas of work will include review of policies (including Financial Regulations following NALC amendments in May 2024, Standing Orders and Terms of References), working with the staff team who have continued to operate well and to undertake the work of KTC in the Town Clerk's absence, and to review outstanding areas of work. As this report is being written, the Community Hall is being redecorated, with new curtains due to be fitted on Tuesday 20 August.



FC88/2024 **To receive and approve the minutes of this following meetings, to be signed by this meeting Chair:**
Full Council meeting held on 17th July 2024

Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that these both minutes be adopted and signed by the Chair.

FC89/2024 **To receive and ratify the approved minutes of the following committees:**
Works, Services & Planning held 3rd July 2024 – Cllr Peart

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

FC90/2024 **To receive and note Representative Reports /Brief update**

a. Police Advocates/PCC

The meeting was chaired by PC Joseph Downton. The latest figures from the same period last year saw an increase in crime by 13.3%, reported crimes for Kingsteignton/Newton Abbot/Kingskerwell up to July - 298, previous period was 263. Kingsteignton figures are 40, compared to 36 up to the same period last year this is an increase of 2.6%.

The top crime for July 2024 was recorded as Criminal Damage this saw 44 recorded offences compared to 18 previously and an increase of 144.4%. The main areas being Newton Abbot Central, however there has been a decrease in shoplifting, stalking, harassment and violence with injury. Kingsteignton overall has a good report where crime is being dealt with and the police are trying to deal with these swiftly. Incidents in Kingsteignton are down generally of 76 reported crimes up to July 2024 compared to 105 crimes in July 2023.

The A380 has seen 16 incidents reported compared to 13 last year and there are reports of problems/incidents every month. The biggest problem area has been the Bradley Lane buildings, of high incidents concerning children in the derelict buildings, there was an increase of 1600%, police and the council are aware of the dangers and have fenced off the buildings and the police are increasing their patrols in the vicinity. Hot Spot funding will be used in this area where wardens, who started on the 9th August will be used to patrol specific areas of problems mainly in Newton Abbot.

Concerns were raised by members in attendance about the unauthorised encampments which are for Teignbridge Council to sort out, police will only attend if there are criminal issues reported, so far children under 8 have been causing some damage and they cannot arrest children under this age. There was a warrant issued for an address in Hilton Road relating to drugs, which had a successful outcome.

I expressed concerns about the high volume and speed of traffic that comes from the A380 to the A38 on behalf of some local residents, which the police were aware of and they will place trainee police in that area to monitor speed and see if any offences are being committed.

The next meeting will be Monday 2nd September 2024.

b. Community Speedwatch

During the period from July 17th the team have held four sessions. The fastest speed recorded was 44mph in a 30mph limit on Strap Lane.

The final session of trialling bi-directional monitoring has been completed. These sessions took place on Longford Lane at different times of day. It is hoped that in due course most of the sites will become bi-directional.

Following the request from a resident, a new site on Gestridge Road has been approved by the police. We have had one session here where 6 speeders were reported for speeding.

It is disappointing that there has been no progress with the acquisition of the VAS signs which had funding approved by the council over a year ago. It was noted that the Town Clerk would contact DCC to request an update.

FC91/2024 Legal

Consider subscribing to Tozers' Council Legal Advice Service

Councillors debated Mrs Avery's recommendation as detailed in the supplied briefing paper.

Resolved: Mrs Avery to bring a detailed paper to the October Full Council meeting included in a part two section on the agenda to brief Councillors fully on the needs for legal coverage.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

FC92/2024 Next Meeting Date:

To note the date of the next Full Council meeting – Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

Meeting closed at 7:46pm.

Signed:

Dated: