

**Minutes of the Kingsteignton Town Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7:00pm
The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton**

Present:

Mayor:	R Peart
Councillors:	J Scagell (Deputy Mayor), M Field, J Gordon, A Tillson-Hawke, B Thorne, L Goodall
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 David Goddard

Police Report:

- Report of criminal damage to a fence by youths following leaving school. Enquiries are ongoing and subsequent engagement with the school.
- Police received a report of a theft of a motor vehicle from outside an address. This was a civil dispute over ownership of the vehicle.
- A commercial burglary occurred at a business premises on Broadway Road, where entry was gained to the premises and keys taken for vehicles stored at the premises. One vehicle was taken. Enquiries are ongoing.
- A report of a public order offence involving a teenager and an adult. No further action taken. A further public order offence was recorded for a separate incident, during a dispute over parking.
- Police received a report of a young child being bitten by a dog inside a dwelling. Investigation is ongoing.
- Report of a fight occurring between two youths on Longford Lane, after school. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- Report of a burglary at a dwelling. Enquiries are ongoing with this, with CCTV footage to attempt to identify the suspect.
- Officers attended an incident on Greenhill Way, where a male was found unconscious in a bus shelter. Attempts were made to revive the individual, but they were sadly pronounced deceased at the scene. A report has been made to the coroner. Due to the incident being on such a busy road, a temporary road closure was put in place.

Current focussed work by PC 7201 Will Heather:

- Work with schools for early safeguarding concerns through the first part of the school year.
- Intelligence development surrounding drug supply and the impact on the local community. Any information can be submitted to the Police anonymously through CrimeStoppers.

County Councillor Report:

Cllr R Peart

No report received due to Annual Leave.

District Councillors Report:

Cllr R Peart

No report received due to Annual Leave.

Cllr B Thorne

No report received

Cllr K Gearon

No report received

Cllr D Rollason:

No report received

Council in formal session

FC93/2024 Apologies

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

Resolved: Apologies received and accepted from:

Cllr M Eggar (Annual Leave)

Cllr D Ripping (Annual Leave)

Cllr K Jones (Personal Reasons)

Cllr J Gregson (Personal Reasons)

Cllr T Dempster (Personal Reasons)

FC94/2024 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.

F95/2024 To receive the Mayor's Report

In lieu of the Mayor having been on Annual Leave, members received the Deputy Mayor's (Cllr J Scagell's) Report:

Sat 14.9.24, Deputy for Mayor. Teddy Bears Picnic at St. Michaels Church. Jackie Edwards (Church Warden) invited us to presents prizes for Teddy's/toys that travelled the further distance after being parachuted off the top of tower. Another category was the bear that had the longest flight. There was a fair crowd and

lots of help by Sea Scouts and Knit & Knatter group. Cream tea inside the church was followed by a short service.

A draw raised £900 and the sun was out for all to appreciate this (3rd yearly) event.

Dawlish Council Civic Service. Sunday 15th Sept. Invited to a lovely service in St. Gregory Great Parish Church by Mayor Lin Goodman-Bradbury. Welcome and opening prayers by Reverend Linda Cronin, followed by 4 hymns and reading by Vanessa Ryley. Lords Prayer and National Anthem to conclude service.

We all then went upstairs to the glass Nave for refreshments.

The RNLI, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Dawlish Town Crier, Ashburton Mayor, Hennock Parish and a member of Teignbridge District.

FC96/2024 To receive and approve the minutes of this following meetings, to be signed by this meeting Chair:

Full Council meeting held on 4th September 2024

Cllr Peart presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Tillson-Hawke

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

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

FC97/2024 To receive and ratify the approved minutes of the following committees:

Works, Services & Planning held 4th September 2024 – Cllr Peart

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Goodall

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

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

1. Community Speedwatch – Cllr Tillson-Hawke

Since my last report we have only had one session, on Strap Lane. The number of drivers speeding along this road was high at 14%, with quite a few drivers over 40mph, this is a residential area with a 30mph limit.

Strap Lane is the area in Kingsteignton with the second highest numbers of speeders. The site on Exeter Road by the Ten Tors has the highest number of offenders.

I have written a report for Teignbridge Council regarding the high volume of traffic speeding at the site on the B3195 and have asked, on behalf of the residents for some action to be taken. In an unofficial capacity I recorded 88% of passing traffic driving over the 30mph speed limit here. This area has houses which are very close to the road, the residents are disappointed that Teignbridge has taken no action so far.

Can we re submit our request for VAS signs in Kingsteignton given the data we now have on the scale of the problem?

Councillors briefly discussed the data collated by the Community Speed Watch Team/Cllr Tillson-Hawke. Mrs Avery advised members that she had chased a response from Devon Highways again and informed

councillors that the matter was due to be raised at the next SCARF meeting. Mrs Avery also confirmed there is reserved funding for 4 signs.

FC99/2024 Appointment of Proper Officer

To formally approve the appointment of Rachel Avery as Proper Officer for this meeting.

Resolved: All were in favour.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Goodall

FC100/2024 Car Boot Sales

To receive the Town Clerk's report and consider any recommendations therein

Members discussed the circulated paper and agreed the following resolution:

Resolved: The next Car Boot Sale will allocate £52.00 to cover the loss of a letting fee and the remainder raised will go to Kingsteignton Swimming Pool. All future car boot sales will run in the same manner but the remainder of monies raised will likely be shared around other local charities/community groups.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Field

FC101/2024 Audit

To note the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and External Auditor's Report

Councillors noted the above documents and agreed the Town Council website should be updated to include relevant documentation to ensure compliance, removing 'under construction' statements and improve the display of the finance information contained within it.

Resolved: Mrs Simmons (Communications Officer) to make necessary amendments to the website.

FC102/2024 Policies

To receive and adopt the Dignity at Work Policy

Resolved: All councillors agreed to adopt the new Dignity at Work Policy.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Field

FC103/2024 Concession/Pop Up Site Consultation Request

To receive the correspondence regarding concession/pop up sites and to consider making any comments

Councillors debated at the length the request regarding the three proposed sites considering varying elements for and against the suggestions made within the correspondence received.

Resolved: Members concluded that none of the three sites identified would be suitable for

concessions/pop up sites due to access issues, loss of community/green/amenity space, lack of suitable parking. Town Clerk to respond accordingly.

Proposed: Cllr Field

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

FC104/2024 Next Meeting Date:

To note the date of the next Full Council meeting – Wednesday 6th November 2024.

FC105/2024 Part II

To resolve that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information

Resolved: Members unanimously agreed to move into Part II.

Proposed: Cllr Field

Seconded: Cllr Goodall

FC106/2024 Legal

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk on various issues and to agree any future actions

Resolved: Members agreed to three actions as outlined by the Town Clerk:

1. Engage Solicitors on retainer

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Field

2. Undertake lease work

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Tillson-Hawke

3. Make amenity alterations

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Tillson-Hawke

FC107/2024 Staffing

To receive the Town Clerk's report on Staffing and to agree any further actions

Resolved: To pursue sourcing an office based 2 day per week temporary locum clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Thorne

Meeting closed at 8:52pm.

Signed:

Dated: