

**Minutes of the Kingsteignton Town Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 29th January 2025 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, D Ripping, J Gregson, B Thorne, M Eggar, S Danks & T Dempster
Locum Town Clerk:	Mrs R Avery (FSLCC)
Asst to the Clerk/Events Officer:	Miss B Hooper

Council not in formal session

Public Participation:

Jo Rice, Senior Case Worker for Martin Wrigley MP attended the meeting to offer to take any issues that needing raising with Superintendent Linden at her upcoming meeting. Jo also offered for Martin to attend one of the Council's Community Coffee Morning to host an MP's Surgery at the same time. Miss Hooper will liaise with the MP's office to secure an appropriate date.

Police Report:

- Report of a theft of tools from a motor vehicle.
- Report of a theft of a motor vehicle, where it was not returned following a hire agreement.
- There was a report made following a burglary of a commercial property and a vehicle was also stolen. Enquiries ongoing. A further commercial burglary occurred at a business premises, which is linked to a wider series. Enquiries are ongoing.
- Report of a flowerpot containing a plant being stolen from a front garden.
- There has been a series of burglaries across South Devon, where entry has been gained to homes overnight and keys stolen to motor vehicles. There have been two confirmed thefts of motor vehicles in Kingsteignton this month, and another two attempts. This is actively under investigation by CID and have arrested three individuals involved with this. Residents are urged to ensure their properties are secure and keys are not left on display.
- A report of a pregnant female being pushed and sworn at following a neighbour dispute. Enquiries ongoing.
- There were two possession of drug offences. One matter was a small amount and resolved through an out of court disposal. The other is under investigation still.
- Report of an assault on a juvenile at the retail park. Enquiries ongoing.
- A number of calls this month have been domestic related along with safeguarding enquiries created for the area. We have also had a number of missing person reports, they were all located in a short amount of time. Individuals concerned have had appropriate safeguarding referrals made and are being support through partner agencies.

Current focussed work by PC 7201 Will Heather:

- ❖ Intelligence development surrounding drug supply and the impact on the local community. Any information can be submitted to the Police anonymously through CrimeStoppers.
- ❖ Ongoing complex housing and ant-social behaviour case within a local Kingsteignton estate. This is a multi-agency and multi-departmental response to a long-term issue and we are exploring various options to address the issues in the short, medium and long term.

County Councillor Report:

Cllr R Peart

No report received.

District Councillors Report:

Cllr R Peart

No report received.

Cllr B Thorne

No report received.

Cllr K Gearon

No report received.

Cllr D Rollason:

No report received.

Council in formal session

FC143/2024 Apologies

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

Resolved: There were no apologies.

FC144/2024 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.

FC145/2025 To receive the Mayor's Report

No report received.

FC146/2025 To receive and approve the minutes of the following meetings, to be signed by this meeting Chair:

Full Council meeting held on 4th December 2024

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

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

Proposed: Cllr Ripping

Seconded: Cllr Danks

FC147/2025 To receive and ratify the approved minutes of the following committees:

Works, Services & Planning held on 20th November 2024 – Cllr Peart

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Thorne

Community Hall/Recreation held on 20th November 2024 – Cllr Scagell

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Eggar

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

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Dempster

Works, Services & Planning held on 11th December 2024 – Cllr Peart

Resolved: The approved minutes presented above were ratified.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Thorne

FC148/2025 To receive and note Representative Reports/Brief update

1. Speedwatch – Cllr Tillson-Hawke

Since the previous report the team have had one speedwatch sessions. This was during the week of November 17th-23rd which was National Road Safety Week. During this week, across Devon and Cornwall 647 vehicles were reported for speeding, 54 groups across the area took part with 78 roadside sessions completed. Throughout the two counties the mean percentage of drivers speeding was 4%. In Kingsteignton the percentage of drivers speeding was 14.5%, indicating that we have a continuing issue with speeding in our town.

Cllr Tillson-Hawke received a request for CSW to be considered at Chudleigh Road. Cllr Tillson-Hawke agreed to investigate the feasibility of a site with D&C Police via the appropriate procedure. Members were also advised approval had been given from Devon Highways to allow a Vehicle Activated Sign to be placed on the B3195. Officers will work with Cllr Tillson-Hawke to bring this to fruition as soon as practicable.

FC149/2025 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 Thorne

FC150/2025 Standing Orders

To review the Standing Orders and to consider and approve the amendments.

Resolved: Following review of the document, it was resolved to amend Section 5 E and to incorporate Sections 22, 26 and 27. The new version will be published on the town council website.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Thorne

FC151/2025 Committee Structure

To receive the Town Clerk's report regarding the Committee Structure and to approve the recommendations therein.

Resolved: To defer this agenda item for three months.

Proposed: Cllr Tillson-Hawke

Seconded: Cllr Eggar

FC152/2025 Committee Terms of Reference

To review and approve the proposed Terms of Reference.

Resolved: To defer this agenda item for three months.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Eggar

FC153/2025 Scheme of Delegation

To review and approve the proposed Scheme of Delegation.

Resolved: To defer this agenda item for three months.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Scagell

FC154/2025 Councillor Vacancy

To note the resignation of Lloyd Goodall.

Councillors noted Cllr Goodall had resigned and that relevant procedures were being followed by officers to fill the West Ward vacancy.

FC155/2025 Kingsteignton Annual Ram Roasting Fair

To approve the use of Oakford Lawn for the Annual Ram Roasting Fair on Monday 26th May 2025 between 07:00-19:00hrs.

Resolved: All were in favour.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Dempster

FC156/2025 Annual Town Meeting

To note the date of the Annual Town Meeting as Friday 25th April 2025 and to agree any arrangements.

Councillors noted the date of the Annual Town Meeting and discussion took place regarding the Community Citizenship Awards.

FC157/2025 Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England

To consider the information regarding the consultation by HM Government on introducing a mandatory minimum Code of Conduct for local authorities in England, and measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England, and to consider and agree a corporate response

[Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)

Owing to the length of the consultation questions (over 60), it was acknowledged that Councillors should complete their own individual return as collation of a singular corporate response would be too onerous. The Proper Officer encouraged all Councillors to submit a response.

FC158/2025 Next Meeting Date:

To note the date of the next Full Council meeting – Wednesday 5th March 2025.

The meeting date was noted by all present.

FC159/2024 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 Thorne

Seconded: Cllr Danks

FC160/2025 Special Hire Charges

To review Special Hire Charges for 2025/26 and approve any amendments.

Resolved: Eleven Councillors were in favour of setting Special Hire Charges accordingly, one councillor abstained.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Peart

FC161/2025 Staffing

To receive the report regarding staffing and to approve the recommendations therein.

Resolved: The confidential report was received and the recommendations therein were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Scagell

Seconded: Cllr Peart

FC162/2025 Staffing

To receive a verbal report regarding staffing.

Resolved: All members agreed an Extra Ordinary meeting would be held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 7pm to discuss further Part II Staffing matters.

Proposed: Cllr Peart

Seconded: Cllr Thorne

Meeting closed at 9:21pm.

Signed:

Dated: