



**KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 6 PM**

Present:

Councillors: Austen, Bovey, Brotherton, Dempster, Jones, Khan, Laws, Peart, Plummer, Ripping, Rollason, Scagell, Thorne

Town Clerk: Mrs C Lakin

Deputy Clerk: Mrs M Lewis-Campbell

Police Report

Police Report received from PCSO Pike:

- 2 x Drink/Drive
- 1 x Attempted burglary
- 8 x Possession – drugs
- 1 x Theft
- 3 x Burglary

Active patrols around Kingsteignton/Teigngrace led to the high amount of those found in possession of drugs. Anti-Social behaviour – youths on moped resulted in one young male having his bike seized (Section 59). Positive warrant in Teigngrace. The team also carried out speed checks in Kingsteignton.

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Dawlish Sea Wall - all 144 recurve panels are now on top of the sea wall and Network Rail are installing the panels between the railway and the footpath to make it safe. All heavy engineering work will cease for the school summer holidays so with work being substantially complete the wall and beach will reopen for the public to use from Friday 24 July 2020. Network Rail will start work again in September to finish off the project laying a new top path for pedestrians' walkway and installing benches and lighting.

School Attendance – In Devon attendance of all schools 22% against national average of 16.9%; Primary Schools in Devon 33% national average 26%; Secondary Schools in Devon 8% of national average 5% and Special Schools in Devon 22% national average 20%.

At the Devon County Council meeting on Thursday 23 July 2020 it was agreed that Town and Parish Councils across Devon should be supported in providing the popular flashing or vehicle activated speed awareness signs in their communities. We call for a simpler system by giving our local Highway Offers the authority to agree the number and location of the vehicle activated speed awareness signs with Parish and Town Councils. This will now be reviewed as part of the work of the Traffic Speed Project Group.



District Councillor Reports

Councillor B Austen

Funding has been made available to provide Street Marshals in Teignmouth and Newton Abbot to make areas safer whilst they have no enforcement powers their role will be to help police in deterring crime and anti-social behaviour and to give assistance to local residents and holiday makers. They started in Teignmouth last weekend and in Newton Abbot this week.

Leisure centres are now reopening with Dawlish delayed until 1 August 2020.

I am pleased to have been proposed to go back on to the Planning Committee at the Annual meeting. Places were reallocated last year. Since I have chaired the Committee in the past couple of years, I have missed the interest and involvement in that aspect of my service. I have always felt more involved in representing local people in planning than in other aspects of council work.

Virtual meetings continue and the Annual Council meeting was on 28 July 2020.

Councillor R Peart

Cllr Peart reported that he had missed part of the Annual Meeting at Teignbridge District Council due to commitments at Devon County Council. He reported on the discussion of Black Lives Matter and an Action Plan put forward.

Councillor D Rollason

No report

Councillor B Thorne

Recently there has only been one official meeting which was the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 14 July 2020. The essential details were:

1. Discussions moving towards the next Public Consultation of GESP
 - a. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan – as we all know is the composite partnership plan for the Teignbridge, Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon and Devon County Councils all working together to assist in the delivery of the high level strategic plan including housing sufficient to satisfy the Government requirements across the Greater Exeter region. The benefits are that all member councils share borders, and, in many cases, the shared infrastructure often allows the housing to be brought forward more efficiently by such cooperation. The important thing to realise is there is no extra housing for any one Council to bear but of course some other shared infrastructure give sometimes effectively larger useful benefits to one Council which when shared with one that cannot provide such a site benefits by being able to proceed to deliver housing impossible without that shared infrastructure. Nevertheless, it all depends on several councils working in partnership for it all to progress for the much greater benefit of residents living in the region. Currently it



seems to be working well and going along from stage to stage with more public consultation hopefully agreed at each stage by all the councils. Important thematic chapters in the plan are: Climate Emergency, Prosperity, Homes, Movement and Communication, Nature and Quality, places, and infrastructure. The plan is available for residents to consult widely.

- b. Joint Statement of Community Involvement – as it sounds how, when and for how long the consultations will happen.
2. Results of the task and finish group reviewing the reporting of the performance of the council delivering the Council Strategy. This is where a more effective way has been adopted to present the results of how well the Council is doing against the strategy plan.
3. The formation of 2 task and finish groups to review the delivery of employment sites in Teignbridge and the other looking at a shared vision for specific areas of Teignbridge.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020 AT 6.35 pm

104/2020 Apologies

There were no apologies.

105/2020 Election of Mayor, Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Resolved: that Cllr Rollason be elected Mayor of Kingsteignton Town Council for 2020/2021. Cllr Rollason completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

106/2020 Election of Deputy Mayor, Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Resolved: that Cllr Austen be elected Deputy Mayor of Kingsteignton Town Council for 2020/2021. Cllr Austen completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

107/2020 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

108/2020 To receive the Mayor's Report

The Town Council's year began in May 2019 in much the same way as any other. The Council had completed the Fountain restoration, the latest in a series of planned improvements, and was looking forward to progressing the development of Clifford Park, completing the CCTV network in the community safety programme which also included the opening of the Devon Air Ambulance landing site and advancing our work on tackling the climate emergency. Then came COVID-19. Our lives changed. First, I offer my own and the Town Council's deepest sympathy for the victims of COVID-19 and their families and



friends. The virus spread its net far beyond those infected, we all felt, and are still feeling the impact of lock down, some severely, in terms of mental health, financial security, loss of work and education.

Earlier in the year we saw an incredible response to the call from Kingsteignton “#doitfordeaks” Mental Health Charity, people and organisations came together to create a suicide prevention and support service that set an example across Devon. A foretaste of what our community did in the face of COVID-19.

Our community’s response to the pandemic was magnificent and inspiring. Kingsteignton stood firm and fought back. The community’s resilience increased in strength every day. Partnerships sprang into life where they never existed before, networks grew into a web where information, funding, practical help and volunteering began to flow to those able to provide services and for those who needed help, and many of us will probably need some help for some time to come. Many of you will know the people who worked so hard to help others, it is the Council’s intention to publicly recognise and thank each one in due course. Please also remember that what will eventually beat COVID-19 is the effort and sacrifice of every individual in our community. All of us staying at home, maintaining social distance, wearing masks, and enduring uncertainty of income, education, and the worry for loved ones. Thank you one and all.

My thanks also to my fellow councillors and Carol Lakin, Town Clerk, who has very ably and successfully steered the Council and her hard-working team through all the new legislation, lock down, home working and events a few months ago we could never have imagined.

109/2020 Election of Committees (8 members for each committee + Ex Officio)

Community Hall/Recreation Committee: Cllrs: Brotherton, Bovey, Jones, Khan, Peart, Plummer, Scagell and Thorne.

Finance Committee: Cllrs: Dempster, Laws, Peart, Plummer, Ripping and Thorne.

Works, Services and Planning Committee: Cllrs: Brotherton, Dempster, Jones, Khan, Laws, Peart, Ripping and Thorne.

110/2020 Elect Representatives for Organisations 2020/2021

Representatives of Organisations are as follows:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Ball Clay Heritage	Cllr Thorne
CAB	Cllr Peart
Climate Emergency	Cllr Khan
CPRE	Cllr Khan
Devon Association of Local Council	Mrs Lakin
Feoffees	Cllr Peart
Friends of Kingsteignton Library	Cllr Dempster
Hackney Marshes	Cllr Brotherton



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
Twinning Association
Viridor
KingsCare
The Old Rydon
Newton COVID 19

Cllr Scagell
Cllr Austen
Cllr Peart
Cllr Jones
Cllr Thorne
Cllr Austen, Laws, Thorne
Cllr Dempster
Cllr Ripping
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Cllr Dempster
Cllr Peart
Cllr Plummer
Cllr Bovey
Cllr Peart
Cllr Thorne
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Reports received:

PCC - Cllr Thorne – As a Councillor Advocate, I have taken part in Alison Hernandez weekly live forums which have been useful in asking questions through the forum to ensure Kingsteignton is not forgotten when it comes to Policing. I follow officers responsible for Kingsteignton through social media when useful information is available from time to time. Points of note following on from the last report where I mentioned the special £500,000 fund set up by the PCC for additional hotspot services during the summer to combat antisocial behaviour – Newton Abbot is receiving some support for Street Marshalls and maybe other facilities as well to combat their ongoing issues with antisocial behaviour. I am of course trying to monitor the situations arising so that ASB does not spill-over into Kingsteignton – liaison with Newton Abbot Councillor Advocate is proving successful.

I am aware that there has been some speed checking recently in the Town and I am trying to find a way to get the local speed checking group operative after the COVID-19 problems in the most appropriate locations by requisitioning the equipment from the Neighbourhood Team.

Viridor – Cllr Thorne - No meetings or news from the company since the last meeting. However, no complaints of noise or smells during the uncapping and capping off the current two phases of the landfill site. All complaints to be directed towards the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 making a complete personal report and please send a copy to Kingsteignton Town Council for our records.

Cllr Thorne – Attendance at the Creation of an Electric Car Charging Network – Zoom meeting 22 July 2020

Energy Saving Trust (EST)



To access the recorded session - use the same link from the email.

Richard Drew EST

Everything to do with electric vehicles transition.

Alastair Mumford DCC EV

- Want/need the benefits of Electric Vehicles CO2 reduction
- Car journeys largely easily accommodated by EV
- Charge points Teignbridge lowest 20% of country
- Tesla big increase in applications during Covid
- Charge points Dawlish and Newton Abbot - Deletti managed
- Charging on street projects - public and private Exeter / Exmouth?

Richard Drew at EST

Transport 25% of carbon production worldwide of which private cars 64% of that.
40000 deaths on air quality.

Energy security - oil market unstable following Covid?

78% car sales petrol and diesel but 4% electric.

Plug in cars 310000 on the road UK

Cornwall have many more charge points than Devon especially poor in Teignbridge

Anna Cuckow - EST

Charge points rated in Kw

Higher Kw faster - most use slow charging - charging at home and overnight

Max charge rate acceptable by the car - get the right one for the car

Could be the car limiting charging speed or the charge rate limiting whichever is lowest is the operational charge rate

Mode 2 from. 3 pin plugs at home (80% charged at home) 2.3kw safety issues **10 miles per hr**

Mode 3 from chargers widespread 3.7 kw - 7 kw **15 miles /hr**

Mode 4 DC charging fast 7kw to 22kw up to **80miles /hr**. £2000

Public on lamppost max 5.5kw **15m /hr**

If higher charging required, it would require three phase electricity miles /hr

Connections largely standard in common chargers

Grants available for the above arrangements

Rapid charging

£14000 - fast requires 3 phase electricity - 43 - 50 KW **70/80 miles / hr No grant** - Private funding

2 types of plug - have both.

Ultra-rapid

120 - 150kw very expensive

Applications for on street installation ORCS further information.

75 % grant

Must be no off-street parking

Up to 22kw



Can be in car parks -

Only Fleet Support from EST themselves.

How can they support us?

25+ vehicles personal visit

Less than 25. - web site.

Calculation of whether an electric car is required or recommended:

Start at carbon footprint

Own fleet comprising what

Business travel maybe own car

Know the emissions from the grey fleet travel

Financial burden of all

Air quality

Clean air zones

Sometimes more expensive than using a diesel

Assessment for larger fleets method

Daily mileage

Carrying capacity

Attraction of staff - zero company car tax

Whole of life cost and the maintenance - prediction.

EST will help calculate benefits for bigger accounts

The benefits of the package.

BP chagemasters a useful supplier

Collective kerbs

Urban areas will get the charge points

Rural areas will remain a problem in the short term

111/2020 To receive and approve minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 July 2020

Resolved: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 July 2020 be adopted.

112/2020 To receive the Clerk's Report and copy of Attendance Register for Councillors for 2019/2020

Councillors were passed a copy of the Attendance Register for Councillors for 2019/2020 prior to the meeting.

- I have heard from Sound and Visual and they are obtaining the equipment and will contact the office with dates to install the receiver on St Michaels Church Tower, which will then enable cameras at Oakford Lawn and Clifford Park to be transmitted to NAST Office in Newton Abbot. Also, the cameras that were approved for The Fountain and Newton Road will also be installed. A letter has been received from Mr Stephens, Sound and Visual informing us that he is hoping to arrange for the next stage of the CCTV installation in August. They have provisionally booked the work in for the week commencing 10 August 2020 for the bulk of the work and would need to access St Michaels Church Tower on the Thursday of this week. Mr Stephens



has asked if the Church have a preferred installer to get a mains supply fitted and are awaiting a reply from SSEC regarding the supplies at the lamp posts. Mr Stephens said that he is reviewing the specifications/equipment over the next few days as the equipment has moved on since the original quote was given. **After minute:** Mr Stephens of Sound and Visual has contacted the Office to say that the equipment will not be received for the week commencing 10 August, 2020 but he is hoping to be ready to install this at the beginning of September.

- The RoSPA reports on Clifford Park and Oakford Lawn have been received and Mr Turner has been asked to carry out the necessary work. The Report on Oakford Lawn drew attention to the fencing on the side of the pathway from Sorrell Court onto the Lawn being rotten, and Mr Turner was asked to look at this and for it to be replaced. It has been in place since the early 2000's. Unfortunately, before this could be replaced between 1pm on Sunday 12 July and the morning of Monday 13 July 2020 the fence was vandalised and kicked down. Mr Turner has replaced this fencing together with help from Mr May. Unfortunately, within a couple of weeks this new fencing has been damaged with one of the planks of wood being kicked off. Mr Turner has been asked to repair this.
- At the Fountain, the top panel on one of the benches has been replaced with panel reading "Please sit here if you are Happy to Chat"
- You have all received a copy of the Attendance Register of councillors attending meetings from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020. This will now be placed on our website
- Arrangements are being made with Hull Landscapes for the telephone box on the corner of Coombesend Road to be brought back to the Community Hall for refurbishment. Councillors will be asked to consider what this phone box should be used for at the next council meeting on Wednesday 2 September 2020
- Screens for the Council Offices are being made by Cllr Jones and Mr Turner
- The new pedestrian doors on the garage at the front and the rear have been fitted
- **Council Meetings** – As things are now settling down the advice from NALC and SLCC is that virtual meetings should be continued for council meetings and that staff should continue to work from home where possible. August is recess for the council, and we are looking at holding just the Works, Services and Planning meeting to discuss planning only during this month. We will then start off in September with Full Council being held on the first Wednesday in the month as normal, with a start time of 6pm. Following this meeting will be the Works Services and Planning meeting to discuss Planning Applications only. Meetings will return to normal, to be held via Zoom with the Finance Meeting being held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and the Community Hall/Recreation and Works, Services and Planning meeting being held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Start times for these meetings will be discussed and will revert to 7pm start time.



- **Reminder for councillors** if a member of the council fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of the last attendance to attend any meeting they shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the council before the expiry of that period cease to be a member of the authority (Local Government Act 1972 s.85(1)).

113/2020 Newton Abbot Mutual Aid request for financial assistance

Councillors were forwarded correspondence from Newton Abbot Mutual Aid requesting financial assistance prior to the meeting. This included financial information, number of people they are supporting and what they do. The group spends approximately £1000 per month and recovers £500 from charges and its reserves could run out in a couple of months. Cllr Rollason proposed that the Town Council award a grant of £1,500 which is the equivalent of about three months operation and keep it under review as to if more should be given in future.

Resolved: that a grant of £500 be awarded initially and Newton Abbot Mutual Aid be asked to attend the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 2 September 2020 to talk to about their organisation and what they are doing in Kingsteignton. The Council will then discuss further funding.

114/2020 Funding request from WBB Football Club

A request was received from WBB Football Club for a grant of £1000 towards the cost of a new set of goal posts.

Resolved: that a grant of £1000 towards the cost of a new set of goal posts be approved.

115/2020 Climate Emergency

Councillors had been passed a copy of the KTC Climate Emergency Working Group dated 15 July 2020 prior to the meeting.

- a) **Role of Tree Warden** - Cllr Khan said that with the plans to plant a large number of trees that the role of Tree Warden should be extended with roles to include the coordination of tasks to complete this large planting of trees; to provide signage so residents understand the planting of trees is part of a bigger project; to check on the newly planted trees and ensure that they are being watered. Risk Assessments will need to be carried out and the Tree Wardens would need to liaise with Mark Waddam, Arboriculturist at Teignbridge District Council.

Resolved: that the Tree Wardens should be Cllrs Austen, Laws and Thorne.

7.40pm Cllr Jones left the meeting

- b) **20's Plenty** - Discussion took place on starting a campaign "20's plenty" in Kingsteignton.



Resolved: that four banners be obtained for outside the four schools and stickers for displaying around the town in prominent positions.

116/2020 Correspondence

- a) A request was received from “One Fit Mamma” to use Oakford Lawn, along with other users, to run her group. She holds buggy fitness sessions specifically aimed at new mums, not only to help with physical fitness but also to support their mental health. **Resolved:** that use of Oakford Lawn by “One Fit Mamma” be approved but the group to be informed that there is no parking available.
- b) A request was received from Kingsteignton Athletic asking to use Oakford Lawn for training. There was some concern expressed about the impact of football training on the lawn surface. **Resolved:** that Kingsteignton Athletic should be asked for further information i.e. why they are unable to use their own grounds, the frequency and nature of the practice sessions, and be advised that there is no parking allowed at Oakford Lawn.
- c) A copy of the bank balance movements from 9 – 29 July 2020 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm

Signed:

Dated: