



**KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY
7 APRIL 2021 AT 7pm**

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Rollason

Deputy Mayor: Councillor Austen

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

Town Deputy Clerk: Mrs. M Lewis-Clarke

Reverend David Goddard

Police Report

The following police report was received from PCSO Pike:

Over the month there have been 33 reported crimes, one of which was for Teigngrace (Dangerous Driving x 1)

- Theft from shop – 3
- Criminal damage – 3
- Dangerous dog – 1
- Disqualified driver - 1
- Possession of Drugs – 3
- Drink Driver - 1
- Public Nuisance – 1

March was a quiet month the only on going issues are in Higher Sandygate Re Lord Clifford's land and scrambler bikes.

Now the clocks have changed the Neighborhood Team will be monitoring the parks on a regular basis.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

County Councillor R Peart's Report

Network Rail's Southwest Resilience Programme between Dawlish and Holcombe were handed a funding boost. The Department for Transport announced their financial backing of the blueprints. The project to extend Parsons Tunnel will have an additional £37.4 million earmarked for the project to extend the rockfall shelter. The 209-metre long extension of the rockfall shelter north of Parsons Tunnel between Dawlish and Holcombe would play a major role in helping protect trains against falling rocks. Parsons Tunnel was previously extended 100 years ago and Network Rail proposes to extend that further by providing a rockfall shelter using modern materials, but with open sides rather than the previous brick built enclosed tunnel. It is now up to Teignbridge Council to give the project the green light.



Construction is expected to start in August with the work scheduled to take around 12 months to complete. Environmental protection is a key focus for the project and following early feedback from Teignbridge Council, Network Rail has carried out additional studies and submitted reports that set out its approach to ecological protection and management of potential impacts on wildlife habitats. The line is a vital link between the Peninsula and the rest of the UK. Completion of all phases of this programme will ensure the long – term resilience of the line, £80 million which has already been made available for sea defense's and the £34.4million will make a total of over £100 million of investment. Completion of all phases of this programme will ensure the long -term resilience of the line, which is vital to the economic success of the region.

District Councillors' Reports

Councillor B Austen

I have attended all visual meetings of the committees on which I serve since the last Report. A workshop also to advise councillors how to manage their Community grants and provide and approve applications has been held. The Council are keeping members up to date by email with all matters which involve their wards and decisions are made at meetings with every councillor's vote being recorded by name.

The Council's website is very informative and accessible to those who need help.

The government direction to hold face to face meetings after the 6th May has been cancelled and the present system extended.

While staff is much smaller than usual the services of the District Council are running smoothly and they are to be complemented for their coping management in the difficult circumstances.

Councillor R Peart

Another Teignbridge wildlife habitat secured under partnership agreement.

The recent agreement for a national charity the Land Trust to oversee the management of a 65-acre Dawlish Country Park, to safeguard recent public and environmental benefits, was the result of a partnership set up to protect key natural habitats across the districts.

The land for the Countryside Park was purchased with money from developers across Teignbridge, and Exeter and East Devon through the South East Devon Habitat Regulations Partnership. The Partnership of Teignbridge East Devon District and Exeter City Councils is a legally required to protect key conservation sites at Dawlish Warren and the Exe Estuary by providing visitors with alternative places to visit.

Separate partnership work between the RSPB, our Planning department and Devon County Council has seen two large green space sites secured in the Teignbridge district, for the long term benefits of wildlife and the local communities. These sites comprise Ashill between Bishopsteignton and Teignmouth which spans over 100 acres and can be visited on foot along footpaths, and Labrador Bay near Shaldon which hosts a car park and 1.5km circular coastal route on site.



Councillor B Thorne

Audit Scrutiny

Training on the Devon Home Choice - where there are some proposals for some fine tuning one of which was to assist people with complex housing requirements at least have the opportunity to bid for something that approaches their requirements even if not satisfying their needs completely which was not possible before.

Garden Community opportunities in Newton Abbot/ Kingsteignton and Kingskerswell workshop

My experiences were somewhat similar to Cllr Rollason's and only the last one should have some further focus by ourselves and hence an agenda item a little later in the meeting.

I have been following up on the recycling bank, litter and fly tipping problems around the Town including spending a while with Deb Stevens out on the "patch" which was quite illuminating and I want to wish her a speedy return to work after her current sick leave. In the meantime I am reporting all issues of litter, dog mess, fly tipping I can find to ensure we get the accurate picture reported to TDC and dealt with accordingly - areas looked at this month are around the recycling banks at Tesco's, Claypits Way, gateways into Kingsteignton, and the 'Old Town' roads. Please take the time to let me know of anything Cllrs find besides reporting it to the necessary agencies. Residents reporting accurately to TDC on the web site is the way forward rather than comments on Facebook! Similar to the incidents needing to be reported to the Police - no amount of Facebook comments will have any effect in mobilizing any Police or Council action.

I did volunteer for a new subcommittee on Climate Change looking at how the connection and communication between the multiple agencies all professing to be giving advice in partnership with everyone but is anyone actually doing anything that will amount to anything when Teignbridge reaches its Carbon Neutral date of 2025? The first meeting was a scoping type meeting and the second will involve officer support so might start to get somewhere perhaps - I will of course keep you up to date?

A good website to look at for us all would

be: <https://actionclimateteignbridge.org/index.php/resources-pack-for-town-and-parish-councils/> no doubt everyone has looked at this in the past with some interesting reports and suggestions for how we can as a Town move forward. Perhaps also try to keep an eye on Devon Climate Emergency web site : <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/> where their events on Zoom can be useful. I would also like to draw attention to the Devon Wildlife Trust zoom webinars which do give useful support to everyone as to what is possible in support of habitats and wildlife.

I have noticed the Tuesday Tables idea seemingly catch on in some areas where items can be offered to others on a table outside their home free for others to take away. Recycle Devon <https://www.recycledevon.org/> are the initiators of this and I do hope the idea catches on during the summer however the items need to be taken back in and disposed of suitably should no one else want those items displayed!



Councillor D Rollason

I attended the following virtual meetings;

Wednesday 10th March, Teignbridge District Council Visioning Workshop

A number of Cllrs and Officers joined an external facilitator to begin a process of scoping options for medium/long term strategic planning. Issues considered included economy, employment, housing and development, environment and climate, health and wellbeing etc. The outcomes will be further processed and made ready for more inputs and consultations.

The method used by the facilitator, breaking down into small groups with specific tasks and rules to complete them proved very effective.

Monday 22nd March, Teignbridge District Council Briefing on Devon Home Choice Policy

The larger councils in Devon have produced a common housing policy, the content and how it will be implemented were explained and councillors' questions answered. All this is now available on the Teignbridge District Council website and officers will help members with constituents' enquiries.

Wednesday 24th March, Audit Scrutiny Committee

The main purpose of the meeting was to recommend the approval of the audit report to the Full Council. Its progress has been monitored by the committee and council over the year, so no surprises and another good report for Teignbridge District Council. The agenda, minutes and reports are on the Teignbridge District Council website.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, RYDON ROAD, KINGSTEIGNTON ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021 AT 7.17pm

VM45/2021 Apologies

Resolved: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bovey

VM46/2021 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of Interest.

VM47/2021 To receive the Mayor's Report.

Due to the Covid restrictions there have been no civic duties to attend.

However, as my term comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Council for your great work, perseverance and diligence over the past 12 months and for the enormous support you have afforded me during my time as Mayor. I have nothing but gratitude and admiration for Mrs Carol Lakin and Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke and all the staff team. Covid has presented the most difficult, persistent and awful challenges at work and for their roles in home life. Their fortitude and dedication to the Council is more than we could have reasonably expected. Thank you all who work to make Kingsteignton a good place to live.



VM48/2021 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 March 2021

The Mayor presented the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 March 2021.

Resolved: Minutes adopted

VM49/2021 To receive the Deputy Clerk's Report.

- We currently still find ourselves short staffed. The Clerk is currently signed off sick and at present we are not sure how long she will be off. We are very fortunate that all other staff are working above and beyond to assist during these difficult times. Although this will result in overtime payments for all. It is felt that as we have previously requested the Council now reconsider employing a further member of staff.
Again I would ask for councillors patience at this time. Should Mrs Lakin be signed off for a further period of time then I will consider looking into finding if there are any locum clerks in the area.
- Mrs Lewis-Clarke and Mr Banner interviewed persons for the assistant caretaker position and Mr Jason Lewis was successful and has accepted this position. We now have satisfactory references and he is due to take up this post on the 5th April 2021. A new job description has been drafted for this position.
- I am currently writing a new job description for the current caretaker.
- The newsletter has been published and is currently being circulated to residents.
- To date I have received no expressions of interest for the position of Mayor.(I have now received an expression of interest from Cllr Peart for position of Mayor)
- I have received an expression of interest for the position of Deputy Mayor from Cllr Julie Scagell.
- We have received numerous reports of incidents involving the Community Hall car park. I have written to PCSO Pike for suggestions as to how we manage this.
- I request that an extra-ordinary meeting be scheduled on return of the Clerk in order that staffing issues are addressed. This to include looking at staffs salaries and re-considering employing a further staff member to assist with the heavy workload staff are currently carrying.
- I have forwarded to all Councillors all information received from DALC regarding returning to face to face meetings.
- Enquires had been made into assistance from a Locum Clerk. All Clerks contacted were unavailable.

Resolved: that Mrs Lewis-Clarke make enquires with Teignbridge District Council and establish what employment agency they currently use to employ temporary Staff and to also check Locum Clerks from out of area and request availability.



VM50/2020 To receive the Minutes of the following Committees:

Finance Committee: Cllr Dempster presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021. **Approved**

Community Hall/Recreation Committee – Councillor Scagell presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021. **Approved**

Works, Services & Planning Committee – Councillor Peart presented the minutes of the meetings held on 3 & 17 March 2021. **Approved.**

VM51/2021 Representative Reports

Ball Clay Heritage – Cllr Thorne reported that there is no current activity but please try to visit their Facebook and Website pages.

PCC - During lockdown the rates of crime had reduced but a great deal of planning put into to providing adequate cover for the Easter break and also the start of the stepped exit from lockdown itself. Hopefully this will be apparent from the crime figures from Vanessa's report - unseen at present. Next PCC advocate meeting in 2 weeks. Local missing person high on priority sheet at last Inspector's meeting.

Kingsteignton Swimming Pool – Cllr Scagell reported that the Pool will opening on the 24th April.

Oakford Lawn (Kingsteignton Village Trust) - Cllr Jones said that a meeting of the Trust has been scheduled for 22 April 2021.

Viridor

Cllr Thorne reported that a Meeting on 29/3/2021 was well attended and Cllr Peart was chair. Hopefully official minutes will be forthcoming, but my focus areas were about the cumulative amounts tipped since reopening and the balance of capacity left to fill. Figures were so confusing I have sent for clarification because at the last meeting in December there were 540,000 cubic meters left to "fill" or rather raise the level above what is there already - appropriately permitted by DCC. At this meeting (29/3/2021) it was said that there were 131,000 tonnes tipped but there was some confusion over the density conversion to cubic meters. What was surprising that during lockdown residual waste had apparently increased but the tonnage tipped decreased here with some stoppages on the Energy from waste (ERF) sites in Exeter and Plymouth which should have made the figures being tipped larger because Heathfield takes the incinerator material when they are inoperative to avoid build-up of waste at Exeter and Plymouth. So, some sorting out to check off here before the next meeting.

The other focus area for me was from the Environment Agency report which had received 3 confirmed reports of problem odors which were brought to our attention. Additionally, it seems to me, that there was a new ruling being suggested by the EA to reduce the stringency of monitoring of the old liner of the tip which would allow less checking of the exudates leaking through the old liner and presumably reduce the visits required by the EA staff from 2 or 3 visits during an operational year perhaps back to the 1 during a non-



operational year - in my mind a retrograde step! So, I have asked for more information on this as well.

Cllr Ripping reported dust coming from the Landfill Site. Cllr Thorne advised that all issues are to be reported to the Environment Agency.

Teignbridge Cycling Forum

Cllr Bovey reported that On 10th February Cllr Thorne and himself attended the Teignbridge Cycling and Walking Plan Engagement Event via Zoom. The event highlighted the need for increased cycling and walking infrastructure in Teignbridge. As you might imagine Bill and I were particularly interested in the possible provision of better cycling and walking routes for our Town.

Apologies for the lateness of this report.

The areas discussed with relevance to Kingsteignton were as follows (I am sure that Bill will amend any important points I fail to mention):

Main linking routes from Kingsteignton.

1. **Commuter routes into Newton Abbot.** Data from Strava shows that, despite the cycle route from Greenhill Way via Hackney Marshes and around the racecourse to Town Quay, most commuter cyclists and walkers use the rather dangerous main road route along the A383. It was suggested that this might be a good focus for an additional off road cycle way although it would require an addition to the road bridge across the railway line near B&Q. As this would be potentially very expensive, we were told to expect nothing for quite some time. There was a perceived need for an extension of the cycle path to the B&Q roundabout from the current cycle route which forces cyclists to cross the very busy A383.
2. **Routes through Kingsteignton. The current cycle route along Rydon Road** was noted as being totally unsuitable for purpose, with parked cars rendering it unusable. This route needs to be redesigned to allow for safe off-road cycling. **The route along Exeter Road and Gestridge Road** was also criticised as being dangerous and patchy, with short lengths of unconnected cycle lanes being ignored by most commuter cyclists. A need for a **cycle route along Broadway Road** was also flagged. Very important as a cycle link to the Town from the new housing developments along Exeter Road. It was pointed out that a lot of cyclists are cycling to work in Newton Abbot but that there are currently no useable, connected cycle routes through Kingsteignton.
3. **Links to the Wray valley Cycle route** from Kingsteignton will be much improved when the new Bridge over the Teign from Gallows Cross is completed. This is imminent . This will enable cycling into Newton Abbot, Bovey Tracey and all the way to Moretonhampstead on the Wray Valley Cycle Route, which is nearing completion and will allow for off road cycling for the majority of the route. This will be of major importance to the region in encouraging tourism.
4. **Links to the Exe Valley Cycle route.** The important linking cycle and walking paths to Teignmouth and Dawlish are currently in planning after huge difficulties agreeing on suitable routes. Funding is being made available for the planning process but it remains unclear when this extremely important route will become a reality.



5. **Links to cycle routes to the West.** Routes through the new developments to the West of Newton Abbot were discussed. Although not important in terms of commuting journeys, these links could be part of an extremely important leisure and tourism cycle and walking network.
6. **Links to the North and Exeter.** It was discussed that there would be a need for possible leisure and commuter routes to the North and the new housing developments around Exeter.
7. **Links to the South and Totnes.** It was discussed that there would be a need for possible leisure and commuter routes to the South towards Ogwell and Totnes. Local plans to Ogwell are being drawn up.

If we are to do justice to our Climate Emergency, we must encourage Teignbridge District Council to free up funding for linking cycle and walking routes to be built. **Pressure from our Councillors who sit on Teignbridge District Council will be important in ensuring that we aren't forgotten when new funding is released.**

It was pointed out that we need high-quality off-road cycle and walking routes, like those in cycle friendly countries like Holland and Germany. Such routes are being built in the new housing developments to the East of Exeter. It should be a high priority for Kingsteignton Town Council to push for such routes, if our Town is to become more climate friendly and a healthier, greener place in which to live.

Rydon Primary School

Cllr Ripping presented the following update received from Mr Nick Banwell, Head Teacher:

- After one day in school, yet more indecision around schools caused us to have to close for all but key worker and vulnerable children.
- From 6th January we set up remote learning for all children at home.
- From 6th January we were open for vulnerable and key worker children. The demand for places was far greater this time, with between 100 and 150 children attending school each day.
- Staff shortages due to shielding staff have caused issues.
- The Covid relief funding that was promised to schools will not be received by Rydon or any of the other Education south west Schools. For Rydon alone this amounts to around £40K.
- We opened for all children on Monday 8th March. Average attendance has been around 410 pupils each day.
- From next term we hope to restart after school clubs in year group bubbles.
- Apologies, once again, for the inconsiderate use of the community hall car park over the past weeks. We remind parents in our newsletter, but I feel it would be good if a letter were sent to parents from the council – this would be a different approach that they may take more notice of.

On another matter, I want to inform you personally that I will be moving on from my role as headteacher at Rydon in August.

This has been an incredibly difficult decision as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Rydon. I have never stayed in a headship for more than 6 years as I feel that I need to move on before being 'found out' and also because I think a school needs fresh leadership after this period.



This will be my seventh year at Rydon and that speaks volumes for how I value working with the great staff, children and parents here.

I have been, and remain, very happy in my current role but after twenty years working as a headteacher, I feel that the time is right to develop my career in other ways.

I will be remaining in education but am unsure as to what role that will take. I am not wealthy enough to retire and nor would I want to, my head would explode with the boredom. I will remain involved in schools within our trust in some way as well as mentoring new headteachers.

Kingscare

The following report was received:

Manager's Report – March 2021

General situation

As shielding comes to an end, we are looking forward to having all staff back in the office for part of each week. All our office computers are owned by the NHS so it has not been easy to work out how we could get our files held remotely so that we could enable all staff to access them from home. The NHS and our IT men have worked very hard for a long time and finally brought this project to a positive conclusion. Although many of us have been working from home for a year now, we needed to come into the office to update our records. Now we will be able to work in any location which is a huge bonus to us. We are probably likely to maintain a degree of home working once the restrictions are lifted and we are now fully set up to do so.

Groups

We are awaiting confirmation that the rollout of the easing of Covid restrictions continues to go to plan before starting any groups up again. We are getting a large number of referrals for all sorts of support, some of it simple, practical and easy to put in, others much more complex and time consuming. I've even had a call from the Canary Islands about the caller's mother who is not in a good place.

Transport

Throughout the last year requests for transport have been low and they are not picking up very quickly. We have many people anxious to get back out on bus trips again but we will have to wait and see when these will be allowed again.

Mental Health

Briony led 6 clients into the cold sea on 7th March. It was a great success that elicited this comment.

"Hi Briony, Thank you so much for organising today. It was fun and time to feel normal. My friends said it was good to see me smile and laugh again."

Two of the 6 are planning on doing it again. The mental health craft group is up and running and the Long Covid HOPE group oversubscribed. The bereavement group was planned to start on 5th March but has been postponed due to a poor take up. The Grow Kits will be issued next month. I have asked the Feoffees to draw up the long-awaited tenancy agreement for the plot of land behind Fore Street so that we can get on with that project as soon as lockdown eases.



Recipes for the cookbook are coming in slowly. Do join in. We have cooks ready to cook the meal should you not have the time to do so.

The Pow –Wow- Now sessions have started. This is where people get together on a conference call to reminisce or discuss some topic or listen to a speaker or, in other areas, do Yoga!

Dementia and Carer Support

David G and Jackie's CST (Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) on line sessions are a great success with the clients finding the portals easy to use. David is continuing to send activity packs to all those who used to attend the Memory Café to keep them going until the face to face groups can start up again.

All staff continue to make regular welfare calls to those stuck at home, some are also able to join What's App groups, one of which is hoping to get away from the phone and meet up for a walk next week.

The Hub

Sarah and Heidi are doing a huge amount of work at the Hub but trying to stem the flow of donations is proving impossible despite the notice on the door asking people not to make donations. Sales are being made through Vinted (clothing), Music Magpie (CDs and videos) and Revival Books ensuring the recycling of good quality products. The pavement shop is very popular with passers- by. The shop volunteers have, however, raised concerns about the need to ensure that any policies and risk assessments are being kept up to date. I've asked DC to look into this.

Funding

Funding for our mental health workers from the CAF took over from the Reaching Communities grant when it ended in September but that, too, has now come to an end. A surprising and unexpected donation has been made by Costcutters in Newton Abbot for #doitfordeaks from their sale of carrier bags.

Barratt Homes has supported the same project over the last 2 years but that too has now come to an end.

David Besant, past Chair of the Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club, passed away this month. His wife, Eileen, was one of the original KingsCare volunteers and he has asked that his retiring collection be made for KingsCare because he said. *"Eileen was at her happiest when she volunteered with KingsCare."*

Swimming

I have applied to Kingsteignton Town Council for funding to support our Thursday swimming sessions this year. If the lockdown roll out goes to plan we are aiming to start swimming again on 3rd June.

Website and Facebook

It seems that our following on Facebook is starting to grow.

Wellbeing Partnership

We have signed up to develop a list of reliable and trustworthy providers of services such as gardening, cleaning, home hairdressers, dog walkers etc to support people coming out of hospital who need some extra help beyond what we can usually do with paid staff and volunteers.



Social Prescribing Conference

I spent 2 days attending this international conference on Teams. It was very interesting in places. One of the issues raised was the funding that voluntary groups are always having to seek through projects to provide holistic solutions to patients' problems and, perhaps, the funding should be directed away from the NHS for SP and given directly to the VS as core funding. Apparently 1 in 5 patients make appointments to see their GP over an issue that is not medical and could be better approached holistically. The movement is now spreading across the globe though it never ceases to amaze me that all these academics are only just getting to understand that connecting with Nature or finding a purpose in life has real therapeutic value.

Shopping bags

I have bought 100 KingsCare shopping bags to give to staff and volunteers to cheer everyone up.

Restoring Stover Park Advisory Board

Cllr Thorne advised that he had attended a meeting of this board responding to the challenge of managing the delivery of the £4 million plus update to the park. The park has now appointed the team to try to deliver this massive project and as soon as it is clear how Kingsteignton Town Council could/ might be involved I will communicate details for our consideration. In the meantime, please could you all take the opportunity to visit the park, think about the restoration plan available on the DCC website and how residents of Kingsteignton could share in the benefits of having such an improved resource on the doorstep?

Cllr Thorne requested that both The Stover Advisory Board and The Environmental Warden be added to KTC list of Representatives reports.

Resolved: that Mrs Lakin add these to the list and that Cllr Thorne be the single point of contact for both.

VM52/2021 Election of Mayor/Deputy To take up Office on 5 May 2021 at Annual General Meeting.

Expressions of Interest for the position of Mayor had been received from Cllr Peart and forwarded to all Cllrs for consideration prior to the meeting

Resolved: that Cllr Peart be elected to the position of Mayor.

Expressions of Interest for the position of Deputy Mayor had been received from Cllr Scagell and forwarded to all Cllrs for consideration prior to the meeting

Resolved: that Cllr Scagell be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Thorne abstained from this vote and requested that all Cllrs review their Register of Interest declarations.

VM53/2021 Reintroduction of Face to Face meetings.

A discussion took place between all Cllrs present regarding Face to Face meetings and it was agreed that all felt safer with the current procedures and Zoom meetings. As a result all



wished to continue with zoom although government legislation authorising this will cease as of the 7th May 2021. The quantity of meetings was also discussed with consideration of most meetings being incorporated into Full Council.

Resolved: that Mrs Lakin/Lewis-Clarke research in detail all information regarding a temporary scheme of delegation to Clerk/Deputy Clerk. It was agreed that less meetings should take place incorporating committee meetings with Full Council meeting. Further information to be gained regarding working groups who will in turn advise the Clerk/Deputy Clerk. The Annual Full Council meeting be held via Zoom on the 5th May 2021. And this issue re be re addressed and consideration be given to holding a Face to Face FC meeting on the 7th July 2021.

Resolved: that a letter of support be forwarded to Hereford Town Council. Mrs Lewis-Clarke to Action

VM54/2021 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: that this meeting take place on Friday 23rd April 2021 via Zoom. Agenda to be drafted and Posters displayed to advertise event. Mrs Lewis-Clarke to action.

VM55/2021 Develop a Vision for Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton.

Cllr Thorne addressed the meeting with a lengthy report on the visioning workshop that both himself and Cllr Rollason had attended on 10 March 2021.

Resolved: that Cllr Thorne be responsible for setting up a working group and leading on taking this group forward.

VM56/2021 To approve the following policies referred back from March 2021.

- **Annual Investment Policy**
- **Internal Control Policy**
- **Investment Policy**

Resolved: that this be deferred to FC May 2021 meeting.

VM57/2021 Clifford Estate Woodland Management Plan consulting on PROWS.

Prior to the meeting members were passed email received from Simon Major for consideration.

Resolved: that Cllrs Ripping and Bovey arrange a meeting with Simon Major to discuss this further and also ask if he would be willing to present further information to the Council via Zoom.

VM58/2021 Speed Bollards Community Hall Car-Park

Prior to the meeting members were passed details of a number of incidents that had occurred involving vehicles and pedestrians within the car park during school dropping/collecting times.



Resolved: that this be taken to The Community/Recreation meeting for consideration of purchasing a heavy weight board (to be displayed at entrance) with suitable advise written on the board. A letter to be drafted from the Council and forwarded to Rydon School for inclusion in there newsletters etc advising of the incidents and that this facility could be withdrawn. Mrs Lewis-Clarke to action letter.

VM59/2021 Town Signage

The members discussed an initial payment of £100 being paid to Mia Hatzler for her submission of 5 designs. She would then charge £200 per image chosen.

Resolved: that the initial payment of £100 be authorised and paid to Mia Hatzler. Mr Banner to make this payment. Once designs considered a further payment of £200 per image chosen to be made.

VM60/2021 Grass Cutting

Resolved: that a years extension be granted to the current contractor (who have confirmed that this will be at last year's prices) due to the current Covid Pandemic.

VM61/2021 Correspondence

All correspondence was passed to committee prior to the meeting.

- Letter from St Michaels School re Bee population discussed. Mrs Lewis-Clarke advised she had replied to the letter giving thanks and support. Mr Turner was currently working on a small wildlife area in the Community Hall grounds where he would place a bee Hotel in support.
- Letter from Action for Climate in Teignbridge discussed.

Resolved: that a letter be sent to them requesting that they apply to Council via a grant application.

There was no further correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

Signed:..... Dated:.....