

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUAY HOUSE,
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022**

Present: Cllr Philip Cole (Chairman)
Cllr Martina Edmonds
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr Chris Povey
Cllr Graham Price
Cllr Mel Rollinson
Cllr Adam Sherring
Cllr Paul Vann
Cllr Julia Wingate

In Attendance: District Cllr Susan Jackson
District Cllr Denise O'Callaghan
Four Members of Public
Martin Johnson (Secretary)

22/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike Jennings, Steve Mammatt, Graham Price and Danielle Rawstron, County Cllr Julian Brazil, Insp Ben Shardlow and Sgt Ryan Canning.

Public Open Forum

Members of public made the statements at Annex A.

**22/22 REPORTS FROM POLICE, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND
SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

22.1 Sgt Canning had provided a written report in his absence which had been distributed to Members. There had been 41 crimes reported in Kingsbridge during May 2022; many could not be divulged but there were others which gave a perspective on the total.

Eight crime reports were generated by 2 incidents involving a group of young persons with some individuals referred to the Youth Offending Team. Ten crimes related to low level neighbour disputes e.g. abusive language and malicious comments on Facebook. There had also been some minor assaults and 3 shoplifting offences.

There had been 76 calls for service via 101 and 999. These included several 'concern for welfare' logs including people experiencing mental health crises. There had been several domestic incidents, 4 missing persons, road traffic collisions and 2 adult sudden deaths as the Police are called to the scene as a representative of HM Coroner.

22.2 District Cllr O'Callaghan reported that South Hams District Council's (SHDC) special meeting to discuss the waste collection service, alongside the contractor FCC, did not get very far as information was limited due to legal restrictions. However, an urgent resolution was required to address ongoing issues and the opposition retained their lobbying for the service to be managed again in-house. She had received reports that Duncombe Park's grass was not being cut enough and conversely that the Recreation Ground was being cut too much which brought about noise issues. Members felt that it was important to get the right balance between grass cutting and biodiversity gains e.g. dog walking areas should be cut. Moreover, SHDC needed to communicate to the public its rationale why some grassed areas were being left to grow and said biodiversity gains which would be achieved. The revised planning application for the Lock's Hill/K4 site (3122/21/VAR) had gone to Appeal and would be determined by the Planning Inspectorate. There were circa 2,000 Ukrainian refugees being hosted across Devon and SHDC would be providing a virtual briefing on Homes for Ukraine on the following evening. Locality officers had commenced working over weekends for the summer period. SHDC was working alongside Devon County Council to promote Cosy Devon; a scheme for free energy efficiency improvements for lower income households. Finally, there remained many households which had not claimed the council tax energy rebate in Bands A to D (which did not pay via direct debit) and a discretionary rebate was available for homes in Band E and above.

22.3 District Cllr Jackson reported that there had been a particularly good letter in the latest Kingsbridge Gazette regarding the FCC waste collection service. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (the Planning Bill) was working its way through parliament which sought to hold developers to account; SHDC, the Save Locks Hill group and others had been liaising with Anthony Mangnall MP to make the Bill become law. Finally, she thought the new mosaic unveiled at Age Concern during the Queen's Jubilee was lovely.

22.4 Cllr Cole reported, on behalf of County Cllr Brazil, on 2 matters which he wished to raise with KTC. Firstly, he invited comments from Members on the concept of a 20mph speed limit throughout Kingsbridge including the A379 and A381 to provide greater safety for all vehicular transport, cyclists and pedestrians alike. Members fully supported the suggestion to be progressed further. Secondly, the flooding event on Saturday 4 June had again left debris, mixed with sewage, on the highway in Bridge Street and Mill Street. He wished to know whether KTC had the appetite to manage post-flood pressure washing of the highways and he would be content to part-fund such operations. KTC had invited local residents and businesses to forward first-hand accounts, with photographic evidence, from this recent flood event which would subsequently be forwarded to the DCC Flood & Coastal Risk team by 15 June. It was supported for an early meeting with DCC, Environment Agency and South West Water to be requested in order to explore the mitigation of ongoing flooding before any commitment to related matters.

22/23 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

22/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 12 April 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

22/26 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Resolutions in the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 June 2022 and to forward the following feedback to SHDC Development Management:

Reference: **1186/22/HHO**

Case Officer: Liz Payne

Applicant: Mr S Coetzee

Proposal: Householder application for proposed side extension, erection of new greenhouse & associated landscaping works.

Site: 4 Leigham Terrace, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1BB

Members received the Planning Committee minutes dated 7 June 2022 and the findings of a site visit on 14 June 2022 when Members visited the site location and neighbouring properties.

KTC: **Recommend Refusal on the following grounds:**

- **The layout and density of the proposals will be overdevelopment of the site leading to a loss of amenity value currently enjoyed by neighbouring properties.**
- **The proposals appear to counter policies for residential extensions in the Supplementary Planning Document (July 2020) at 13.11 (roofing materials), 13.20 (overlooking), 13.36 (extension forward of existing house) and 13.37 (overdominance of side extension).**

22/27 PROPERTY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Property & Recreation Committee held on 24 May 2022.

22/28 ENVIRONMENT & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the Recommendations in the minutes of the Environment & Resilience Committee held on 31 May 2022.

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LOCAL WAITING RESTRICTION PROGRAMME 2021/22

Members received the South Hams HATOC proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Local Waiting Restrictions. It was **RESOLVED** to make the following comments to DCC:

1. A379 Embankment Road, Kingsbridge (Figure no.ENV5937-16).

Object - Between the access route to the ferry and The Crabshell Inn on the estuary/west side of the highway Double Yellow Lines (DYL) No Waiting At Any Time to be implemented rather than the proposed Single Yellow Line (SYL) No Waiting 8.30am-6pm. This revised proposal would assist Jewson during business hours and alleviate general parking issues along Embankment Road from 6pm onwards.

2. Saffron Park, Kingsbridge (Figure no.ENV5937-17)

Object - The previously agreed DYL No Waiting At Any Time in Saffron Park and Becketts Road to be implemented, rather than the proposal to be revoked, as the restriction is still required.

3. Scholars Walk, Kingsbridge (Figure no.ENV5937-18)

Support - The proposed DYL No Waiting At Any Time is required.

4. Waverley Road, Kingsbridge (Figure no.ENV5937-19)

Object - The proposed DYL No Waiting At Any Time is not required

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DEVON SQUARE – PARKING MATTERS

Members received a request from Devon Square residents for the introduction of DYL to prevent obstructive parking. It was **RESOLVED** to propose No Waiting At Any Time at the mouth of Devon Square be considered by DCC within the local waiting restrictions programme for 2022/23.

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CASH POINT

Members received a proposal for a cash point to be installed at Quay House. Discussion revealed the following:

- A 'hole in the wall' for external access would be unlikely to receive planning approval.
- An internal ATM in the lobby/Reception area may not have the available space, would not be visible enough, could only be accessed during opening hours, would probably require CCTV and there may be a risk to Staff

It was **RESOLVED** that a cash point for Quay House should not be progressed however, the adjacent Co-op should be contacted to explore the reliability of its ATM.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

32.1 KTC sponsored arts and entertainment events. Members' availability was requested for Fair Week's Glove Hanging and Floral Dance on Wednesday 20 July, Movies on the Square on Fridays 5 and 12 August, and Love Your Park on Sunday 21 August. It was agreed for Members to wear hi-viz bibs for the marshalling of the Floral Dance and for KTC tee-shirts (white logo/lettering on blue) to be produced for other events.

32.2 Flooding event Saturday 4 June. Further to agenda item 22.4, feedback to date had been received from: Bridge Street, Duncombe Street, Fore Street, Lower Union Road, Manor Park, Mill Street, Morrisons, Skelmersdale Close and Tesco. This would be forwarded to DCC's Flood & Coastal Risk team with another hastener for the catchment study (Kingsbridge Urban Integrated Drainage Management hydraulic modelling report) to be forwarded to KTC.

32.3 Forthcoming KTC meetings. Fore Street Car Park signage walkabout 15 June, Police Liaison Committee 16 June, Treblepark play area proposals 22 June and Love Your Park preparations 22 June.

32.4 Other agencies meetings. SHDC Homes For Ukraine briefing 15 June, Anthony Mangnall MP Police Hubs meeting 16 June, Citizens Advice "Be Scam Aware" 21 June and Allotment Officers forum 21 June.

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REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES

33.1 KTC/Wild About Kingsbridge/Devon Square residents walkabout 20 May 2022. Attended by Cllr Cole and the Town Clerk. WAK would produce some plans for the area.

33.2 KTC/DCC highways' signage walkabout 24 May 2022. Attended by Cllr Cole, Cllr Wingate and the Town Clerk alongside DCC local highways officer. DCC would feedback regarding historic brown tourism signage.

33.3 Queen's Jubilee events 2-5 June 2022. Members considered that the Town Square lighting had been well received but unfortunately the Buskers event was marred by torrential rain/flooding event. Other town events had gone well including Cllr Cole's attendance at the Age Concern tea party/mosaic unveiling.

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FINANCE – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members received a schedule of payments due to date 14 June 2022. It was **RESOLVED** that the payments amounting to £16,427.09 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

22/35 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

None.

22/36 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman was asked for an update on empty shops in the town centre and the findings would be aired on the Instagram page.

The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

..... Presiding ChairmanDate

Annex:

A. Public Open Forum.

Public Open Forum

Mr Steven Russell, Steve's Taxis, thanked SHDC and KTC for their support for re-lining the Bus Station. There was however, an issue at Ropewalk on egress as many motorists turned right to drive down Ilbert Road rather than turning left to drive around the roundabout and then proceed down Ilbert Road. This issue was insufficient markings and signage. Moreover, signage for pedestrians at the Bus Station directing persons to not walk across the site should be more visible and at head height.

As a taxi driver, he regularly noted illegal car parking across the town. That day a car had been illegally parked in a loading bay meaning a delivery lorry had to offload in the middle of the highway leading to huge tailbacks for a 10 minute period. There had been some minor re-lining of the highway in upper Fore Street recently but the entire street required it and greater DCC enforcement was needed to fine illegal parking. Finally, he had heard rumours of huge expenditure of over £100k on new street furniture.

Cllr Cole thanked Steve for his comments. The local DCC highways officer would be contacted regarding signage and re-lining, SHDC could be contacted about the Bus Station and KTC's budget for Fore Street for new street furniture (waymarking, seating, litter bins, planters and trees) was £68k with approximately £66.8k spent to date.