Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes - 27/03/2018

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence. (Please sign in at the Meeting).

In attendance Jonathan, Rob, Neal, Gillian, Brendan, Paul, Avtar, Brian, Sue, Daniel, Chris, Kevin. Received apologies from Angela, Alan, Duncan, Dave and Becky.

2. Minutes from the last Meeting held on the 5th March 2018 (To receive, consider and agree).

Minutes agreed from previous meeting.

3. To consider any Matters Arising and updates following the last Meeting held on the 5th March 2018 (On matters not included on this Agenda).

No matters arising.

4. Draft Consultants Report – Data from Questionnaires – to consider, review and make recommendations for the Town Council to agree at its full Meeting on the 19th March 2018.

A long discussion ensued on this document. Key points, up to page 17 of the report.

The main objective is to be positive within the plan

Housing

It was noted that accessible housing policies should be investigated with adaptable lifetime homes, for example, Warden properties.

The questionnaire results for the mix of dwelling sizes was roughly in accordance with current District Council (LPA) Local Planning Authority policy.

Different types of parking will need to be investigated further, to ensure that designated spaces are both substantial and used.

Green Space

It was agreed that existing Green space should be protected.

Further investigation is needed on the need and distribution of public open space and private space (gardens)

It was commented that for a Town of Kesgrave's size, there is no appropriate sports pavilion for sports like football.

Transport

Comments where made about the cycle routes surrounding Kesgrave, within the Town we benefit from good connectivity, going towards Ipswich, but there is a break in the network around Rushmere St Andrew.

There needs to be an improvement in the Road network to accommodate growing traffic. It is suggested that the Steering Group speaks to the Highways department at Suffolk County Council to better understand its plans and the principles for development

Other

More work is needed with the young people of the Town.

All other comments on the report to be collated and forwarded to Naivgus as a single document.

5. Urgent Matters as agreed by the Chair by 12 noon on the day of the Meeting

None.

6. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Annual Town Meeting – matters to be raised.

Review the second half of the consultants report.

7. Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.

11th April 2018, 6:15pm at the Kesgrave Town Council office.