

Kesgrave Town Council

Planning & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber.

Present:

Mr N Beecroft-Smith (Chairman)	Mr P Miller	Mr C Rayworth
Mr D Fairbrother	Mr J Ogden	

In Attendance: Mrs V R Read (Clerk to the Town Council)
Mrs L J Bennett (Assistant Clerk to the Town Council)
Rev Spittle – arrived 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Mr P Mills, Mr M Amoss.

2. Declaration of interests

Mr Rayworth declared a local non-pecuniary interest in Item 6, DC/13/2557/FUL, being known to a neighbour and remained in the meeting while consideration and discussion of the matter took place.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held 21st October 2013

Following one minor amendment, the minutes of the last meeting which had been issued, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

None.

An adjournment was declared:

– **to allow Members of the Public to speak**

Reverend Spittle asked if KTC had received any enquiries from residents regarding the Sinks Pit application. On being informed there had not, he suggested residents may not be aware of the application.

5. To discuss planning application DC/13/3408/FUL Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

Members attention was brought to this recent application and it was discussed in some detail, in particular the impact the increased amount of traffic on the A1214 would have on the community. It was agreed, the relocation of this company to the area with the future employment potential was positive. However Members considered while there are no specific planning policy grounds for refusal of the application that conditions should be put in place to ensure the road infrastructure is upgraded and the Kesgrave Community benefits from the application.

The application is being recommended at the next Development Management (DM) meeting to hold a site visit before determining the application. It was agreed therefore a holding email will be sent to the Planning Officer and a response will be drafted for Members consideration. The substantive response is

attached to these minutes at **Annex 1**.

Mr Fairbrother expressed his concerns over the application and that as it would appear residents are unaware of it as no comments had been received from them.

The Clerk will consult the Suffolk Coastal website to see if any objections had been received from Kesgrave residents. It was also agreed a short piece will be placed on the Kesgrave Council website and in February Kesgrave News. **Later:** 11 public comments, all from Playford Road, Little Bealings had been registered and Members were informed of this by email.

Reverend Spittle left

6. To discuss planning applications received in December 2013

The recent application in Dobbs Lane, DC/13/3782/OUT, was discussed and it was agreed to comment on the lack of residential amenity space. Members were encouraged to refer to specific policies when commenting on future applications. Amendments would be made to the comment sheets allowing this to be more straight forward.

7. KTC attendance at DCSub Meetings (now known as Development Management)

Members were advised there had not been any Kesgrave applications since October 2013 which had been considered by the SCDC Committee.

8. SCDC decisions compared to KTC comments

Members were issued with the document attached at **Annex 2** to the permanent copy of these minutes which analyses the details of applications. It was noted the number of applications received recently had significantly dropped. With the changes to the SCDC website, viewing or researching applications online is a much more complicated process.

9. Late items for information

Clarification was given to Members on the use of the way in which comments are now made on the SCDC letter instead of a Town Council headed letter being written. Also a short discussion took place regarding the application for retention of an outbuilding at 74 Bell Lane, where there had been a misunderstanding over this change.

10. Suggestions for Kesgrave News Articles

The Sinks Pit application with details for the forthcoming DM South meetings at Suffolk Coastal.

11. To receive such other communications or matters of sufficient urgency and importance that the Chairman will allow for discussion

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next P&D meeting will be held on a date to be advised
The next Full Council Meeting will be held 13th January 2014

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

Chairman