

Kesgrave Town Council

Planning & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Monday 21st October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber.

Present:

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

In Attendance: Mrs V R Read (Clerk to the Town Council)
Mrs L J Bennett (Assistant Clerk to the Town Council)
Mrs S Fairbrother

1. Apologies

None. However the Clerk apologised for failing to record Mr Beecroft-Smith's recent change of name on the agenda. All correspondence lists will be updated with the correct details as soon as possible.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held 18th February 2013

The minutes of the last meeting 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**

The member of the public present, did not wish to speak.

5. To discuss planning applications received in February 2013

Members attention was bought to a recent application on which no comments had been made during circulation, the Clerk suggested that although there were no grounds for a refusal it should be pointed out that the proposed front elevation is not in keeping with the street scene. Members agreed this comment should be made.

6. KTC attendance at DCSub Meetings

Members were advised there had only been one Kesgrave application since February 2013 which had been considered by the SCDC Committee. This was Council's own application for the Millennium Sports Pavilion, now known as the Millennium Jubilee Hall.

7. SCDC decisions compared to KTC comments

Members were issued with the document attached at **Annex 1** to the permanent copy of these minutes which analyses the details of applications.

Mr Rayworth highlighted the need for the Planning Inspector to take on board comments made by the Councils before making a decision. He referred specifically to the recent planning appeal at 2 Mackenzie Drive which had been allowed and which Members believe to be totally unacceptable.

8. Future responses following the adoption of the Core Strategy

The Chairman and Clerk expanded on the SCDC briefing they had both attended. Members were reminded that new regulations stipulate that applications will be considered in a favourable light unless there are definite reasons to refuse. They were issued with copies of relevant papers taken from the pack received from SCDC, and these are attached at **Annex 2** to the permanent copy of these minutes. These documents will provide Members with the relevant information needed when considering comments to planning applications, now reference to policies must be provided.

Mr Fairbrother stated he considered there is a need for Council to consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan and had been encouraged by Members at District Level and also the Liberal Democrat Party Policy. Mr Ogden and the Chairman explained that with the adoption of the Core Strategy, land locally had not been identified for development and Kesgrave therefore has no need at the present time to consider a Neighbourhood Plan. Some discussion was held on the cost of preparing a plan, which could be considerable for an area like Kesgrave, and the funds available which are by no means certain. At the SCDC seminar attendees were advised that if a Neighbourhood Plan was not in place, they would implement one. It was decided to contact Councillor Mrs McCallum for further information.

Mr Miller mentioned a recent article in the local press regarding a northern bypass. Although others present were aware of the possibility no further information was available at present and any likelihood of its fruition is some years away.

9. Late items for information

The Chairman explained documentation from Jerry Tate Architects on a pre-application planning enquiry for Forkrent at Sinks Pit had been received. The architects are offering to give a presentation of the proposals to the Town Council. Following discussion Members agreed to approach the architects posing initial questions with a request for an electronic version be provided to enable members to read the documents in their own time before an invitation to give a presentation is extended.

The Clerk drew members attention to a complaint regarding advertisement boards erected in various locations along Ropes Drive by Abbotts estate agents. The office had been contacted by another local agent who was concerned the boards did not have the correct permission. They are not for individual dwellings for sale but are advertising a "Grange Farm initiative". SCDC have been approached through District Councillor Mrs McCallum and subsequently a Planning Officer from Suffolk Coastal District Council has contacted Abbotts informing them the boards are unauthorised and require consent. The company have been given to Friday of this week to remove them all.

10. Suggestions for Kesgrave News Articles

None.

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 11th November 2013

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Chairman