

Kesgrave Town Council

Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Monday 28th January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber.

Present: Mr A Comber (Chairman) Mr J Ogden
Mr N Beecroft Mrs S Ogden
Miss S Hall (Project Officer & PTLO)

In attendance: Mrs J Francis (Deputy Clerk to the Town Council)

1. Apologies

Mr G Lynch – work commitments
Mrs J Smith – family commitments
Mr M Rayment – family commitments
Mrs P Sanford – family commitments

2. Declaration of interests

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held 24th September 2012

The minutes of the meeting held 24th September 2012 having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

a. Late items for information None.

No adjournment was declared as no member of the Public was present.

5. Burials

a. Late items for information None.

6. Library Provision

a. Working Party Report The Town Council has formed a Library Working Party which had its first informal meeting earlier in the evening to discuss the current situation before arranging an inaugural meeting with Kesgrave Library staff.

7. Litter

a. Late items for information None.

8. Public Open Space Reports

a. **Cedarwood Green** Nothing to report.

b. **Cedarwood Walk** Nothing to report.

c. **Legion Green** Nothing to report.

d. **MSG**

i. **Pitch Survey**

As a result of the soil survey carried out at the MSG both KTC and Kesgrave Kestrels agreed that neither of the two options presented to improve the condition of the ground could be contemplated even with a significant contribution by the Suffolk Football Association. The grounds will therefore be used for mini soccer only which will require no additional ground maintenance to that already carried out.

e. **Long Strops Pond** Nothing to report.

f. **Late items for information** None.

9. Roads, footways and footpaths

a. **Late items for information** The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that the reoccurring problem of flooding in Penzance Road had not yet been resolved. Councillor Christopher Hudson had been asked to intervene to help speed up the process but unfortunately it appears SCC Highways and Anglian Water cannot agree on a solution to the problem.

10. Rupert Fison Centre

a. **Christmas Lights Switch On and Children's Evening** The Chairman stated the Christmas Lights Switch On had been well attended and thanked Mr Ogden for stepping in at the last moment to play Father Christmas. It had been obvious, with comments made at the time, that the Children's entertainment had been missed. However, if the proposed purchase of a canopy goes ahead then reinstatement of the Children's entertainment will be achievable in 2013. The Chairman is collating information on various canopies which he will present at the next Committee meeting.

11. Kesgrave Conservation Group Report

In the absence of Mrs Sanford, the Deputy Clerk reported the Group had successfully planted approximately 50 of the 60 Oak trees designated for Kesgrave.

12. PTLO Report

Miss Hall, as PTLO reported:

- Route 165 through Fentons Way had been re-instated;
- unfortunately the same service had not been re-instated at Glanville Place. Therefore contact details of alternative transport services i.e. the Help Centre and Dial-a-Ride will be advertised and passed on to the many residents who initially contacted Miss Hall regarding this issue;
- complaints are still being received regarding Route 66 using single decker buses which cannot access the guided bus way leaving potential passengers stranded. Miss Hall has requested residents notify her when this occurs so that she can keep a record of events to present to First Bus as evidence of the problem;
- a new service Route 164 has been introduced which goes to Saxmundham and Yoxford;
- the Kesgrave web site has been updated accordingly.

13. P3 report

In the absence of Mr Rayment, the Deputy Clerk reported a walk is being organised for the 8th March and has been publicised in Kesgrave News.

14. Play Equipment Improvements and Provision

This Committee resolves that the public and the press be excluded for consideration of Item 15.a Additional Play Equipment Revised Quotes since publicity would prejudice commercially sensitive information, and that these matters be deferred to follow Item 19 on the agenda.

The following item was taken after Item 19 and minuted there.

15. Play Equipment Improvements and Provision

a. Additional Play Equipment

16. SCDC Divestment of Open Spaces and Play Areas

a. Fentons Wood The Committee were informed that no further information is available although the District Councillors have been contacted requesting an update on the current situation. Mrs Ogden stated she had no information but would make some enquiries.

17. Bench donation

In response to a request from KTC the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church had agreed to donate a bench similar to those already located in the Town and should be, in the very near future, contacting the Office with a delivery date.

18. Agenda items to be published in Kesgrave News

No suggestions were put forward by Members.

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

Mr Beecroft suggested that residents should be asked what community events they would like to see happen in Kesgrave but not necessarily to be organised by the Town Council. The Committee agreed this was a good idea especially as the Kesgrave Music Festival will not be held in 2012 which may be a catalyst for individuals to come forward with ideas and possibly volunteer as a potential organiser. An article will be written for Kesgrave News after being highlighted at the ATM.

No member of the public being present the Committee were able to consider the following item.

Miss Hall remained in the meeting for the following item as Project Officer.

15. Play Equipment Improvements and Provision

a. Additional Play Equipment The Deputy Clerk explained the current situation regarding the proposed additional play equipment, progress had been delayed because of revised safety surface criteria

and failed information on possible fencing requirements. The original quotation had therefore expired and the process of seeking new quotations had to be revisited.

Miss Hall, as Project Officer, presented three new quotations for the proposed play equipment similar to those already considered for Oak Meadow. All the quotations included a spacenet and additional climbing structures suitable for teenagers. The Committee discussed the various options with the types of safety surface to be used, guarantees and certification that accompanied the different equipment.

The Committee chose a contractor which they **agreed to recommend to Full Council to accept**. Miss Hall explained there is a shortfall in the required funding but was confident that as over 50% has already been achieved other grant bodies would look favourable on our request. Members of the Committee directed Miss Hall towards other grant organisations which may be able to provide the additional funding necessary.

The Chairman thanked Miss Hall for her continued endeavours to find a workable solution to a project which had presented many varied challenges.

20. Date of Next Meeting – 18th March 2013

The next Full Council Meeting will be held 11th February 2013.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Chairman