

Kesgrave Town Council

Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Monday 24th September 2012 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)	Mr M Rayment
Mr G Lynch	Mrs J Smith

In attendance:

Mrs J Francis (Deputy Clerk to the Town Council)
Mr M Percy (Member of the UK Youth Parliament)

1. Apologies

Mrs P Sanford – family commitments

2. Declaration of interests

No interests declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held 25th June 2012

The minutes of the meeting held 25th June 2012 having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

a. Late items for information None.

Mr M Percy (Member of the UK Youth Parliament) arrived during the next item.

No adjournment was declared as the Member of the Public did not wish to speak.

5. Burials

a. Late items for information None.

6. Library Provision

a. Working Party Report Although the Working Party has been suspended until further notice members had raised concerns regarding the recent one-off closures at the Kesgrave Library advertised due to staff shortages. The Deputy Clerk will contact the Library to ascertain the current situation.

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 Information had been supplied by the Kesgrave Kestrels Secretary following the soil survey which had been part funded by KTC. It was agreed by Full Council neither of the two options presented could be contemplated even with a significant contribution by the Suffolk Football Association as a number of queries need to be raised regarding the ongoing costs of the suggested options and also the Kestrels' ultimate aspiration for the use of the land. A meeting is still to be arranged between the Clerks and Kesgrave Kestrels to discuss the current situation and way forward.

e. Long Strops Pond Nothing to report.

f. Late items for information None.

9. Roads, footways and footpaths

a. Late items for information The Chairman reported that with the recent spate of bad weather flooding had re-occurred in Penzance Road and asked when the proposed works, to remedy this problem, would be carried out. The Deputy Clerk stated she was unaware of the current situation therefore will contact SCC requesting an update and inform Councillor Christopher Hudson asking if he can intervene to help speed up the process.

10. Rupert Fison Centre

a. Christmas Lights Switch On and Children's Evening The Chairman explained the Children's Evening had been enjoyed for four years. Unfortunately, after considerable deliberation, he had decided to cancel this years event. His decision has been taken because of insufficient support on both the technical and physical preparation required for this event. He also stated this decision could be reviewed if the provision of outside canopies are provided which would make all future events feasible. Therefore on this occasion he suggested, and the Committee agreed, the Christmas Lights Switch On would take place during the Scout Fair on the 30th November. The Deputy Clerk will write to the local schools and nurseries informing them of the event.

11. Kesgrave Conservation Group Report

In the absence of Mrs Sanford, the Deputy Clerk reported:

- a positive meeting has been held between KCG and SCDC to discuss the proposal and suitability of the chosen sites for planting 60 oak trees. Permission will now be sought from the relevant landowners, in addition to SCDC, to carry out the planting during the Autumn;
- the building on Ariel Green POS has now been demolished and all debris removed from the site.

Mr Beecroft stated his father had several saplings he wished to donate to the Group which were gratefully accepted by the Deputy Clerk.

12. PTLO Report

Miss Hall, as PTLO reported:

- she is still corresponding with SCC to resolve the unpopular decision taken to reduce the service for Route 165 through Kesgrave;
- Park and Ride fares have been increased;
- due to new revisions First Eastern Counties have reduced their bus fares for a promotional period.

13. P3 report

Mr Rayment stated a walk is being organised for October and will be publicised in Kesgrave News.

14. Play Equipment Improvements and Provision

a. Additional Play Equipment Miss Hall, as Project Officer, explained she has had a site visit with Mr Green, from SCS Ltd, to discuss the proposal to fence the play equipment on Oak Meadow POS. It was established with SCS the type of preferred fencing and the number of gates required for maintenance access. Mr Green stated he had several fence panels in store which would be suitable and would investigate the cost of providing additional panels to complete the job.

15. SCDC Divestment of Open Spaces and Play Areas

a. Fentons Wood The Committee were informed that a meeting is to take place tomorrow with SCDC Officers, Mrs Neale, District Councillor, Chairman and Vice Chairman of KTC and Clerks to discuss the divestment including the implications of the Management Plan for Fentons Wood. Full Council will be informed at their meeting in October.

16. Bench donation

The Town Council had been approached by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church who wished to donate a bench to the Town and, if accepted all they ask is for a plaque to be attached, acknowledging the donation. The Committee was presented with three different types of benches and agreed the all metal type was preferred. However, the Committee asked if it would be possible to provide or part fund a bench similar to those already located in the Town to give continuity. The Deputy Clerk will investigate.

17. Agenda items to be published in Kesgrave News

No suggestions were put forward by Members.

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

The Chairman reported the signpost at the junction of Foxhall Road and Dobbs Lane was hanging loose. The Deputy Clerk will ask the Council Handyman to deal with this.

19. Date of Next Meeting – 28th January 2013

The next Full Council Meeting will be held 8th October 2012.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Chairman

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