

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL
Planning and Development Committee Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the
13th November 2017
in the Council Chamber, Kesgrave Town Council

Councillors Present:

K Archer
A Athwall (*Apologies*)
N Beecroft-Smith (Chairman of the Council)
G Derrick
G Hamilton (*Apologies*)
P Mills (*Apologies*)
R Patten

In Attendance:

- Mrs S Clements – Town Clerk
 - One Member of the Public
1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed those present to the Meeting. (in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman – Councillor Archer chaired the Meeting). Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derrick, Hamilton and Mills.
 2. **Declaration of Interests** – Councillor Archer declared a non-pecuniary interest in one of the applications/proposals under Minute Number 7, as he is a resident of Orchard Grove. Councillor Archer signed the relevant Interest Book and took no part in the discussion and the subsequent vote.
 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 2nd October 2017** – These Minutes were received, considered and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Copy in Minute Book).
 4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** –
 - Minute Number 7 – Schedule of Applications/Proposals – DC/17/3995/OUT – 20 Bell Lane – Revised Plans/Site Boundary – The Committee received the revised details and noted that the boundary line has been amended.
 - Minute Number 13 – Right Homes Government Consultation (White Paper) – The Clerk reported that Mrs Jimpson has written to national government to reaffirm the Town Council’s formal response to SALC’s (Suffolk Association of Local Councils), consultation response. An acknowledgement has now been received from national government.
 5. **Members of the Public** – The member of the public in attendance spoke with regard to his concerns and strong objections relating to the revisions and retrospective proposal – DC/17/2929/FUL – 79 Dobbs Lane. He commented that the revised plans for the retrospective proposal do not reflect any significant changes in accordance with the original plans, apart from amendments to the dormer. Photographs and images were displayed and considered by the Committee under Minute Number 9.
 6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Committee noted that no letters have been received directly by the Town Council.

7. **Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority - (LPA). (Copy in Minute Book).
8. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the updates. (Copy in Minute Book).
9. **(Possible) Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – The Committee noted:
 - DC/17/2929/FUL – 79 Dobbs Lane – Revised Plans – The Committee received and considered the revised details on the 13th November 2017. Following the vote, the Committee felt that this application should be refused. It considered that the height and width on the revised drawings are still unacceptable and not in accordance with the plans, the fact that the development is still cramped, and that there are still material planning considerations as to why this retrospective proposal should be refused. The Committee still considers that this unauthorised development is contrary to Policies Numbered DM21 (Design Aesthetics, good visual design and layout) and DM23 (Residential Amenity – access, daylight and sunlight and the physical relationship with other properties). The development is too cramped, (DM8 Overdevelopment of the curtilage and scale), and it is out of character with the street scene and reduces the residential amenity. The revised retrospective scheme does not appear to have addressed previous concerns. The cramped plot is actually a very large house in this area of bungalows. This retrospective application should be refused, as it is still unlawful and will set a precedent for any future, potential applicants. If this retrospective proposal is not refused, indicating its breach and unlawful actions, it will make a mockery of planning control in this Town and District.
10. **Neighbourhood Plan Working Party** – The Committee received and agreed, following the vote, the amended Terms of Reference. It was noted that some Questionnaires have been delivered with the remaining delivery to every dwelling in Kesgrave due to take place and be completed during this week. (Week commencing the 13th November 2017).
11. **Adastral Park Development, Martlesham Heath (CEG Planning Application)** –The Committee noted that there were no further updates.
12. **Transport and Pedestrian Matters** – The Committee noted:
 - Community Speed Watch Scheme - The Committee noted that the coordinators of the scheme, (partnership with Kesgrave Town Council, Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council and Suffolk Constabulary), have not as yet secured the purchase of the mobile speed signage with the remaining funds from the previous 12PT scheme, due to issues with the company. An alternative purchase will be sought via a different organisation.
 - Proposed Pedestrian Crossing – A1214 in the vicinity of All Saints Church and Kesgrave Carpets and the bus stop – The Committee noted that the Clerk has been in contact with Openreach (BT) and the Highways Department of the County Council.

This is in readiness for considering the proposal made by the Chair of the Town Council's Transport and Pedestrian Working Party for a pedestrian crossing at this junction.

- Transport and Pedestrian Working Party – Councillors discussed the Terms of Reference for this Working Party and the current delegated powers via the Planning and Development Committee and also the fact that all Committee and Working Party Meeting Minutes/Notes are always considered by the relevant full Town Council Meeting. The schedule of meetings, (already agreed), for formal Town Council and Committee Meetings was discussed, together with the more informal dates and timings of Working Parties, which have no powers or voting rights and are simply advisory groups. It was noted that the Clerk or any Officer are not required to be present or attend Working Party Meetings.

13. Date of Next Meeting – The next Planning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 27th November 2017 at 6.15pm.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No items were raised.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.08pm.

Signed: Chairman..... Date.....