

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Minutes **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the** **19th February 2018** **in the Council Chamber, Kesgrave Town Council**

Councillors Present:

K Archer (*Vice Chair of the Committee*)
A Athwall
N Beecroft-Smith
G Derrick (*Apologies*)
G Hamilton
C Marsh
P Mills (*Chair of the Committee*)
R Patten

In Attendance:

- Mrs S Clements – Town Clerk
 - Mr S Barnett – Senior Infrastructure Officer, Passenger Transport, Suffolk County Council
 - Three members of the Public
1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed those present at the Meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Derrick.
 2. **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 5th February 2018** – 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 9 – DC/17/5431/FUL – 41 Dobbs Lane – The Committee noted that this application was addressed at the LPA's referral panel on the 6th February 2018 where the LPA's Committee Chair and Vice Chair agreed that the application could be delegated to the Head of Planning Services for determination. The reason for delegation is that the development proposal was considered to accord with the relevant planning policies: DM7, DM21 and DM23 of the Local Plan; and there were no other overriding matters that would warrant a committee determination.
 5. **Members of the Public** – One member of the public spoke about agenda item numbered 9 and DC/17/2929/FUL – 79 Dobbs Lane. Another member of the public spoke to advise the Committee that he is interested in agenda numbered 11 and Grainger plc, Long Strogs, Land off of Bell Lane and the proposed 1300 new houses.
 6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Committee noted that there were no letters or copy details 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 or Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – The Committee noted the following:
 - DC/17/2929/FUL – 79 Dobbs Lane – This retrospective application will be considered by the LPA's Planning Committee Meeting on the 15th March 2018. Councillor Marsh kindly agreed to represent the Town Council at this Planning Committee Meeting.

Two members of the Public left the Meeting at this stage.

10. **Rescheduled Public Inquiry - Long Strops – Land off of Bell Lane – 300 Proposed new Houses** – The Committee noted that the Planning Inspectorate has advised that the re-determination process for this Appeal, (unless the appellant - Persimmon Homes Ltd, seeks to argue for this to be re-determined through written representations), is likely to be via a new Public Inquiry in late spring/early summer 2018. This provides an opportunity for previous representations to be reaffirmed – specifically in relation to updated information, material changes in circumstances and issues upon which the appeal was quashed. The LPA has confirmed that it is currently appraising what information it needs to compile and how it will formally present these details at the new Public Inquiry. (This pre-determination process is as a result of an error in law from the Secretary of State's Officer and the previous Public Inquiry). It was agreed, following the vote, that the Town Council should reaffirm its previous representations and the decision reached at the last Public Inquiry to uphold refusal of this proposal. It was also agreed that it should be emphasised that Kesgrave has significantly contributed recently to the required housing supply figures for the region and that the 2,000 new houses at Adastral Park in the adjoining Parish of Martlesham will also be a large contribution to the required housing supply for the Suffolk Coastal area.
11. **Grainger Plc – Long Strops – Land off Bell Lane – 1300 Proposed new Houses** – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.
12. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Sub-Committee** – The Committee noted that there are no new updates.
13. **Outline (LPA Agreed) – 2,000 New Houses at Adastral Park Development, Martlesham Heath (CEG Planning Application)** – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.
14. **Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan** – The Committee received and noted the latest position regarding this adjoining Parish and the Neighbourhood Plan. It noted that at once final matters of the Plan have been resolved, then the Examiner's Report should be published imminently, with the Plan then being amended to go forward for Examination thereafter.

- 15. Transport and Pedestrian Matters** – The Committee received and noted the presentation from the Highways department of Suffolk County Council/Kier and that there were no new updates.

A verbal update was received from the Senior Infrastructure Officer from Passenger Transport at the County Council in relation to the new bus stop electronic timetables. The Committee noted that the old posts and metal work will be moved in the next few weeks, in readiness for the real-time screens being replaced. It was also noted that the balance from the County Council's budget for this financial year after expenditure have not as yet been calculated, and that the budget for the next financial year is not as yet known. In response to the question regarding any additional funding streams, the County Councillor Officer advised that the Town Council may wish to apply to the County Councillors for funding via their respective County Council locality budgets. He advised that this is probably the only known funding stream, with perhaps the odd green travel grant which comes through occasionally.

- 16. Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils' Economic Growth Plan Consultation** – The Committee noted that following on from the last Meeting, the District Council has agreed to extend the deadline for responses to this consultation from the 10th February 2018 to the 21st February 2018, in order to facilitate the Committee to consider this matter. This document, together with the draft response to it, was received, considered and agreed, following the vote, subject to the following being included: The Town Council would also wish to see more content about social mobility and with regard to the smaller micro businesses, it considers that there should be more focus on bringing larger employers to this region. This would also encompass more paths for progression. The Town Council is aware that with regard to the grants offered by the LEP, there will be little or no take up, due to the criteria not being met. It is also against locating businesses into shop units/retain, which is not the right strategy.

- 17. Street Naming - four new dwellings, private road at rear of 2-8 Dobbs Lane**
- Following on from its Meeting on the 22nd January 2018, the Committee noted that the District Council has confirmed that these new dwellings will be known as 1-4 Anna Hayes Court, Dobbs Lane.

- 18. Chairman/Clerk Other/Urgent Communications – DC/17/5464/FUL – 8 Jennings Drift – Single-Storey Garage Extension and New Porch. Demolish Existing Garden Wall and Re-Build in New Position** – The Committee received and noted the revised plans, where it was pleased to note that the changes to the scheme have incorporated improvements to address potential parking concerns and raised no objections.

- 19. Date of Next Meeting** – The next Planning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 12th March 2018 at 6.15pm.

- 20. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – No items were requested.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.05pm.

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