

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Minutes Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 18th June 2018

Councillors Present:

K Archer (*Vice Chair of the Committee*) (*Apologies*)
A Athwall
N Beecroft-Smith
C Marsh (*From Minute Number 5*)
P Mills (*Chair of the Committee*)
R Patten (*Apologies*)

In Attendance:

- Mrs S Clements – Town Clerk
- 6 Members of the Public

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Archer and Patten. (Councillor Marsh previously advised that she will be slightly late for the Meeting).
2. **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 4th June 2018** – These Minutes were received, considered and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Copy in Minute Book).
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – There were no updates.

Councillor Marsh arrived at this point of the Meeting.

5. **Members of the Public** – Members of the public spoke relating to their respective concerns about the planning application; DC/18/2292/FUL - Land at the junction of Ropes Drive and Mead Drive. Issues raised included highway concerns; (traffic, pollution and parking), infrastructure pressures and the proposed design being out of character in this area.
 6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Committee noted the formal email received from Suffolk Libraries relating to DC/18/2292/FUL - Land at junction of Ropes Drive and Mead Drive and the objections to this proposal.
 7. **Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority - (LPA). (Copy in Minute Book).
- Four members of the public left the Meeting at this stage.*
8. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the updates. (Copy in Minute Book).

One member of the public left the Meeting at this stage.

- 9. Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate –** No matters were raised.
- 10. Rescheduled Public Inquiry - Long Strops – Land off of Bell Lane – 300 Proposed new Houses –** The Committee noted that there were no new updates. The relevant Officer from the LPA has advised that no updates have as yet been received from the Inspector and Secretary of State's office. The Committee raised its concerns about this given the fact that the Public Inquiry is imminent. Councillors Athwall, Marsh and Patten will represent the Town Council with the Clerk.
- 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 Mr J Ogden, local resident has stepped down from this Sub-Committee. A letter of thanks has been sent to him by the Chairman of the Council; Town Councillor Beecroft-Smith. The Committee is aware that the Sub-Committee had a stand at the Kesgrave Fun Day on Saturday, 9th June 2018. Councillor Archer provided the following update; Councillors Archer, Athwall, D & S Fairbrother, and the Clerk manned this stall (and the Town Council stall). It was felt that this presence was productive and some good engagement work and discussion took place. Councillor Archer produced 200 copies of A4 sheets with 10 questions detailed which were targeted at the Youth of Kesgrave. In exchange for 5 minutes of their time to complete the questions Councillor Archer offered Kesgrave embossed reusable water/drinks bottles that his business had kindly purchased especially for the event. Councillor Archer is in the process of collating the results (11-16, 17-23 and 24-29) age groups that were under-represented in the initial Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and engagement process, and he intends to have this data available for the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Monday 25th June 2018 at 6.15pm at the Town Council offices. The Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee can then pass the core data and some of the analysis work onto the consultancy company that the Town Council has engaged, which is being funded following a successful national grant application. Councillors Archer and Athwall attended the Town Council's Tuesday evening Youth Club session on the 12th June 2018 and had an extremely interesting time engaging with the young people in attendance and obtaining their views on future development and the needs within Kesgrave for the next generation and beyond. Street lighting, underpasses, open spaces and general lack of things to do, all scored high on their objectives and a "wish-list", perhaps for a building more central to Kesgrave which young people felt might attract better youth attendance.
- 13. 2,000 New Houses at Adastral Park Development, Martlesham Heath (CEG Planning Application) –** The Committee noted that there were no new updates.
- 14. Transport and Pedestrian Matters, including Air Quality –** The Committee noted that the District Council has agreed that the Air Quality Monitoring Results Report for Kesgrave for 2017 is now a public document. With regard to the deterioration of air quality in Kesgrave, the District Council has advised that it is difficult to say what has caused this. Results were generally high across the district in the early quarter of the year and this may have influenced the annual average.

The deterioration of air is likely to be due also to unusual meteorological conditions which can significantly affect the air quality. Roadworks and traffic flows may have influenced the results too but this is impossible to clarify. The District Council has confirmed that it will continue to monitor nitrogen dioxide in the area and will be able to consider the results in more detail as further years data is obtained, and trends identified.

- 15. Chairman/Clerk Other/Urgent Communications** – Councillor Beecroft-Smith provided an update with regard to the Suffolk Constabulary buildings at Martlesham. It was noted that there is a covenant on the land/buildings. The buildings are now considered not fit for purpose. An outline planning application will be submitted for 250 houses. A valuation of the land and buildings has been sought. The development is scheduled to commence in 2 years. Currently around 800 staff work at the Martlesham Police Head Quarters and it is considered by Suffolk Constabulary that there will be no changes or increases to traffic flow on this site when the proposed new 250 houses are built. Suffolk Constabulary will be relocating to new premises and will still operate the Ipswich Emergency Control area.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting** – The next Planning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 2nd July 2018 at 6.15pm. (Councillor Marsh gave her apology for this Meeting).
- 17. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – No items were requested.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7pm.

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