

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Minutes **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the** **4th June 2018**

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Mrs S Clements – Town Clerk
 - Councillor G Ward
 - No Members of the Public
1. **New Chairman of Committee** – The Chairman of the Council – Town Councillor Beecroft-Smith took the Chair for this item. Following the vote, it was agreed that Councillor Mills will serve for the ensuing Council year.
 2. **New Vice Chairman of Committee** – Following the vote, it was agreed that Councillor Archer will serve for the ensuing Council year.
 3. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – An apology for absence was received from Councillor Patten.
 4. **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
 5. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 21st May 2018** – These Minutes were received, considered and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Copy in Minute Book).
 6. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – There were no matters.
 7. **Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public.
 8. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Committee noted that no direct letters have been received by the Town Council.
 9. **Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority - (LPA). (Copy in Minute Book).
 10. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the updates. (Copy in Minute Book).

11. Possible 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/18/1852/FUL – 17 Mackenzie Drive – Extension, Alterations and Rooms in Roof – At its last Meeting, this Committee recommended refusal on this proposal.

12. Rescheduled Public Inquiry - Long Strops – Land off of Bell Lane – 300 Proposed new Houses – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.

13. Grainger Plc – Long Strops – Land off Bell Lane – 1300 Proposed new Houses – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.

14. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Sub-Committee – The Committee noted that the Steering Group/Sub-Committee is having a stand at the Kesgrave Fun Day on Saturday, 9th June 2018 where a youth related questionnaire has been prepared. (Councillor Archer was thanked for leading with this stand and questionnaire). The next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Sub-Committee will be on Monday, 25th June 2018 at 6.15pm at the Town Council Offices. An Officer from Suffolk County Council will attend the said Meeting.

15. 2,000 New Houses at Adastral Park Development, Martlesham Heath (CEG Planning Application) – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.

16. Transport and Pedestrian Matters, including Air Quality

- Civil Parking Restrictions - New Traffic Regulations Order (TRO) – The consultation details from Suffolk County Council were received, considered and discussed together with the formal response from Suffolk Constabulary and PCSO Sarbutts. Following the vote, it was agreed to fully support the response of Suffolk Constabulary, including; reference to the continuing problems with parents/ guardians parking on the cycle path opposite Kesgrave High School, where there are enforcement difficulties resulting from the red paint on the cycle path having all but disappeared in places, along with the white line dividing the cycle path from the footpath. As it stands, drivers can claim they do not know it is a cycle path because it is not clearly marked, and Suffolk Constabulary cannot issue fines where the markings are so questionable. Ideally this needs to be repainted fully to allow the Police and the future Civil Parking Enforcement officers, to enforce this area with fines where offences occur. The highlighted map was also received and noted. The Committee noted the TRO for Bell Lane opposite Heath Primary School's frontage which relates to a single yellow line with loading and unloading restrictions. Following the road works, the area on which the single yellow line was previously painted, has been replaced with a double yellow line, which contradicts the current TRO, so enforcement there is questionable too. The Committee noted that with regard to the new maps replacing the written TRO, the Police welcome this change and also make the observation that it is so much easier to understand the order.

17. Chairman/Clerk Other/Urgent Communications – The Chairman spoke about his concerns relating to the end of Dr Watsons Lane and no apparent progress in this area with regard to traffic coming from the Martlesham area and turning right into Dr Watsons Lane.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that this has recently been raised with the Community Engineer at Suffolk County Council who represents Kesgrave and where he has been asked to follow this matter up.

18. Date of Next Meeting – The next Planning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 18th June 2018 at 6.15pm.

19. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No items were requested.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 6.42pm.

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