

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL
Planning and Development Committee Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the
2nd July 2018

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Mrs S Clements – Town Clerk
 - No Members of the Public
1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marsh and Patten.
 2. **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest. (Copy in Minute Book)
 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 18th June 2018** – These Minutes (version 2) 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.
 5. **Members of the Public** – There were no members of the public.
 6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Committee noted that none have been received.
 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 via email. The Clerk advised that the system of reporting these decisions is currently under review. (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 that there were no matters.
 10. **Briefing – First Draft Local Plan** – Following the vote it was agreed that Councillor Archer, Athwall and Beecroft-Smith should be the Council's representatives to attend on Wednesday, 18th July from 7-8pm at the District Council offices.

Councillor Archer also raised the matter with regard to the consultation venues, where the Committee agreed that Kesgrave should be one of the key venues for the future, given its high population of residents which exceed 15,000. (Councillor Patten previously raised her concerns also about Kesgrave not being a venue).

11. **Rescheduled Public Inquiry - Long Strops – Land off of Bell Lane – 300 Proposed new Houses** – The Committee wished to express its thanks to Town Councillors Athwall and Marsh for their attendance during the 4 days at the Public Inquiry. The Committee also expressed its gratitude to Ms J Cody, local resident who spoke on behalf of local residents and Ms Hall the Town Council's Public Transport Liaison Representative who spoke on transport matters for the town. The sterling work of all these representatives is greatly appreciated.
12. **Grainger Plc – Long Strops – Land off Bell Lane – 1300 Proposed new Houses'** – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.
13. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group/Sub-Committee** – The Committee noted that following on from the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee Meeting on the 25th June 2018 that a new Chairman has been nominated, together with a new Vice Chairman. Councillor Archer provided an update following the youth questionnaire and the data which has been analysed into a first draft document.
14. **2,000 New Houses at Adastral Park Development, Martlesham Heath (CEG Planning Application)** – The Committee noted that there were no new updates.
15. **Boundary Commission Consultation** – The Committee received an update regarding this matter and discussed possible boundaries/areas of responsibilities within Kesgrave (east and west). It was agreed to suggest that Bell Lane should be the natural boundary for Kesgrave.
16. **Transport and Pedestrian Matters, including Air Quality** – The Committee received and considered the Woodbridge Road, Ipswich proposed 20mph speed limit consultation details and considered how this may affect Kesgrave. The Committee received and agreed, following the vote, the written response from Councillor Archer who has used this section of road daily for the last six years. Councillor Archer reported on witnessing dangerous and illegal driving and parking, including; people being on mobile phones whilst driving, applying make-up whilst driving, illegal parking on kerbs, cars doing U turns on the pedestrian crossing, cars reversing out of the school entrance onto the main road and pedestrians ignoring the crossing and instead creeping up behind slow moving traffic.
17. **Chairman/Clerk Other/Urgent Communications** – Councillor Archer reported on the recent exhibition regarding the proposed sale of the Police Headquarters in Martlesham. Concerns were raised regarding land ownership and queried if some land is still in the ownership of Suffolk County Council. A detailed discussion took place.
18. **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Planning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 16th July 2018 at 6.15pm.
19. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – No items were requested.

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

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