

# **KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 29 July 2019**

### **Councillors present:**

A Athwall  
N Beecroft-Smith (*Chairman of the Town Council*)  
P Carr  
A Comber  
K Archer  
J Ogden (*Vice-Chairman of the Town Council*)  
S Ventigila  
G Ward  
R Gibson

### **Officers present:**

J Abbott – Town Clerk  
J Catling-Green – Service Development Co-ordinator

**1. Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Fairbrother, reason-personal and G Lynch, reason-work. Following the vote these were agreed and accepted. Apologies were also noted from County Councillor R Whiting.

**2. Declaration of Interests** – Cllr A Comber, Scout Leader – item 9.a. Cllr J Ogden, Scout Leader – item 9.a and Chair of Kesgrave Library Community Group – item 9.c. Cllr A Athwall, member of Kesgrave Library Community Group – item 9.c.

**3. Minutes of the last Meeting** – 24 June 2019, Full Council received, considered and agreed following the vote. (8 agreed, 1 abstention).

**4. Chairman's Communication** – Cllr N Beecroft-Smith spoke briefly about the Ipswich Northern Route (INR) Consultation session he recently attended at KWMCC. He highlighted the mixed opinions he received at the session and it was noted this will be fully discussed at item 13. Cllr N Beecroft-Smith also informed the meeting that Ray Ashford of the Royal British Legion (RBL), Kesgrave had recently passed away. He was a very important part of the RBL and will very much missed at Kesgrave's 11/11 Remembrance Services.

**5. Clerks/Officer Report/Update** – J Abbott also confirmed she attended the recent INR Consultation session at KWMCC.

**6. Members of the Public** – there was 1 member of the public present, who wished to speak regarding item 13.

**7. County and District Councillor Reports** – J Abbott provided a brief update she had received from Suffolk County Cllrs Whiting and Lawson. Cllr Whiting advised Officers are currently working on proposals for the Foxhall Road/Bell Lane junction and he will keep the office updated as these emerge. Cllr Lawson advised of the repair work done to Oxford Road, which he had helped fund using his enabling budget, he also advised he will be forwarding a report to confirm the programme of works for all white line markings on the roads in Kesgrave.

## **8. Partnership Funded PCSO Reports –**

- The PCSO reports were noted and apologies given by PCSO Read on these only being sent today due to being on annual leave. J Abbott highlighted the issue with anti-social riding of mopeds in the Town and how PCSO Read is dealing with this with the support of the Ipswich East Safer Neighbourhood Team. PCSO read also highlights the importance of reporting all anti social matters to the Police. (Copy of reports in minute book).

## **9. Finance & Governance –**

- a. Schedule of Accounts – These were presented and following the vote agreed by Council.
- b. Transfers from Savings Account - These were presented and following the vote agreed by Council.
- c. Library Grant Report – The report was presented and following the vote agreed by Council for payment to be made for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Jan-Mar 2018/19 budget) and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Apr-Jun 2019/20 budget).
- d. Finance and Governance meeting held 15 July – these were received and noted.

## **10. Planning & Development –**

- a. Planning & Development Committee meeting minutes; 1 and 15 July – these were received and noted.

**11. Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr R Gibson and Chairman of the NP confirmed there had now been 3 drop in sessions at the Town Council Office, where he had engaged with a few members of the public. There had also been a stand at July's Kesgrave Market, which he manned with fellow Cllr and NP member, P Carr. Leaflets were handed out and a few discussions had with residents. There has also been some really good local press coverage for the NP. Some correspondence has been received in response to the Consultation, one of which was from Sport England, and some details will be checked to points they have raised. The NP Chair has had some discussions with agents of the landowners, whom own part of Dobbs Wood, however as the NP is now in Reg.14 Consultation they have been advised via the Clerk that they should, if they wish, make their representations through the published channels and either support the LGS designation as proposed or object to the area it covers setting out their reasons why.

## **12. Community & Recreation –**

- a. Foxhall Road, Kesgrave – J Abbott advised this matter is ongoing and she is leasing with Police and Suffolk County and District Councillors.
- b. Woodbridge and District ASB Meeting 27 June 19 – Cllr A Comber confirmed he attended and highlighted the sessions 4YP are putting on in the summer holidays at the MJH, parking issues in the Town and the road accidents on Foxhall Road and Bell Lane. He also confirmed he and J Catling-Green attended the recent County Lines Seminar.

**13. Ipswich Northern Route (INR) Consultation** – The Chairman, Cllr N Beecroft-Smith invited the resident to speak. The resident gave a report and confirmed the reasons why they are strongly against the INR. Cllr R Gibson spoke about the detailed report he had provided, which had been distributed to all Cllrs with the Agenda for this meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed, seconded and following the vote agreed for an extraordinary meeting to be held on Monday 12 August, to discuss and agree this Councils formal response to the INR. J Abbott will raise some questions with the INR team on their Q&A document and will also speak with neighbouring Parishes on their views / response. A statement will also be added to the Town Council website to invite any residents to provide their comments on the INR, which they would like Council to consider.

**14. Co-Option of Town Councillor** – J Abbott confirmed the request for co-option had been received from a resident, a copy of their CV had been received and sent out with this Agenda. It was proposed, seconded and following the vote agreed for Mr Shaw to be Co-opted as a Town Councillor. J Abbott will contact Mr Shaw to advise and complete all necessary paperwork.

**15. Kesgrave Post Office** – J Abbott confirmed following the last meeting J Catling-Green had sent a letter to Royal Mail and is currently awaiting a response.

**16. Kesgrave Town Council Representative's** – J Abbott advised the;

- Patient Participation Group (Doctors) representative - is not supported by the Birches Medical Centre and will be removed from the Town Council list.
- SALC representative - is now Cllr R Gibson.

**17. Report from Clerk and Press Officer** – J Abbott confirmed upcoming events had been submitted to In-Touch for the August edition.

**18. Other /Urgent Communications** – None.

**19. Date of Next Meeting** - The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 30 September at 7.15pm, in the Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices. J Abbott also reminded Council of the Extraordinary meeting, which will be held on Monday 12 August at 7.15pm, in the Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices.

**20. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – None.

*(The 1 member of the public left the meeting at this point – 8.45pm)*

**21. Resolution to exclude the Public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960** – Full Council considered and agreed following the vote.

*Agenda items 22a & b and 23a, b & c were then discussed in the CONFIDENTIAL part of this meeting.*

**Chairman** ..... **Date**.....