

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
5 July 7.15pm

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)

Councillor P Carr

Councillor J Ogden

Councillor A Athwall

Councillor G Lynch

Councillor D Mears

Councillor R Gibson

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Catling-Green Events & Estate Manager
- Mrs J Abbott – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman of the Committee, welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Cllr K Archer (personal). Cllr G Lynch arrived at 7.22pm
2. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Comber – Kesgrave Market - Kesgrave Scouts and Rupert Fison Centre Ltd. Cllr Ogden – Kesgrave Scouts
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** - held on Monday 12 April 2021 – These Minutes were received, considered, and approved by the Committee.
4. **Officer Report/Update/Matters Arising** – No updates
5. **Members of the Public** – Resident Mr Richard Colver. Mr Colver spoke about the East Suffolk Council initiative regarding ‘Pardon the weeds, we are feeding the bees’ at Pergola Piece and Badgers Bank. Mr Colver reported that the grass in these areas is extremely long and cannot be used for its purpose. There is litter in the long grass and when walking dogs, it is very difficult to pick up any dog mess. The Town Clerk informed Mr Colver that she would be meeting with Cllr J Mallinder of East Suffolk Council on Tuesday 6th July and would raise this issue. It is the Town Council’s intention that this area is managed as a conservation area, with the outside of Pergola Piece hosting wildflowers and plants and that the grass is cut for residents to use the area for picnics etc. Work is due to be carried out in September through the Kesgrave Conservation Group to improve the centre circle.
6. **Longstrops Cycle Route** – Cllr Gibson reported that this project is in the Kesgrave Neighbourhood plan, it was agreed that this project would be reviewed in the future. JA to write to neighbouring parishes on their thoughts.
7. **Youth Club** – 4YP will be doing extra sessions in the summer. Cllr Lynch offered to fund some daytime activities for teenagers in the school holidays. JC-G will contact 4YP to see if they are able to facilitate this.
8. **Millennium Jubilee Hall (MJH) / Millennium Sports Ground (MSG)** –

- a. The Millennium Jubilee Hall bookings are going very well, with many regular hirings and some new groups.
9. **Play Areas, Open Spaces –**
- a. Cedarwood Green - Cllr Carr reported that the works are due to be completed on Friday the 9th of July. A meeting has been arranged on the 9th of July to set up the cameras to the Council's requirements. Discussion took place on when the lights would be set to come on. All agreed that they will automatically come on at dusk and go off in sequence at 5-minute intervals from 8.15pm. A letter will be delivered to residents regarding the project in August. A final decision will be made on the timing of the lights at the Kesgrave Full Council Meeting on the 27th of September.
 - b. Play Area adoptions – JC-G informed the Committee that KTC are still waiting to hear from East Suffolk Council. JC-G asked if Cllr Lynch could make enquiries at ESC as to what stage they are at with the adoptions. Cllr Lynch agreed.
 - c. Kesgrave Wombles – JC-G reported that the Wombles have recently received an enabling grant from Cllr Stu Lawson for extra litter picking equipment. This was gratefully received by the Kesgrave Wombles.
10. **Events –**
- a. Roller skating on the 17th of July, The Kesgrave Fun Day 31st July and a Tea, Chat & Dance event on the 26 August are currently planned.
 - b. The Town Council have been working with the Kesgrave High School, supporting them in their Pen Pal scheme for Kesgrave residents. The High School also have a tea party arranged on the 19th of July for people who have felt isolated during the pandemic. JC-G has also been in discussion with the school regarding projects for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
11. **Kesgrave Market** – Cllr Comber reported that the market on the 19th of June went well and the café at the market was well used.
12. **Kesgrave Business Plan** – Cllr Gibson, Cllr Comber and the Town Clerk have been working on this plan. Cllr Lynch thanked Cllr Comber for his hard work. Cllr Lynch requested that an 'Environment' heading be added within the document. This was agreed along with the C&R projects being prioritised. Cllr Comber stated that he would do this. It was also agreed that the Business Plan be made available for the public to see at the KTC stand at the Fun Day on the 31st of July.
13. **Other requests** – It was confirmed that Cllr Mears has volunteered to be the KTC Tree and Hedgerow representative.
14. **Suggestions for Press and Media** – none
15. **To receive** such other communications or matters of sufficient urgency and importance that the Chairman will allow for discussion (to be notified to the office by 12noon on the day of the meeting)
16. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – To consider any matters that members would like to discuss at the next meeting on Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.15pm (*meeting closed at 8.20pm*)

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