

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes
19 February 2024

Councillors Present:

N Beecroft-Smith

A Cook

R Gibson (*Committee Chairman*)

J Ogden

G Ward

In Attendance:

J Abbott – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr A Athwall, reason – personal.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – none.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 5 February 2024** – These minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – The Clerk provided the following update –
 - Oak Meadow Hedge Removal – agreed to be discussed under item 12.
 - Application DC/23/4547/FUL 9 Edmonton Road, provision of dropped kerb, which was discussed and commented on at the last meeting, the ESC Planning Officer requested clarification of this committee’s response, which was provided, possible referral to ESC Planning Committee.
5. **Members of the Public** – one member of the public present, they didn’t wish to speak.
6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – none received directly to the office; however, it was again noted there were additional objection letters on the planning portal for the pump track application.
7. **Schedule of Planning Proposals** – No applications currently listed for Kesgrave.
8. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the two applications listed, which were in agreement with this committees’ recommendations. (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** – none.
10. **Proposed Pump Track at Long Stroops, Planning Application** – The Clerk & Cllr Gibson provided the following update:
 - The Sound Assessment has been received and is currently being reviewed.
 - The Clerk and Events & Estate Manager met with the Community Police Officer (CPO) for Kesgrave to discuss the concerns and objections from residents. the CPO has provided some crime statistics at similar sites for the

last year; BMX track in Ipswich, Skatepark in Woodbridge and Leiston Skatepark, only a couple of incidents listed. The CPO would be happy to engage with the residents who have concerns.

- The Office have been speaking with both the organisers for Parkrun and Football regarding the parking on a Saturday morning, both are aware this needs to be closely monitored and members reminded to park sensibly and considerately. The office is considering placing traffic cones along some areas on a Saturday morning.
- The location for CCTV would be one camera on the skatepark and one on the entrance/exit of the MSG car park.

11. East Suffolk Council, review of Street trading Policy – this was received and discussed. The committee agreed they do not believe any roads in Kesgrave require being prohibited as part of this review and noted this review mainly addresses what was the Waveney District. However, the committee wanted to confirm if requests are made for street trading in Kesgrave, does this require the approval of the Town Council first.

12. Other/Urgent Communications – The Office have received several calls and emails from residents concerned about the removal of a large section of hedgerow in Oak Meadow/Godbold Close. Following a discussion, it was agreed the Clerk will make some further enquiries with land registry, ESC and engage with the resident of the property to confirm what their plans are for the boundary.

13. Suggestions for the press and Social Media – The committee agreed to provide updates via our Facebook Page when there are further developments with the Pump Track application.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4 March 2024 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm

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