

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 13 May 2024

Councillors Present:

A Athwall

N Beecroft-Smith

J Ogden

G Ward (*Vice-Committee Chairman*)

In Attendance:

J Abbott – Town Clerk

A Skinner – Town Cllr

1. **Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Vice-Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cook, reason – personal and Cllr Gibson, reason – personal.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Ward, item 7. DC/24/1083/FUL – non-pecuniary, neighbour. Cllr Beecroft-Smith, item 7. DC/24/1404/FUL – non-pecuniary, work client.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 22 April 2024** – These minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – The Clerk provided the following update;
 - An email was sent to ESC Planning Team requesting extension on four applications to be considered this evening due to the recent bank holiday Monday. The officer for application 102 Bell Lane agreed to an extension. A response was not received for the other three.
 - The Planning Officer for Tremlett Lane advised the application had been amended by the agent following our objection (to be discussed under item7.)
5. **Members of the Public** – two members of the public present.
6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The Clerk noted there were several neighbouring objections on the planning portal for 26 Orchard Grove, and also one for 1 Quebec Drive, both of which will be considered under agenda item7.
7. **Schedule of Planning Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were eight applications for consideration, DC/24/1568/FUL 3 Brendon Drive, DC/24/1394/FUL 49 Knock Gardens, DC/24/1189/FUL 1 Evans Drift, which were all recommended as 'Support', voting was unanimous. DC/24/1083/FUL 102 Bell Lane was recommended as 'Support', Cllr Ward abstained. DC/24/1109/FUL 29 The Lloyds and DC/24/1272/FUL The Manse 1 Quebec Drive were both recommended as 'no objection'. DC/24/0909/FUL 14 Tremlett Lane was recommended as 'support' with the removal of the gate and fence. DC/24/1404/FUL 26 Orchard Grove no recommendation was made, comments submitted. (Copy of schedule, including full details and comments in minute book).
8. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – none listed.

- 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 Strops, Planning Application** – The Clerk advised at the Annual Town Meeting in April a local resident asked what the cost would be to maintain a pump track? Following enquiries with contractors who install pump tracks and with play inspection companies, it was concluded that the cost to maintain would be very similar to that of a play area. (The Town Council already own and manage the majority of play areas within the Town). The Town Council Operatives would include the pump track on their daily checks and routine maintenance would be carried out by them. All play areas have a quarterly and annual risk assessment carried out by an external inspection company and the pump track would be added. The Town Council have an annual budget already in place for play space repairs/remedial work.
- 11. Suffolk County Council, Plug in Suffolk; nominate a road for a public on-street EV chargepoint** – following a discussion it was noted that there aren't any roads within Kesgrave that do not have off road or private parking areas. It was therefore suggested and agreed to nominate 3 public areas; Rupert Fison Square Car Park (back of Scout Hall, adjacent to Birches Medical Centre), Grange Business Centre and Mead Drive Business Centre.
- 12. Other/Urgent Communications** –none.
- 13. Suggestions for the press and Social Media** – Cllr Beecroft-Smith recommended a further update on the councils Facebook page on the pump track proposal. It was also suggested and agreed to share the post with local schools and to update them.
- 14. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 3 June 2024 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.
- 15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.58pm

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