

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 9 December 2024

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)

Councillor J Ogden

Councillor A Athwall

In Attendance:

- Miss J Catling - Events & Estate Manager (EE)
- Councillor Rod Gibson

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence –** Cllr Comber welcomed all those present. Apologies from Councillor G Lynch – work commitments
- 2. Declaration of Interests –** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting -** held on 9 September 2024— These Minutes were received, considered, and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Signed copy in the minute folder).
- 4. Officer Report/Update/Matters Arising –** EE gave thanks to Mr Michael Rayment who has recently stepped down as footpath representative after 30 years. The Committee also gave thanks for his services to Kesgrave. Mr Peter Elmer has now taken over the role. Consultation is underway by the Government on the re-use of cemetery plots. EE recommended that the Town Council wait for information to be provided from NALC/SALC on any action that may need to be taken. Committee agreed.
- 5. Members of the Public –** None
- 6. Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Pump Track Application in Kesgrave – EE confirmed that Planning Permission has been granted by East Suffolk Council and looks forward to starting on the project in 2025.
 - b. East Suffolk Council have sent out tenders for renovation works to Grange Meadow play area. EE has requested that the Town Council have the opportunity to look at designs.
 - c. EE circulated an example of new road signs for Kesgrave, this will be funded by Councillor Debbie McCallum's highway budget. Committee agreed to proceed.
 - d. Spring Bulb Planting – The Council and Kesgrave Scout Group met at the end of October and planted 3000 bulbs at Legion Green and Cedarwood Walk. It was a great morning to work with the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels who thoroughly enjoyed the activity.
- 7. Community Events –**
 - a. The Christmas weekend event was very well attended. It was lovely for the MADS dance group to perform on Saturday morning.
 - b. Event Dates for 2025 – List of events previously circulated.
- 8. Suggestions for the Press and Media –** To consider any new items for inclusion.
- 9. Other/Urgent Communications –** The Chair thanked the Committee and staff for their hard work in the year.

10. Date of Next Meeting – 17 March 2025 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Council Office.

11. Agenda items for Next Meeting – none.

Meeting closed at 7.37pm

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

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