

# **KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 17 February 2025**

### **Councillors present:**

A Athwall  
N Beecroft-Smith (Chair)  
A Cook  
A Comber  
R Gibson  
J Ogden  
A Skinner

### **Officers present:**

J Abbott – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Beecroft-Smith, welcomed all those present. Apologies received from Cllr G Lynch, reason – work and Cllr Ward, reason personal, following the vote these were accepted. Apologies also noted from District & County Cllr S Lawson.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Town Council meeting** held on 20 January 2025, following the vote these were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. **Chairman's Communication** – The Chair provided the following update:
  - He gave his apologies for his recent absence, which was due to a change in employment. The Chair thanked the Vice Chair Cllr Gibson for his support during his absence.
  - He reiterated the large number of Cllr vacancies the council now has.
  - He has been invited and will be attending the Ipswich Civic Reception on 18 March and Woodbridge VE Day commemoration on 10 May.
5. **Clerks/Officer Report/Update** – J Abbott provided the following report.
  - The Town Council has ordered and is currently awaiting another SID (Speed indication Device), which was jointly funded by the towns three District Cllrs: Lawson, Lynch and McCallum.
6. **Members of the Public** – none.
7. **County and District Councillor Reports** – No written reports received.
8. **Finance & Governance** –
  - a. Transfer from Savings Account and the KTC Card Payments Account for January 2025 – following the vote this was agreed.
  - b. Flagstone, review of maturing deposit account due 20 February 2025 – following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by Cllr Skinner to

transfer the funds from the Hampshire Trust Bank to the fixed 12-month deposit account with Charter Savings Bank, following the vote this was unanimously agreed.

**9. Planning & Development –**

- Committee meeting minutes: 20 January 2025 and 3 February 2025 were noted (copies attached).

**10. Community & Recreation –**

- a. Pump Track Project – The Clerk confirmed the project is progressing, awaiting an installation date to be agreed.

**11. Devolution** – The Clerk confirmed she and Cllrs Comber and Gibson attended the SALC 'Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)' working together virtual meeting earlier today, which was very well attended and informative. The Governments consultation on proposals to create a Mayoral Combined County Authority across Norfolk and Suffolk has just been published. The Clerk will continue to attend SALC led seminars/workshops on Devolution and the LGR to update Council on developments and of any formal responses required by KTC. It was agreed the Clerk and Chair will agree on a small statement to provide to the press of KTC's position re the Devolution / LGR process.

**12. Other/Urgent Communications** – Cllr Comber enquired about the position of Kesgrave Library with the renewal of Suffolk Libraries contract still outstanding with Suffolk County Council. The Clerk will make contact with the Head of Community and Performance for Suffolk's Libraries IPS Limited for an update.

**13. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 31 March 2025, 7.15pm, at the Town Council office – Cllr Gibson confirmed his apologies.

**14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – none.

**15. Resolution to exclude the Public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960** – no public present, agreed.

Agenda items 16a, 17a&b and 18a were then discussed in the CONFIDENTIAL part of this meeting.

*this part of the meeting finished at 7.45pm.*

Chair .....Date.....