

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 31 March 2025

Councillors Present:

A Athwall

N Beecroft-Smith (*Chair*)

J Ogden

Officers Present:

J Abbott – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chair of the Council welcomed all those present to the meeting, apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Cook and Gibson, reason personal.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 17 March 2025** – These minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – The Clerk provided the following update:
 - On 25 March the Clerk viewed (via youtube) the ESC Planning Committee South meeting, where application DC/22/5004/FUL Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road, was being debated. Following a 2hr consultation, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to permit the application.
 - Planning application fees increase from 1 April 2025, full details on the ESC website.
 - Cllr McCallum informed the office of an Enforcement Case, which is currently being reviewed by the LPA at The Birches Medical Centre, ref: ENF/25/0042/USE for a possible breach of the siting of shipping containers.
5. **Members of the Public** – one resident present, they declined to speak.
6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – The committee noted the two emails received by the Town Council from residents with their objections to recent planning applications. One was objecting to planning application DC/25/0549/VOC Land at Hartree Way and the other was objecting to planning application DC/25/0584/FUL St Martins Court Bugsby Way.
7. **Schedule of Planning Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were four applications for consideration; three were recommended as 'no objection'; DC/24/4305/FUL 56 Penzance Road, DC/25/0784/FUL 20 Tommy Flowers Drive and DC/25/0837/FUL 43 Windrush Road. Application DC/25/0908/FUL Fir Cottage 79 Dobbs Lane was recommended as 'Object', as will cause significant harm to the current street scene. (Copy of schedule, including full details and comments in minute book).

(The one member of the public left the meeting after the second application on the list was considered).

- 8. Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the two applications listed, DC/24/4492/TPO 56 Wright Lane and DC/25/0295/TPO Kesgrave Hall, both of which this committee recommended to ‘support’ and were ‘permitted’ by the LPA.
- 9. Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – The Clerk confirmed District Cllr McCallum has supported this committee with its objection to DC/25/0584/FUL St Martins Court Bugsby Way.
- 10. Other/Urgent Communications** – The Clerk advised the office has received the ‘East Suffolk Local Development Scheme’, a timetable for the preparation of planning policy documents, which will be circulated to all members via email (this can also be viewed on the ESC website).
- 11. Suggestions for the press and Social Media** – None.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 14 April 2025 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.
- 13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – None.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.37pm

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