

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes **14 July 2025**

Councillors Present:

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

Officers Present:

J Abbott – Town Clerk

- 1. Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed all those to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Comber and Skinner.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 30 June 2025** – These minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
- 4. Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – the clerk advised:
 - Cllr Beecroft-Smith and the Clerk will be attending the ESC Planning Forum, which takes place on Wednesday 16 July at East Suffolk House, Melton, 9.30am-12.30pm. Cllr Cook has given his apologies for being unable to attend on this occasion.
 - Email received regarding national consultations and changes to the planning appeal process; Cllr Gibson provided an overview to all members via email. No questions raised.
- 5. Members of the Public** – one resident in attendance and wished to speak regarding agenda item 7, planning application DC/25/1819/FUL 13 Penzance Road. The Chair allowed for this item to be brought forward for discussion and debate under this agenda item. The resident strongly objects to the amended application stating the same reasons as the initial application; insufficient on-site parking, leading to on road, path and grass verge parking all having a detrimental impact on local residents, the business is now too big for the premises. The resident strongly disagrees with the comments recently submitted by SCC Highways and questioned the response by District Cllr Lynch. Following a discussion the committee unanimously voted to continue to object to this application reiterating their initial objections still stand.
- 6. Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – the clerk confirmed two emails received into the office from two residents continuing to object to application DC/25/1819/FUL.
- 7. Schedule of Planning Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were three applications for consideration; one was recommended as 'no objection'; DC/25/2639/FUL 7 Terry Gardens. One was recommended as 'support'; DC/25/2488/TPO 29 The Combers and one was recommended as 'object' as noted

under agenda item 5. (Copy of schedule, including full details and comments in minute book).

8. Schedule of Planning Decisions – The Committee noted the four applications listed, which were in agreement with this committee’s recommendations, highlighting application DC/24/1744/FUL Land adjacent Waterworks Cottages Bodmin Close which was ‘refused’ by ESC and was recommended as ‘object’ by this committee. (Copy of the full list in the 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. Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan –

- a. KNP Review/Community Survey – the clerk advised the public survey closed on 4 July and the office have been advised approx. 400 responses received. A local business also contacted the office following an email from this office promoting the survey and contract received from ARC4, after confirming the reason for the survey being carried out the local business was willing to complete and ARC4 confirmed they were still able to process the response.
- b. KNP Policy Usage Statistics – The Chair commented on the report received from ESC on the usage of the KE policies from January to June this year. The Chair also provided an additional report confirming how many times since the KNP has been in place that KE policies have been cited; 45 times. Cllr Ogden asked the Chair if the KNP was reviewed would he remove or add any policies, the Chair advised there may be one to remove or add but the majority have been, and are used very effectively (copy of both reports in the minute book).

11. Other/Urgent Communications – Cllr Cook commented positively on the new fencing erected at the TRU7 group entrance on Main Road.

12. Suggestions for the press and Social Media – none.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 28 July 2025 at 6.15pm, in the Council Chamber, Town Council office. The Clerk gave her apologies for this meeting.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.47pm

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