

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **16 June 2025**

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)
Councillor J Ogden
Councillor A Athwall
Councillor G Lynch
Councillor R Gibson

In Attendance:

- Miss J Catling - Events & Estate Manager (EE)

- 1. Election of Committee Chair 2025/2026** – Following the unanimous vote Cllr A Comber was voted Chair of the Community & Recreation Committee
- 2. Election of Committee Vice Chair 2025/2026** – Following the unanimous vote Councillor J Ogden was voted Vice Chair of the Community & Recreation Committee.
- 3. Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Comber welcomed all those present. No apologies.
- 4. Declaration of Interests** – None.
- 5. Minutes of the Last Meeting** - held on 9 December 2024 - These Minutes were received, considered, and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Signed copy in the minute folder). The meeting of 17 March 2025 did not take place as not Quorate.
- 6. Officer Report/Update/Matters Arising** – None
- 7. Members of the Public** – None
- 8. Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Pump Track in Kesgrave – update – JC informed that a revised planning application has been submitted to East Suffolk Council for track design changes. JC will keep the Council informed of progress.
 - b. Grange Meadow Play Area – update – East Suffolk have instructed a play company for the refurbishment of the play area, JC is awaiting a start date of works.
 - c. General – update – JC reported that two grants from District Councillors McCallum and Lawson have been approved. Cllr Lawson is funding two large flower containers to put sited outside of the scout hall at Rupert Fison Square. Cllr McCallum has funded two new benches at the green in front of the Flagship Houses. Our second Bee Bar will also be installed there. The Town Council Estate Operative is currently refurbishing the WI village sign which is also sited on this land. We also have two pending applications supported by Cllr McCallum's enabling budget, a dance project for children in the school holidays and a 10 week outdoor yoga course in partnership with Kiln Farm.
- 9. Community Events** –

a. 21 June 2025 – update – Forecast for fun day is due to be hot. Volunteers and staff will have access to the Millennium Hall office to take breaks. Water/sun cream will be available.

10. Transport – Bus stop improvements – update by Cllr Ogden. Cllr Ogden reported that funding is available for improvements to bus stops. Cllr Comber to discuss with the Town Clerk.

11. Suggestions for the Press and Media – To consider any new items for inclusion. Cllr Lynch suggested an annual litter pick event. It was agreed that other groups be informed to see if they wish to take part in litter picks, as previously done by Scouts/brownies etc.

12. Other/Urgent Communications – Cllr Comber thanked Cllr Gibson for all his work on land adoption, the Committee also gave thanks. Cllr Beecroft-Smith spoke about using the Town Council social media/event calendar to promote certain events, i.e autism week, pride month. NBS will compile a list, and this will be discussed at Full Council.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 1 September 2025 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Council Office.

14. Agenda items for Next Meeting – none.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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