

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 06 September 2021

Councillors Present:

N Beecroft-Smith

A Cook

G Ward (*Vice-Chairman*)

In Attendance:

- **Mrs J Abbott – Town Clerk**
- **District Cllr D McCallum** (*arrived at 6.32pm*)

1. **Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present, apologies received for Cllr R Gibson-reason personal, apologies accepted following the vote.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – none.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 16 August 2021** – These Minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – J Abbott confirmed the latest Planning and Building Control Newsletter from ESC had been circulated to Cllrs and reminded members of the areas of interest.
5. **Members of the Public** – 1 resident present regarding application 7 Moorfield Close, DC/21/3848/FUL, the Chairman welcomed them to the meeting and invited them to speak when this application is discussed under agenda item. 7.
6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – J Abbott confirmed Cllrs had been informed of the copies of letters of support for application 7 Moorfield Close, DC/21/3848/FUL, which had been received by the office and Cllrs had access to these via the ESC planning portal.
7. **Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were four applications for consideration, the committee agreed to discuss 7 Moorfield Close, DC/21/3848/FUL first to allow the resident to speak if they wished to. Following a detailed discussion, the committee voted to 'Refuse' this application (2 for, 1 against), with the following comment made; the committee noted all the letters of support for this application and acknowledge the fence has been erected to a good standard, however it was stated that Grange Farm is an open housing development and the erection of 2m fencing to front areas is detrimental to the area. The resident spoke and reiterated the support of local residents for the fence, which has been erected. J Abbott confirmed this committee are only a consultee and the final decision would be made by the Planning Authority (ESC) and highlighted the LPA will determine the application in line with planning policy. Applications DC/21/3800/TPO Fentons Wood Wilkinson Drive and DC/21/3861/FUL 17 Columbia Close were both recommended as 'Support', voting was unanimous. Application DC/21/3794/FUL Land at 306 Main Road was recommended as 'Refuse', voting was unanimous – the committee believe this is contrary to policy SCLP5.3: Housing Development in the Countryside. (Copy of schedule in minute book).

(The resident left the meeting after discussion of 7 Moorfield Close, DC/21/3848/FUL - 6.30pm)

(Cllr McCallum joined the meeting while discussing the other three applications – 6.32pm).

- 8. Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the two applications listed, which were both permitted by ESC, and were in agreement with this committees' recommendations. (Copy of decisions in minute book).
- 9. Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – J Abbott confirmed the current position regarding 102 Main Road, highlighting the conditions added to the revised plans – *“it is considered necessary at this stage to impose the condition requiring demolition of the original property prior to occupation of the replacement dwelling.”*
- 10. Other/Urgent Communications** – Cllr McCallum updated the committee on the long outstanding matter regarding the rear gardens /additional land in Quebec Drive – matter ongoing with Suffolk County Council Highways and she is also discussing with ESC Planning. Cllr McCallum also confirmed ESC Planning Enforcement and ESC Housing are aware of and addressing the issues raised regarding the use of outbuildings in the rear garden of a property in Carlton Road.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting** – 20 September 2021 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.
- 12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – None.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.43pm

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