

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 13 December 2021

Councillors Present:

N Beecroft-Smith

A Cook

R Gibson (Chairman)

G Ward

In Attendance:

- **Mrs J Abbott – Town Clerk**

- 1. Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed those present.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 29 November 2021** – These Minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote. Cllr Cook abstained.
- 4. Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – J Abbott advised the possible breach of control at 46 Dobbs Lane: Erection of an outbuilding in front garden of property has been investigated by ES Planning and they have confirmed the following: *“Due to its attachment to the main dwelling it was determined the building is an extension. However, removing this attachment making it an outbuilding would not resolve the breach of development control. Outbuildings in front of the principal elevation required planning permission. For these reasons the owner has been given a period of time to remove the extension. Alternatively, it is their right to submit a retrospective planning application to retain the extension”*. J Abbott also highlighted some of the reasoning for the refusal by SCC to the retrospective planning application: DC/21/3062/FUL 10 Rowarth Avenue, Retrospective Application - Change of use of garage into hair salon. The following has been considered by this committee on other applications so is worth noting; *“The proposal seeks to remove a potential parking space in the garage without providing a suitable replacement. While it is unknown as to the number of bedrooms the dwelling possesses (as this determines the number of required parking spaces), there is evidence showing that the dwelling has need to accommodate at least 3 vehicles, and this does not include customer parking”*.
- 5. Members of the Public** – none.
- 6. Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – none.
- 7. Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the seven applications listed, five of which were in agreement with this committees’ recommendations, two were not;- DC/21/3848/FUL 7 Moorfield Close, Retrospective Application - Installation of a 2m fence facing the highway and DC/21/4439/OUT 29 Edmonton Road, Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Subdivision of domestic garden and erection of two new one and a half storey dwellings. The committee have previously discussed 7 Moorfield Close, however J Abbott made them aware that 29 Edmonton Road was taken to the ES Planning referral committee due to objections from KTC and others and

was discussed at length, all persons present were not in agreement, however the recommendation by the Case Officer was supported, and not referred to the ES Planning and Development committee to consider. J Abbott believes any case which cannot clearly be agreed by the referral panel should go before the full ES Planning Committee. The committee agreed for the Clerk to email ES Planning with this observation. (Copy in minute book).

- 8. Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate – none.**
- 9. Review of Recommended Lorry Routes in Suffolk –** J Abbott advised she has discussed this with County Council D McCallum who has given her support on the following observations being made; HGV learner driver routes Bell Lane and Penzance Road – already problematic due to narrow roads, already main bus route, deliveries to shops, large primary school. Issues with A14, Orwell Bridge closures result in grid locked Main Road, impacts all resident's and increased air pollution. To credit local business Trucks R Us, respectful of Town, residents. The committee voted to support this response to the SCC Lorry review.
- 10. Transport Strategy for the East –** Cllr Gibson proposed this is promoted on the Town Council website for individuals to respond and for himself and J Abbott to put together a formal response from Kesgrave Town Council, for consideration by this committee at the next meeting in January. This was agreed and supported by the committee.
- 11. Other/Urgent Communications –** J Abbott advised a planning application for the High School has been received and it was suggested that the committee consider this application this evening due to the uncertainty of meetings in the new year due to covid. The committee agreed and discussed the following planning application: DC/21/5117/FUL Kesgrave High School Main Road, Creation of pedestrian access from the A1214. The committee voted to 'support' with the following observation: they want to ensure the path way will not encourage pupils and resident's from trying to cross the Main Road, rather than using the underpass. Voting was unanimous. Cllr Gibson thanked the Committee and Clerk for all their support over the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting –** 10 January 2022 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.
- 13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting –** none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.50pm

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