

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 29 November 2021

Councillors Present:

N Beecroft-Smith

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, apologies received from Cllr A Cook – Personal, agreed following the vote.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** – none.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 1 November 2021** – These Minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
- 4. Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – J Abbott noted; the 'ESC Planning and Building Control November Newsletter' had been received. The property in The Backs had been referred to ESC Planning by District Cllr Lynch, following a report of a fitness business being run from the house.
- 5. Members of the Public** – none.
- 6. Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – none.
- 7. Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were nine applications for consideration, four were recommended as 'Support' – voting was unanimous, DC/21/4886/FUL 3 White Lodge Gardens, DC/21/4978/FUL 49 Penzance Road, DC/21/3864/FUL 18 St Olaves Road and DC/21/5128/FUL 39 Michigan Close. Two were recommended as 'Support' with comments / observations made, DC/21/4950/FUL 6 Lyle Close and DC/21/5097/FUL 14 Wainwright Way. Two were recommended not to object with observations/concerns, DC/21/4857/FUL 61 Curtis Way and DC/21/4884/FUL 16 Mackenzie Drive. One was recommended as 'refuse' – overdevelopment, contrary to policies SCLP5.9 and KE1. (Copy of schedule, including full comments in minute book).
- 8. Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the two applications listed, both were permitted and in agreement with this committees' recommendations. (Copy in minute book).
- 9. Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – Cllr Gibson confirmed he attended the ESC Planning Committee meeting on 23 November and represented the Town Council regarding DC/21/3848/FUL 7 Moorfield Close Retrospective Application - Installation of a 2m fence facing the highway. Cllr Gibson spoke about maintaining the 'open plan' of Kesgrave and the fact of neighbouring

properties fencing was in resident's rear gardens, there were no questions for Cllr Gibson. District Cllr D McCallum spoke and strongly supported the Town Council's position. Following the vote of 7-2, permission was granted subject to a floral condition. Following a discussion, the committee agreed they are consistent on their views and recommendations and will continue to dispute such applications.

- 10. East Suffolk Consultations on Supplementary Planning Documents and the Draft Cycling and Walking Strategy** – Cllr Gibson referred to his comments he had circulated to the committee on the 'Draft Cycling and Walking Strategy' ahead of the meeting and following J Abbott's attendance at the recent Teams meeting on this matter, she provided the following information; the 'IM' routes are all high priority as this is linking Ipswich to Melton - via Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave, Martlesham, Woodbridge. This policy / document will be consulted on when any proposed developments are submitted for these areas. J Abbott highlighted Kesgrave already has two 'through routes' within the Town – Main Road and Pilbroughs Walk, which should be prioritised for improvements, updating before looking at further links such as Long Strops. Kesgrave Town support the need for better links between settlements, however not at, what could be a detrimental loss of open space / recreation facilities for our Town. The committee agreed to put forward the above as a recommendation to Full Council at tonight's full council meeting, and for this to be the Town Council's response to the Draft Cycling and Walking Strategy. The committee agreed that they didn't feel Council needed to official respond to the other supplementary planning documents.
- 11. Other/Urgent Communications** – Cllr Gibson mentioned some fencing and posts, remain at 8 Hayward Fields after the retrospective planning application was refused, J Abbott to raise with ESC Enforcement.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting** – 13 December 2021 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office. Cllr Gibson gave his apologies for this meeting.
- 13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.49 pm

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