

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 30 September 2024

Councillors Present:

A Athwall
N Beecroft-Smith
R Gibson (*Committee Chairman*)
J Ogden

In Attendance:

J Abbott – Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting, apologies received from Cllr Cook, reason – personal, following the vote these were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – none.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 2 September 2024** – These minutes were received, considered, and approved following the vote.
4. **Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – The Clerk provided the following report;
 - Confirmed as proposed at the last P&D meeting and then agreed at Full Council on 16 September, Cllr Gibson has submitted a formal response to the NPPF Consultation on behalf of the Town Council.
 - Following a request from a resident to the current position of an enforcement case in Howards Way, contact has been made with the Officer at ESC and they are now in direct communication with the resident.
 - Cllr Gibsons email sent to all P&D Members regarding Greenbelt Areas in Suffolk, was noted.
5. **Members of the Public** – Three residents were present and wished to discuss application, DC/24/3156/FUL Fir Cottage 79 Dobbs Lane. The Chair recommended for this planning application to be discussed under this item, which was supported by all committee members. Following a detailed discussion between residents and members it was proposed, and following the vote unanimously agreed, for this committee to 'object' to this planning application for causing significant harm to the current street scene. The committee also agreed to make reference to the plans which have been submitted, as they do not align to what is currently built.

(the three members of the public left the meeting at this point).

6. **Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – None received directly into the office; however, it was noted that an objection had been submitted to the LPA for application DC/24/3156/FUL.
7. **Schedule of Planning Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). There were two applications for consideration. One was taken under item 5, as noted above. The second was DC/23/4735/FUL Millennium Sports Ground, the Chair requested for this to

be registered as a 'Support'. (Copy of schedule, including full details and comments in minute book).

8. **Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the seven applications listed. (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** – none.
10. **Proposed Pump Track at Long Strops, Planning Application** – The Clerk confirmed Patrick Allen & Associates have submitted all documents required by the LPA and the office is now awaiting a decision on the application.
11. **Proposed Installation of telecoms apparatus at Millennium Sports Ground** – The Chair confirmed the lease and fee have now been agreed, with signed documentation being submitted to our Solicitor.
12. **ESC Planning Consultation on the Pre-application Advice Service** – Following a discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to complete the questionnaire on behalf of this committee.
13. **A12 Major Road Network (MRN) Improvements** – Cllrs Beecroft-Smith and Ogden attended one of the 'drop in' sessions. They both highlighted questions and concerns with some of the proposals; the bus lane off the A12 into Portal Avenue and locations of pedestrian crossings. The Clerk will be attending the webinar on 8 October, it was therefore proposed that following the webinar for the Clerk and Cllrs Beecroft-Smith and Ogden to put together a proposed response to the consultation, for consideration at the next P&D meeting, this was unanimously agreed.
14. **Other/Urgent Communications** – The Clerk advised the committee that following Cllr Gibsons response to the NPPF Consultation, a request was received from the Ministry of Housing to complete a further survey on 'Demolition and Retrofit in National Planning Policy', members agreed this was not an area this committee had any expertise in and therefore this should be declined.
15. **Suggestions for the press and Social Media** – none.
16. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 14 October 2024 at 6.15pm, Kesgrave Town Council office.
17. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7pm

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