

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Planning & Highways Committee** at 10.00am on Wednesday 1st November 2023 held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors M. Dunne (Chair), N. Glendinning, I. Graham, A. Green, L. Truman

Other Cllrs in attendance: None

Others present: None

Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Deputy Clerk)

111. Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting protocol.

112. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Saunders. Cllr Dunne proposed acceptance of the apologies. This was seconded by Cllr Green with all in favour.

113. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dunne declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 116.2 on the agenda as he is a member of the Benacre & Kessingland Flood management project. An ongoing request for dispensation have been received from Cllr Green in respect of his role as district councillor.

114. Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Graham proposed that the minutes of Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 18th October 2023 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Truman with all in favour.

115. Public participation on Planning Applications.

There were no members of the public present.

116. Planning Applications to be considered

116.1 [DC/23/4045/FUL](#) | Side and front extension, internal alterations and alterations to windows and doors | The Old Police House Church Road Kessingland Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 7TH.

Councillors discussed this application and were satisfied that it adhered to the neighbourhood plan and there would not be any impact on neighbouring properties. Therefore, Cllr Dunne proposed that the committee recommends approval of this application. This was seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

116.2 [DC/23/3838/EIA](#) | Environmental Impact Screening Opinion - Land To The West Of Benacre Pumping Station South Of Kessingland | Land To The West

Of Benacre Pumping Station South Of Kessingland The Street Benacre Suffolk. The committee discussed this application and noted its importance for the village and surrounding areas as the project would reduce the flood risk from the sea both to Kessingland and the A12. The scheme would also have major environmental benefits as it is highly likely that it would form a new wetland habitat between the barriers and the sea (which is likely to become a salt marsh which are highly efficient at absorbing large amounts of carbon monoxide) as well as a new freshwater landscape to the west of the main pumping station. The pumping stations themselves have been designed to allow eels and other fish that go upstream to spawn to pass through the pumps safely. It is also likely that this new environment will attract migratory birds and other fauna and flora which could potentially increase the current Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty north to include the new area and Kessingland as well as extending the Pakefield to Eastern Bavents SSSI further inland between Kessingland and the Benacre National Nature Reserve. This particular application relates to a Screening Assessment to determine if the work falls under an Environmental Impact Assessment as requested by the East Suffolk Planning Department in order that the planning application DC/22/4123/CLP can be considered. The report provides a full, detailed assessment and concludes that:

The screening assessment has identified that significant effects on the environment are not considered likely either alone or in combination with other developments. The effects would be managed in accordance with standard methods. The proposed development is therefore not considered to be EIA development as defined by the EIA Regulations.

Therefore, Cllr Graham proposed that the committee recommend acceptance of this report and approval of this application in order that DC/22/4123/CLP can be fully considered and approved as already recommended by the parish council. This was seconded by Cllr Green with all in favour.

117. To receive East Suffolk Council (ESC) responses to Planning Applications.

117.1 DC/23/3235/FUL | Link between garage and extension, garage conversion and construction of carport | 22 Holly Grange Road Kessingland Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 7RR

It was noted that this application was approved in line with Kessingland Parish Council recommendation.

117.2 DC/23/2992/FUL | Construction of a front porch | 1 Humber Cottages Market Place Kessingland Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 7TA

It was noted that this application was approved in line with Kessingland Parish Council recommendation.

118. Public Consultations

118.1 None

119. Other Planning Matters

119.1 None

120. Date of next meeting.

It was noted that the date for the next meeting will be held 10am Wednesday 15th November 2023

Please note that the meeting will be cancelled if there are no applications to be

considered).

The next joint meeting with Suffolk County Council will be Wednesday 29th November 2023.

121. Items for the next agenda

It was noted that due to the frequency of Planning Committee meetings, items for the next agenda need to be received by the Friday immediately following this meeting (with the exception of planning applications).

122. Exclusion of the Press & Public

That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 (Sections 100 and 102), the public and press be excluded for the remaining items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted including contractual and personnel related matters.

122.1 None

123. Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.10am.

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