

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Kessingland Parish Council Meeting At 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th September 2024 held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors K. Archbold, C. Carter (Vice-Chair), C. Cook, I. Graham, A. Green, L. Hood, S. James (Chair), J. McLean & Z. Mohamdee

Other member present: Cllr M. Ladd

Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Deputy Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

77. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the new Councillor Z. Mohamdee and explained the meeting protocol.

78. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Glendinning & Saunders and acceptance was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Cook with one abstention and eight in favour.

79. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non- Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda and there were no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Dispensations have been granted to the following:

- Cllr Carter in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.
- Cllr Green in respect of his role as district councillor.
- Cllr Hood in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.
- Cllr James in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.
- Cllr McLean in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy & Kessingland Sports & Social Club.

80. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings that were held on 10th July and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting that was held on 18th July 2024 had been circulated and Cllr McLean proposed they were adopted as an accurate record of the meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Hood with one abstention and eight in favour.

81. Public Forum

During each meeting the council will hold a public forum for a period of 10 minutes. During this time, residents will have a maximum of 3 minutes each to put views/questions

to the Chair regarding matters on the agenda. Where possible the Chair will respond but the matter may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.

- 81.1 Cllr Ladd provided a report from Suffolk County Council in which he spoke about the Great Blakenham fire, Suffolk Trading Standards (rogue traders), Solar Together, SEND, Suffolk flooding and also the new Gull Bridge which is now open.
- 81.2 Cllr Green provided a report from East Suffolk Council. There will be a meeting of the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold & Villages Community Partnership on the 17th September at the East Anglian Transport Museum "Cost of Living". Cllr Green proposed that our Deputy Clerk attended also. This was seconded by Cllr McLean with one abstention and eight in favour. Other items reported included money available for the Ease the Squeeze program, future changes regarding recycling and finally the library doors funding target is almost reached and approval by Flagship should be given within the week.
- 81.3 No members of the public attended.

82. Finance

- 82.1 It was noted that the minutes of the Finance & Governance meetings of the 10th July, 6th August had been circulated. The minutes of the meetings held on 4th & 11th September 2024 will come before the next parish council meeting.
- 82.2 Councillors noted that a DS01 form has been submitted to close down the Compass Suite.

83. Leisure, Communications & Events

- 83.1 It was noted that the first meeting of this committee took place on 23rd July 2024 and the minutes will be brought to the next parish council meeting.
- 83.2 Councillors received an update on progressing the work at Roy Browns Garden. It was discussed that three quotes were required from local businesses for the work that was needed.
- 83.3 It was noted that two new benches have been sited on the promenade.
- 83.4 Councillors discussed recent events happening on social media and it was decided that it would be brought to the next Governance meeting.

84. Audit

- 84.1 Councillors noted that the external audit report had not yet returned to council so therefore will be circulated at the next meeting. Cllrs acknowledged the hard work put into this by the Deputy Clerk and her team.

85. Personnel

- 85.1 As there has not been a meeting of this committee since the last parish council meeting there were no minutes to note.
- 85.2 Staffing matters (Confidential)

86. Planning & Highways

- 86.1 The minutes of the Planning & Highways meetings held on the 24th July & 7th August 2024 had been distributed and noted by Councillors and the minutes of 3rd & 11th September will be brought to the next meeting.

Councillor Ladd left the meeting at 8pm.

87. Other council business

87.1 Council meetings were discussed by the Councillors and it was agreed they would email the Chair with convenient times so that a schedule for the rest of the year could be planned.

87.2 Councillors noted that the broken steps at Green Lane have now been fixed.

88. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held 7pm, 9th October 2024.

89. Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be 27th September 2024.

90. Exclusion of the Press & Public

Cllr Graham proposed 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. Cllr Cook seconded this with one abstention and eight in favour.

85.2 Staffing matters (Confidential)

The Chair read out a summary from Cllr Glendinning, who is Chair of the Personnel Committee, in his absence of this meeting. The summary stated where KPC stood with regards to the Parish Clerk who is off on long term sick.

91. Close of Meeting

This meeting closed at 8.19pm