

# KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Climate, Culture, Community & Development Committee Meeting

**held at 2.00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

<b>Members present:</b>	Cllrs R. de Brea, C.Cook, I. Graham, A. Green, S. James, B. Saunders, L. Truman
<b>Other Cllrs in attendance:</b>	None
<b>Others present:</b>	None
<b>Clerk to the Meeting:</b>	S. Hogg (Deputy Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

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### 29. Welcome

Cllr Green welcomed members and explained the meeting protocol.

### 30. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr McLean. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

### 31. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda and although there are no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests nor dispensations granted, an ongoing request for dispensation have been received from Cllr Green in respect of his role as district councillor.

### 32. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllr James proposed that the minutes of the Climate, Culture, Community and Development Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be adopted as a true and accurate recording of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Truman with all in favour.

### 33. 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.*

No public present.

## 34. Climate

- 34.1 Councillors decided to defer discussing the work of the previous year, work that is ongoing and which actions should be considered this year after receipt of a paper outlining current and proposed activities until the next meeting.
- 34.2 It was noted that a response has been received from Greenest County (SCC) and a provisional date of the 10<sup>th</sup> October has been set to discuss green issues etc in relation to Kessingland and any support or advice which they can provide. The Clerk was unable to attend the meeting and will update the committee on his return.
- 34.3 The Terms of Reference for the Climate Working Group were not available therefore this item will be deferred until the next meeting.
- 34.4 The committee considered papers submitted by Cllr de Brea including the formation of a CIC/CIB in order to access available funding. Cllr Truman thanked Cllr de Brea on behalf of the committee for all the hard work he had put into producing the information. It is proposed that this should be linked to the climate working group but should be a separate entity from the parish council. Cllr James proposed that Cllr de Brea should seek out members of the community who would like to join this group and would be happy for him to make use of the councils Facebook and Newsletter to help with this. This was seconded by Cllr Saunders with six in favour and one abstention. Cllr de Brea will update the committee at the next meeting.
- 34.5 The committee discussed the Suffolk EV Ready Final Report and it was suggested that the council contact Suffolk County Council and find out if there is any funding available and who would be responsible for installing these charging points in the village. It was suggested that the council contact the holiday parks in the village and find out if they have any plans in the future to install charging points within their parks and ask if they would like to hold a meeting with the council during their winter months to discuss this. Concerns were also raised with where the power supply for the charging points would be sourced. Cllr James proposed that the council send a letter to the national grid to find out what the capacity for charging points is within the village. This was seconded by Cllr Saunders with all in favour.

## 35. Culture

- 35.1 It was noted that the successful unveiling of the memorial stone took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- 35.2 It was noted that the US memorial stone has been cleaned and repainted.
- 35.3 The committee discussed ways of developing and preserving the history of Kessingland and possibly meeting with local historians. It was noted that the Fishermans Hut holds a wealth of history and information regarding Kessingland and Cllr James informed the committee that he will be attending a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November as he would like to see the Fishermans Hut open to the public. He will report the outcome of this at the next meeting.
- 35.4 The committee considered contacting cultural groups locally in order to develop a cultural strategy for the village but Cllr Graham proposed that as there was already a KEG group in place this was not required. This was seconded by Cllr James with all in favour.

## 36 Community

- 36.1 The committee noted that an application for warm welcome funding has been submitted but due to time restraints they were not able to see the conditions for

the application. If the application is accepted the conditions will be brought before the committee for discussion then.

36.2 The committee will be sent the draft survey and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

36.3 It was noted that a meeting has taken place with East Suffolk Services and we are awaiting costings and draft contracts for maintenance provision. Concerns were raised that there may not be any benefit to actually holding a contract as the council has not had one in the past. The contract will be brought before this committee for discussion.

### 37 Development

37.1 It was noted that the only outstanding addition to the play area at Francis Road and seating is the sensory planting which was grant funded.

37.2 Kessingland Community Kitchen & Wildlife Garden (Cllr McLean)  
It was noted that quotes have been obtained from Essex and Suffolk Water for water supply as well as from our contractor and we are awaiting dates for connection.

37.3 Village Gates (Cllr McLean & the Clerk)  
It was noted that Council has approved designs and a site visit has been arranged to check locations and space for the gates so that an application for a license can be submitted to SCC Highways.

37.4 Seafront Improvement  
It was noted that dates are being looked into for a meeting with Southwold Council. It is planned to raise the seafront needs with the Leader of East Suffolk Council when she visits before putting in a formal request. It was further noted that at the last parish council meeting Cllr Ladd advised that when he was cabinet member for Tourism, Leisure and Community at East Suffolk, he had ensured that there was funding in place for three boardwalks (one each for Kessingland, Lowestoft and Southwold) as well as for concrete steps to replace the back steps. This will all be raised with East Suffolk and a meeting will be arranged.

37.5 It was noted that there has been several entrants for the Annual Photographic Competition and the closing date is 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Cllr Graham proposed that Cllrs Cook and McLean judge the entries, this was seconded by Cllr James with all in favour.

37.6 It was noted that a meeting with the landscape architect and contractors has been arranged and members of the Memorial Garden working group have been advised.

### 38 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date and time of the next meeting is scheduled to be 2pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Marram Green.

### 39 Items for the next agenda

It was noted that the last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be the 5.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

### 40 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.*

There are no matters under this agenda item.

#### 41 Close of Meeting

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I certify that these are accurate minutes of the above meeting as approved at a meeting of the Events and Communications Committee held on the

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Signed

Cllr A. Green,

Chair, Climate, Culture, Community & Development Committee

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