

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Planning & Highways Committee** **At 10.00am on Tuesday 3rd September 2024** held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors C. Cook, N. Glendinning, I. Graham (Vice-Chair), B. Saunders & S. James

Clerk to the Meeting: D. Blowers (Admin & Committee Clerk)

68. Chair's welcome

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

69. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received by Cllr Carter and acceptance of apologies was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour. Councillor Ladd did not attend.

70. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda and it was noted that there were no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests nor dispensations granted.

Cllr Saunders declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 76.2 due to residing in that area.

71. Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Saunders proposed that the minutes of Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 7th August 2024 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

72. Public participation on Planning Applications.

Any members of the public who wish to speak on matters on this agenda should indicate if they wish to speak by raising their hand at this point and the Chair of the meeting will call on them to speak. A member of the public has a maximum of three minutes to address the meeting.

None

73. Planning Applications to be considered

None

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

None

75. Other Planning Matters

- 75.1 There were no updates on the Peregrine Way matter.
- 75.2 There were no updates regarding the Badger Builders development.
- 75.3 Councillors agreed there needed to be a clear definition between hostel and HMO. They agreed to view the document online which provided guidance on the exceptional circumstances required for the conversion of buildings to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) therefore this will be reviewed and responded to on the 18th September 2024 at the next meeting.
- 75.4 Councillors considered submitting ideas to the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Cllr Graham proposed that there should be at least one late evening bus service, at minimum and a reinstatement of the direct bus from Southwold via Kessingland & Lowestoft to the JPH. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour. This will be submitted.

76. Highways matters not pertaining to SCC Highways Dept.

- 76.1 Councillors noted the proposed parking restrictions on the east side of London Road.
- 76.2 Councillors noted the maintenance of public rights of way (rural footpaths) with particular reference to footpath no.3. Suffolk County Council are responsible for its maintenance and Cllr Saunders will report this matter to them.

77. Highways Matters

- 77.1 Ongoing Matters – Update on Appendix 1
- 77.2 Councillors considered if the double yellow lines on north end of London Road on the eastern side should be extended to the rear access of Queens Terrace and also double yellow lines on the northern side of Field Lane/Rider Haggard Lane junction. Cllr Saunders will contact Suffolk County Council to put forward this matter.
- 77.3 Councillors agreed the progressing of the village gates should be discussed at the next Leisure, Community & Engagements Committee meeting on 24th September.

78. Date of next meeting.

10am Wednesday 18th September 2024.

(Please note that the meeting will be cancelled if there are no applications to be considered).

79. Items for the next agenda

To note 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).

80. 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.

81. Close of meeting.

This meeting closed at 11.21am.

High Street	High Street - London Road - Cycle Lane Safety	The public consultation on Cycling and pedestrian routes will be publicized on KPC Facebook pages and website in due course.	KPC	To be dealt with by March 2025
London Road	Traffic Survey/Road calming plan	This item is on hold as it may be affected by a current planning application. It was felt that up to date costings would not be worth obtaining until the outcome of this application has been determined.	Highways /KPC /ESC Planning	To be dealt with by March 2025
Footpaths in Kessingland	Overgrowth	It was reported that the uneven paths on Francis Road have been looked at by Cllr Ladd and Wayne but aren't deemed to be in such a condition that they require action. Cllr Truman noted that there were pathways in the village that had overgrowth that were currently being treated.	Highways	Completed
Lloyds Avenue/ Marram Green	Footpaths	Highways informed the committee that these paths are due to have slurry seal and the job has been scheduled with the new contractor.	Highways	Ongoing
Lloyds Avenue	Street lighting	Highways advised that KPC could contact East Suffolk and request that the lights are changed to LED, they will then instruct Highways to change them. An email will be sent to Cllr Ladd to establish who owns which lights in the village.	KPC	Ongoing

Belisha Beacon	High Street	It was noted that this could be requested however evidence of pedestrian injury or near call would be required. This could be gained from residents or Crashmat (which holds data from the last 5 years on incidents reported to the police. There was a concern raised about parking on the yellow lines in the High Street in particular. It was advised that inconsiderate parking can be reported to the police using 101 along with the registration and it can also be reported to East Suffolk Council who are the enforcement body and if there are trends for illegal parking they can send out a traffic enforcement officer in order to ticket the offenders. It was suggested that the council could include in the Kessingland survey the matter of a belisha beacon to give an indication of views as to whether residents' would like a beacon in the village. We are looking at resolving this problem by looking at parking enforcement.	KPC	Ongoing
TRO's	Various	It was noted that the issue of TRO's and where residents would like to see them are in the Kessingland survey. Moving forward plans for the TRO's will be reviewed once the outcome of the proposed development has been determined.	KPC	Ongoing
Community Self Help	Kessingland	It was noted that the application for the funding has been processed and a course would need to be attended by some of the litterpickers before any equipment was issued.	KPC	Completed
Driving over kerbs	Kessingland	Concerns were raised that individuals are driving over curbs and double yellow lines to access their properties. The committee were notified by Highways that actually this is not an offense but, driving over a double yellow line and parking on a public grass verge is an enforceable action. Highways to see if any action can be taken.	Highways	Completed