

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Kessingland Parish Council Meeting At 2.30pm on Thursday 18th July 2024 held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors S. James (Chair), C. Carter (Vice Chair), N. Glendinning, A. Green, J. McLean (Minutes), C. Cook, L. Hood, K. Archbold

Others Present: District Cllr K. Yule

61. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting protocol. He also thanked East Suffolk District Councillor Kay Yule (Cabinet member for Planning & Coastal Management) for attending.

62. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received for Cllr Saunders; acceptance proposed by Cllr Graham and seconded by Cllr Carter with all councillors in favour.

63. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registerable and non-registerable interests from councillors received.

64. Minutes of the Last Meeting

As this is an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 10th July 2024 will come before the next full council meeting.

65. 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.

There were no members of the public present.

66. Council Business - Broken Steps on Green Lane

The Chair handed the meeting over to Cllr Carter to lead the discussion regarding the broken steps in Green Lane:

- Cllr Carter asked Cllr Green to update councillors on the action he had taken so far. Cllr Green stated he had contacted Suffolk County regarding the ownership/maintenance of the steps but as of yet had not received a reply. He had also visited the steps with District Cllr Paul Ashton who took photographs & said urgent action was needed.

- Cllr Glendinning expressed concern that the steps would be in danger of being closed which cannot be allowed to happen as the steps form an integral part of the coastal path and form an essential access route to the beach.
- Cllr Carter also expressed concern at the lack of response from Suffolk County Council and reiterated the fact that the steps are an important asset to the Village. At this stage Cllr Carter welcomed Cllr Yule and thanked her for attending the meeting at short notice.
- Cllr Yule has been in contact with the Coastal Management team, and it has been confirmed that East Suffolk Council own the steps and are responsible for their upkeep. Maintenance checks are carried out yearly (November) and repairs were last carried out in November 2022. As there are now 5 steps missing, Cllr Yule will ask the Coastal Management team to make an urgent inspection as this is now a serious Health & Safety issue. This may lead to a temporary closure whilst repairs are carried out. Cllr Yule will report back to the Parish Council once she has further information.
- Cllrs James & Glendinning again stated that the steps must not be closed on a permanent basis.
- Cllr Hood thanked Cllr Yule for updating the Council and was pleased that the situation is now close to being resolved. She, along with Cllr James, also thanked Cllrs Carter & Green for their hard work and efforts in resolving this issue.

67. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Full Council is yet to be confirmed.

68. Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be 10 days before the next meeting date once it has been scheduled.

69. 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.

None

70. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Parish Council

I certify that these are accurate minutes of the above meeting as approved at a meeting of the Parish Council held on the

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Signed

Cllr S. James

Chair, Kessingland Parish Council

Dated