

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Climate, Culture, Community & Development Committee Meeting held at 4.00pm on Wednesday 14th September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Cllrs J .Mclean, C .Cook, B. Saunders, C. Gower, I. Graham, A. Green,
D. Wright

Other Cllrs in attendance: None

Others present: None

Clerk to the Meeting: N. Coleby (Parish Clerk)

27. Welcome

28. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

29. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Councillors on items on the agenda and there were no written requests and grants of dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

30. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated. Cllr Cook proposed adoption as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour.

31. Public Forum.

There were no members of the public present and no comments had been received.

32. Climate

32.1 It was noted that there is no update from East Suffolk regarding the Open Spaces plan.

32.2 It was noted that the parish council have met with East Suffolk regarding ownership of land in the village and are currently awaiting their response.

32.3 It was noted that the SALC Forum that was due to be held during the period of national mourning has been rescheduled for the 3rd October 2022.

32.4 Cllr Saunders proposed acceptance of the Terms of Reference for the Climate working group, which was seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour.

32.5 Councillors deferred discussions regarding the sustainability checklist to the next meeting.

32.6 Cllr McLean proposed that the parish council apply for the maximum funding for tree planting in the village. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

33. Culture

- 33.1 Councillors discussed holding a special meeting of the committee to consider the definition of culture in relation to the work of the parish council.
- 33.2 It was noted that Howshams will be contacted to provide an update on the War Memorial plinth.
- 33.3 The Blue Plaque policy was not ready to come before committee and will be deferred to a future meeting
- 33.4 It was noted that since the meeting that had been held with Lowestoft about the Reclaim project there has been little contact from Lowestoft. The Clerk will pursue contact and feedback to councillors involved.

34. Community

- 34.1 The councillors noted that the Hidden Needs forum has met twice and a third meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 5th October at 6pm.
- 34.2 It was noted that the Hidden Needs forum has proposed various ideas that could be acted upon to provide community support this autumn/winter and it was noted that the council will support these measures. It was also noted that both Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council have been putting packages and finances in place to help communities.
- 34.3 It was noted that a meeting with East Suffolk regarding the siting of bins and benches on the promenade has taken place and we are currently awaiting their response.
- 34.4 Cllr Saunders proposed acceptance of the Terms of Reference for the Seafront Improvements sub-committee.
- 34.5 A verbal update on the Community Fridge was provided to the committee and the committee were happy for the council to take on the lead role in applying for funding and purchasing equipment.
- 34.6 An initial draft of a Kessingland Survey was circulated and councillors felt that it was a good starting point. The Clerk noted that it had not been properly formatted and laid out, however the aim would be to do this for the next meeting of the committee. The key issue will ensuring that the community is aware of the survey and are able to take part. This will mean paper copies as well as online access and therefore drop off and collection points.

35. Development

- 35.1 Play Areas (Cllr Graham)
 - a) It was noted that bins and benches have been ordered for Francis Road Play Area as approved by the parish council.
 - b)
 - c) It was noted that Cllr Graham and the Clerk have met with Kompan regarding new equipment at Church Road and are currently awaiting a quote and proposal from them.
 - d) It was noted that on a recent visit to consider putting an accessible path in at Church Rd play Area it was discovered that there are large areas of old matting partially buried on the site and to consider how this should be dealt with.
- 35.2 Kessingland Community Kitchen & Wildlife Garden (Cllr McLean)
 - a) It was noted that contacts have been made regarding water at the Community Garden.
 - b) It was noted that remote cameras have been installed on site. These are not permanent as the council does not want to resort to recording but could be installed if there are issues on site. Hopefully those resorting to vandalism will become aware of how the community as a whole feel about the damage to facilities that may be used by family members or friends.
- 35.3 Annual Photographic Competition

It was noted that the Annual Photographic Competition has launched and the closing date is the 21st October 2022.

35.4 Councillors noted that in the 2022/23 year they will prioritise as follows the ongoing projects and also the following:

- a) It was noted that plans for the boardwalk have been raised with East Suffolk Council.
- b) It was noted that plans for replacing the dog bins with general waste bins have been raised with East Suffolk.
- c) Consideration was given to the coronation of King Charles II in 2023 and what the parish may wish to do to celebrate. Given that it may occur at a time when people may still be feeling the economic pressure and therefore building spending into the budget and precept would be an additional burden. There was discussion about the coronation and the celebration which the village had undertaken for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it was felt that by May there may be a need of a feel good injection into the community of a similar level, therefore it was felt that a similar budget would be required. Cllr Graham proposed that a recommendation go to Parish Council that £20k should be transferred from the General Reserve to the Civic Reserve to act as a maximum budget for the event. This was seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour.
- d) It was noted that other priorities may be guided following input from the community, which perhaps could be collected via a survey created by the parish council.

36. Date of Next Meeting.

It was noted that the date and time of the next meeting is scheduled to be 16th November 2022 at 4pm at Marram Green.

37. Items for the next agenda.

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be the 5.00pm on the 9th November 2022.

38. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at