

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Planning & Highways Committee** **on Wednesday 20th September 2023** held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors C. Carter, M. Dunne (Chair), N. Glendinning, I. Graham, A. Green & L. Truman

Other Cllrs in attendance: Cllr. M. Ladd

Others present: W. Saunders (Suffolk Highways)

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

70. Chair's welcome

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

71. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs De Brea and Saunders. Cllr Dunne proposed acceptance of the apologies. This was seconded by Cllr Green with all in favour.

72. 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.

73. Minutes of the previous meeting

73.1 It was noted that the minutes of Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 23rd August & 4th September 2023 will come before the next meeting.

74. Public participation on Planning Applications.

Any members of the public who wish to speak on matters on this agenda should indicate that them to speak. A member of the public has a maximum of three minutes to address the meeting.

There were not any members of the public present.

75. Planning Applications to be considered

75.1 DC/23/3404/FUL | Demolish existing cafe timber building. Construct new replacement building to provide three number retail units with new holiday accommodation above. | 198 Church Road Kessingland Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 7SF

The committee discussed this application and noted that should this development go ahead it would take up three or four parking spaces in the Church Road car park, which isn't favourable, and also access to the units would need to be gained from the car park.

However, the committee felt that use of the site was needed to prevent it becoming an eye sore. Cllr Graham proposed that the application is recommended for approval with the condition that the units remain retail units, they remain 'Class E', and can not be later converted to residential properties. This was seconded by Cllr Dunne with all in favour.

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

76.1 DC/23/2829/FUL | Construction of new single storey dwelling adjacent to 22 Turrell Drive and provision of two parking spaces on land adjoining 2 Smith Crescent | 22 Turrell Drive Kessingland Suffolk NR33 7UA
 It was noted that this application was refused in line with Kessingland Parish Council recommendation.

77. Public Consultations

77.1 The committee considered a consultation that has been received from East Suffolk Council about Custom and Self-build Housing. Councillors felt that although unique homes in local areas would be built they should be appropriate for the area and the local vernacular should be adhered to as much as possible. Cllr Graham proposed that this is the response that the Council should submit to the consultation. This was seconded by Cllr Truman with all in favour.

78. Other Planning Matters

None

79. Highways matters not pertaining to SCC Highways Dept.

None

80. Date of next meeting.

It was noted that on 10am Wednesday 4th October 2023
Please note that the meeting will be cancelled if there are no applications to be considered).
 The next joint meeting with Suffolk County Council will be Wednesday 29th November 2023.

81. Items for the next agenda.

It was noted 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).

82. 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.

Cllr Ladd and Wayne Saunders joined the meeting at 10.30am.

Appendix 1 – Ongoing Highways matters

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	Ongoing
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London Road	Traffic Survey/Road calming plan	This item is on hold as it may be affected by potential planning applications and also for new costings as the original costings are now several years old.	Highways /KPC /ESC Planning	Ongoing
Griffith Close	Flooding	The area does not have a problem at the moment but the area does need to be kept clear in order to allow water to move away from the area. Cllr Ladd has been unable to contact Community Payback but Cllr Carter may have a contact he could try.	KPC	Ongoing
Footpath between Church Rd & Knoll	Narrow pavement	It was acknowledged that this footpath is narrow and other than keeping the hedge that runs alongside the pavement kept cut right back, this is being done, there isn't any further action that can be taken. Council will keep an eye on the hedge and contact the owner should it be deemed necessary.	Highways	Complete
Footpaths in Kessingland	Overgrowth	It was noted that the Highways officer and the Deputy Clerk are yet to identify which footpaths are managed by Highways and with whose ownership the other footpaths are registered. It was noted that the paths on Francis Road have been reported as being uneven and difficult to access.	Highways	Ongoing
Lloyds Avenue/ Marram Green	Footpaths	Highways informed the committee that these paths are due to have slurry seal however, Highways are awaiting a new contractor to start on 1 st October and the job will be scheduled after then.	Highways	Ongoing
Lloyds Avenue Alleyways	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.	KPC	Ongoing

Belisha Beacon	High Street	It was noted that this could be requested however evidence of need would need to be provided. Any evidence of pedestrian injury or near call would be add to the need. 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. Cllr Ladd offered to fund a formal survey should the initial village survey indicate that there was a desire for a crossing.	KPC	Ongoing
TRO's	Various	The TROs discussed at the last meeting are on a consultation which is going to be brought to the Events Committee for approval. Once this has been approved the consultation will go out to residents to see where they would like them. Cllr Ladd said that the ones that are a safety concern, outside the SPAR being one of them, should be flagged up as a matter of priority and that enforcement should be notified of the busiest time so they know when to come out. Parking outside the Pharmacy was also flagged up as a concern and possible 'H' markings were discussed, Wayne is going to provide Cllr Ladd with a costing for this. A resident of Kessingland who uses a mobility vehicle has reported areas in the village where there is a lack of accessibility due to lack of dropped kerbs, it was advised that they can be put in however there would be costs involved that would need to be met via CIL or other funding. The highways officer will be advised if any of the area that require dropped kerbs mean there is a health and safety issue can be directed to him so they can be prioritised.	KPC	Ongoing
Community Self Help	Kessingland	It was noted that the application for the funding is yet to be applied for.	KPC	Ongoing

Kipling close	Keep Clear marking	To note that the resident has been in contact regarding the requested no parking markings. Unfortunately it was noted that the hatching area had been installed in the wrong part of Kipling Close, this is a priority for action now the new contractor is on place on October.	Highways	Ongoing
Lloyds Ave	Overgrown tree	It was noted that Cllr Ladd would be visiting a property in Lloyds Ave where a tree in public space is encroaching a residents garden. It was noted that there are quite a few significant trees in the village where this may be an ongoing issue and where these are identified these would be kept on record by the parish council for further consideration.	Cllr Ladd/KPC	Ongoing