

# KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



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

**held at 2.00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

**Members present:** Cllrs I. Graham, A. Green, J. McLean & L. Truman  
**Other Cllrs in attendance:** None  
**Others present:** None  
**Clerk to the Meeting:** N. Coleby (Parish Clerk), S. Hogg (Deputy Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

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### 16. Welcome

Cllr Green welcomed members and explained the meeting protocol.

### 17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs de Brea, Cook, James & Saunders. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr McLean and seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

### 18. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Green declared an other-registerable interest due to being an East Suffolk Councillor. There were no other Received Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda and it was noted that there are no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests nor dispensations granted.

### 19. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Climate, Culture, Community and Development Committee of the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 had been circulated. Cllr Green proposed that the 3CD minute 11.3 of 12<sup>th</sup> June should read "It was noted that a meeting and a site visit of the promenade with officers of East Suffolk Council and there was a positive discussion on the day", with this alteration, both sets of minutes are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

## 20. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present in this meeting and no comments had been received prior to the meeting.

## 21. Climate

- 21.1 It was noted 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. This matter was deferred to the next meeting as the report was not put in in time.
- 21.2 It was noted that the Clerk has written a follow up email to the Greenest County (SCC) to request advice and a meeting to discuss greenest energy for the village. Cllr Ladd is also contacting them on our behalf.
- 21.3 It was noted that the council has signed up with East Suffolk's Greenprint Forum.
- 21.4 At the last meeting it was agreed that a Climate Working Group would be set up and that it would look at recycling as part of its remit. This group would consist of councillors and members of the Kessingland Community who wished to be involved. A draft Terms of Reference is being prepared and will come to the September meeting of the committee along with any net zero information which has been obtained at that time.
- 21.5 The B<sup>2</sup> project was discussed with regard to launching it this autumn. It was felt that starting by working with the school in year one and then widening out in future years would be a sensible approach however if there were residents who wished to be involved this year then the council could provide them with seeds. The discussion considered whether to buy seeds in bulk or to buy packets of wild flower seed and it was agreed to investigate the options. It was suggested that a competition could be run with one of age groups at the school where pupils could decorate a tyre, fill it with compost and sow the wild flower seed. This would be raised with the school. Another suggestion was that council should write to Homebase to see if they would donate or provide a discount on compost as it would be for a community purpose. Cllr McLean proposed a maximum £500 budget be approved for the B<sup>2</sup> project in the autumn to supply the school with tyres, compost, seeds and prizes. This was seconded by Cllr Truman with all in favour.

## 22. Culture

- 22.1 It was noted that the council has contacted Peter Aldous who will unveil the memorial stone at the War Memorial at 11am on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- 22.2 It was noted that the Reverend Mandy has been advised of the date.
- 22.3 It was noted that a press release will go to local papers and media and also be put on Facebook, website and posters. Cllr McLean will design the posters.

## 23. Community

- 23.1 It was noted that an update had been received from the East Suffolk Communities Officer regarding potential funding and support for the next winter. More details will be coming out at the next Community Partnership meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.

- 23.2 Councillors considered the draft survey questions prior to the survey being laid out design wise. It was noted that the layout of the survey would be modified before being sent to the public and that questions would be prioritised in order to keep the questionnaire to a manageable size. The possibility of having monthly short questionnaires on the website/facebook as discussed and could be beneficial however the public would need to be introduced to the idea in order to build involvement with monthly surveys.
- 23.3 It was noted that now the maintenance has been transferred to East Suffolk Services, a meeting has been requested with them and the placement of bins will be discussed at that meeting.

## 24. Development

- 24.4 It was noted that the new seating has been placed in Francis Road play area. (Cllr Graham)
- 24.5 Kessingland Community Kitchen & Wildlife Garden (Cllr McLean)
- a) It was noted that the raised beds have been built.
- b) It was noted that the process with Essex and Suffolk water is progressing and site and location plans and details of standpipe have been provided and we are waiting on Essex and Suffolk Water.
- 24.6 Village Gates (Cllr McLean & the Clerk)
- It was noted that Cllr McLean produced designs for the gates that were reviewed by the committee and the gates will be constructed by the Men's Shed. Design 1 was proposed by Cllr McLean and seconded by Cllr Truman with all in favour. A site visit is planned to check locations and space for the gates so that an application for a license can be submitted to SCC Highways.
- 24.7 Seafront Improvement
- To note that dates are being looked into for 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.
- 24.8 Councillors noted progress with the Annual Photographic Competition with a suggestion of a village calendar being made with the photos and sold to raise money through sales.
- 24.9 It was noted that the gardening company has been contacted regarding Roy Brown's Memorial Garden and a meeting is still to be arranged with those on the Memorial Garden working group so that a final design can be developed.

## 25 Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled to be 2pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Marram Green.

## 26 Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be the 5.00pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

- 27 Exclusion of the Press & Public  
There was nothing in this item of the agenda.
- 28 Close of Meeting  
The meeting closed at 15.05pm.