

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Planning & Highways Committee** At 6pm on **Thursday 25th April 2024** held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors N. Glendinning, I. Graham & B. Saunders

Other Cllrs in attendance: None

Others present: Twenty members of the public

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

236. Chair's welcome

Cllr Glendinning welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting protocol.

237. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were given by Cllr Carter. Cllr Graham proposed acceptance of these apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Saunders with all in favour.

238. 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.

239. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that as this is an Extra-Ordinary meeting, the minutes from the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 17th April 2024 will be brought to the next ordinary meeting of the committee.

240. Public participation on Planning Applications.

A number of residents from Kessingland attended this meeting to express concerns with how this application would impact the village if permission is granted. These concerns included that a site with 16 pitches for 8 touring caravans and 8 static caravans could have a negative impact on other caravan sites in the village, extra traffic flow into and out of the village would cause extra congestion in an area that is already deemed to be extremely busy and hazardous at times, and also the strain that would be put on an already busy doctors surgery and a school that is close to capacity. The drainage system within the village is known already have a long running issue and further strain on this would cause extra issues for residents who already have to deal with flooding. The residents were also unhappy with how few of the properties surrounding the site had been consulted about this application as many of them had found out about it via social

media.

241. Planning Applications to be considered

241.1 DC/24/1213/FUL | Proposed Change of Land use | London Road Kessingland.

Councillor's discussed this application and Cllr Graham proposed that the committee recommends refusal of this application because of the following reasons:

Should this application be granted then this could have a negative effect on the existing caravan sites which rely on tourism and affect tourism within the village as a whole.

There would be a detrimental effect to the street scene and the aesthetics of the entrance of the village, this part of Kessingland is a historical area which has a grade II listed building.

There would be an impact on the traffic flow off the A12 entering and exiting the village. This area already gets congested and can be hazardous at times. It was felt that there is overprovision of this type of accommodation in the village already.

The charity land in the village could become worthless and the open countryside should be maintained as per the local plan to maintain the strategic gap.

Sewerage drainage to the site could be problematic as the soil at the proposed site is not self-draining and could potentially cause flooding in an area which already has issues with this problem.

There are concerns with the impact on local services as the local school is already at capacity and there is already a strain on the doctors surgery.

Cllr Saunders seconded this motion with all in favour.

242. Public Consultations

None

243. Date of next meeting.

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is to be arranged.

244. 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).

245. 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.

246. Close of meeting.

Meeting closed at 18.55pm.

