

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes 12 August 2019

Councillors Present:

A Athwall
N Beecroft-Smith
R Gibson
G Ward

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Abbott – Town Clerk

- Welcome and to Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – The Vice Chairman, Cllr R Gibson welcomed those present and confirmed apologies have been received from Cllr K Archer, reason ‘personal’, apology accepted following the vote.
- Declaration of Interests** – Cllr N Beecroft-Smith declared 2 non-pecuniary interests; Item 7. – Planning Applications, 45 Dobbs Lane and 173 Main Road, applicants known.
- Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 29 July 2019** – These Minutes were received, considered and approved following the vote. (Signed copy in the minute book).
- Clerks Report/Update/Matters Arising** – Nothing to report.
- Members of the Public** – None present.
- Copy Letters of Objection/In Support/Observations** – J Abbott made the Committee aware of an email, which had been sent to ESC and copied to the office, objecting to planning application DC/19/2570/FUL 20 Edmonton Road. This application was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 29 July and was recommended for approval, however the Committee did address its concerns as to the use of the workshop.
- Schedule of Applications/Proposals** – The Committee considered and made its formal comments/recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). (Copy in minute book). To summarise, there were four applications for consideration. One was recommended as approve; DC/19/2837/TPO 21 St Agnes Way. Three were recommended as refuse; DC/19/2918/FUL 128 Bell Lane, contrary to policy DM23, DC/19/2986/OUT, 45 Dobbs Lane and DC/19/2946/FUL Land to the rear of 173 Main Road, both contrary to policy DM7 and policy KE1 in the emerging Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan.
- Schedule of Planning Decisions** – The Committee noted the 3 applications listed, which had all been approved. (Copy in minute book).
- Possible Referral to Planning Committee of the LPA (Local Planning Authority) as opposed to Officer Delegated or The Planning Inspectorate** – J Abbott advised an email had been received from the Case Officer for application, DC/19/2392/FUL The Farmhouse Public House. The Case Officer advised during a referral panel meeting on 6 August, members found the proposal was unlikely to deplete surrounding residential amenity below acceptable levels. However, members agreed a condition requiring the proposed new lighting to be switched off from 23:45 hrs to enable patrons to disperse and therefore reduce impacts on local amenity.

10. Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination – The committee discussed the upcoming hearings and agreed if members can attend, they will, as will the Town Clerk.

11. Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Group – Cllr R Gibson and Chairman of the NP provided the following update;

- Permission has been obtained from KLH Architects (based in Sproughton) to use their plan diagram for the Mead Drive development in regard to policy KE2.
- Permission has been sought from the East Suffolk Extra to use its article on the library which appeared in their 2/8 edition.
- A request for extension of the consultation deadline was received by the Town Clerk from Littlebealings PC who were not due to meet next until 2/9 which is our deadline date. I was myself relaxed about this but sought ESC advices. Whilst stating it is up to us their recommendation was not to extend on the grounds of fairness to all others. As it happens no change was needed anyway as Little Bealings PC came back to say they had convened an interim meeting and they had no comments. Same from Martlesham, nothing as yet from Rushmere.
- Representation was received from Sports England, one of the statutory bodies, and a minor amendment has been inserted into V13 (Submission Version); this and other minor changes indicated below will be subject to committee sign off at our meeting on 17/9. It is my intention to circulate V13 well in advance of the meeting for you to review.
- I have updated the Appendix covering the Aviation Museum (following exchanges with founding trustee Andy Taylor); he has provided latest information on the museum which I will cover at the meeting.
- Short paragraph inserted to V13 about the impending reduction in bus services.
- As per the recommendation from ESC before the public consultation, emails have been sent to executive directors in Tesco and East of England Co-op re plots of land we have pointed up for mixed use (Policy KE2); both were immediately acknowledged in person and a name provided of the person who will follow this up with us.
- Fourth drop-in session held on 6th August - no attendees. We need to re-promote/advertise in some way for the last one 27/8. I will post on the Kesgrave Community Facebook page and ask my contact at EADT if he can publicise it.
- We had contact from Andrew Webber of the Kesgrave Brethren who intended to come along to the last drop-in but came a day late. I have responded to a query he raised, advised him the remaining two dates (Market and drop-in) and offered to meet him anytime outside these dates.
- No representation has yet been received from ESC (re policy KE1) nor from any landowner re our Local Green Space designations.
- Following up on my comment last time for non-Councillors regarding the Ipswich Northern Route, KTC has met twice to discuss this and the office will be issuing a communication shortly.
- Outstanding work:
 - Produce V13 (submission version) with amendments from the consultation – those received so far have been drafted as indicated above.
 - Maps in the NP need to be redone to satisfy ESC technical requirements and Navigus have been commissioned for half a day's work for this to be carried out.
 - Follow up KE2 mixed use discussions with Tesco and East of England Co-op.

12. Other/Urgent Communications – None.

13. Date of Next Meeting – The next Planning and Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday 2 September 2019 at 6.15pm at the Town Council office.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Nothing requested.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.07pm

Signed: Chairman..... Date.....