

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **15 January 2024**

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)
Councillor G Lynch
Councillor J Ogden
Councillor D Mears
Councillor T Hook
Councillor A Athwall

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Catling - Events & Estate Manager
- Councillor Neal Beecroft-Smith

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed all those present.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** - held on 20 November 2023— These Minutes were received, considered, and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Signed copy in the minute folder).
4. **Officer Report/Update/Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Members of the Public** – None.
6. **Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Pump Track in Kesgrave – Planning application submitted by KTC and East Suffolk Council processing. Cllr Beecroft and J Catling will attend the Kesgrave Market on the 20 January and be available to discuss the project along with any other questions posed to the Council.
 - b. ESC Play Areas – Email received from East Suffolk Council, previously circulated to Councillors, regarding the future of Nock Gardens and Grange Meadow play areas which are owned by ESC. There is also an ESC online play survey, which members of the public can complete. The Committee agreed to the removal of the LAP play area in Nock Gardens and agreed not to contribute to the proposed ESC refurbishment of Grange Meadow and look at improvement to Oak Meadow play area which is owned by KTC.
7. **Community Events** -
 - a. Kesgrave Fun Day 29th June 2024 – forms for stalls to go out end January/beginning February.
 - b. D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024 – The Committee discussed the lighting of the beacon on the 6th of June to commemorate D-Day 80. The national event lighting time is set for 9.15pm. The Committee agreed this was too late in the evening for many residents and therefore agreed not to light the beacon on the day. The office will monitor nearer the time to see if there is a demand for the event. It was felt the event would have greater coverage in Ipswich, Market Hill Woodbridge.

8. Community Infrastructure Levy – The current amount available and to be used by 2027 is approximately £29k. Some of the play equipment at Oak Meadow will need to be replaced as part of future refurbishments. Whilst this money could go towards this work, it is felt that it could possibly be used to extend the car park at the Millennium Hall and SPARK could be approached to fund the works to Oak Meadow.

9. The Hang Out and Detached Youth Work Kesgrave – Reports circulated on The Hang Out and Detached Youth Work in Kesgrave. 4YP have identified some resources required for Outreach. Councillor Lynch offered to fund some of these items for the detached youth workers and Council staff if required from his enabling budget.

10. Suggestions for the Press and Media – Usual meeting dates etc to be advertised.

11. Other/Urgent Communications – Councillor Comber reported that land adoptions are moving forward, SID device, one location confirmed. Conservation works at Legion going well, Estate Operatives working hard on the area, wildflower bed prepared and bug hotel being installed. The Chair reported that we had had a good year last year and thanked Jennie for all her hard work and was looking forward to another good year of progress on our community projects.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 8 April 2024 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Council Office.

13. Agenda items for Next Meeting – none.

Meeting closed at 7.42pm

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