

KESGRAVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 29 April 2024 at 7.15pm
At the Millennium Jubilee Hall (MJH)

In Attendance:

A Athwall
N Beecroft-Smith (Town Council Chairman)
A Comber
A Cook
R Gibson (Town Council Vice Chairman)
G Lynch (Town & District Cllr)
A Skinner
G Ward
S Lawson (KWMCC, District & County Cllr)
J Abbott (Town Clerk)
J Catling (Events & Estate Manager)
R Baird (KWMCC Chairman)

24 Resident's

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman of Kesgrave Town Council – Councillor Beecroft-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the attendees of the fire evacuation procedure and emergency exits. Cllr Beecroft-Smith confirmed the Annual Town Meeting is for the residents and organisations within the town to raise any issues and is also an opportunity for local groups to submit reports, both verbal and written.

J Abbott confirmed apologies received from County & District Cllr D McCallum and Town Cllr J Ogden.

2. Minutes of the last Kesgrave Annual Town Meeting held on 17 April 2023

There were no issues raised, G Lynch proposed for the minutes to be accepted, this was seconded by P Athwall, following those that voted, the minutes were agreed, there were no abstains or objections. The Chairman, Cllr Beecroft-Smith signed and dated the minutes.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Comments

The Chairman, Cllr Beecroft-Smith provided a verbal report, there were no questions raised. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

5. Report of the Accounts of the Town Council

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the finance report, which had been provided by the Town Councils Responsible Financial Officer – Angela Dougall, no questions raised. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

6. Pump Track Planning Application

The Chair asked if anyone wished to ask any questions regarding the proposed pump track application. A lengthy discussion took place with issues raised by residents with their concerns about the potential impact of the proposed pump track at Long Strops.

The main concerns were noise, anti-social behaviour and the environment.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Council reaffirmed that all comments and feedback, which has been received from local residents since the submission of the planning application have been fully acknowledged with changes due to be made to the initial application, which will include fencing and gating the facility and appropriate planting along the north side of the fencing. It was also reiterated that there will be CCTV installed.

(2 resident's left the meeting at this point)

7. General Discussion and other matters raised from the floor

The Chair asked if anyone wished to discuss any other matters, the following issues were raised;

- The crossing on Fentons Way (Ashdale Walk to Oak Meadow) high school students not using the crossing and just walking and biking out into the road without stopping, checking for traffic. Very concerned for safety of all users. A discussion took place with the Town Clerk and District & County Cllr Lawson, who agreed they will work with other key partners like the Police to address this issue.
- Increase in dog fouling and requirement of additional bins in some locations. A discussion took place with the Town Clerk advising the Town Council can monitor an area of concern and work with the District Council with a view to provide additional bins if appropriate. Advised can report dog owners to East Suffolk Council for failing to clear up after their dog. Agreed will provide information on dog fouling in next edition of In Touch Magazine.
- Overgrown hedges / trees which block and obstruct foot/cycle paths. A discussion took place with the Town Clerk and District & County Cllr Lawson advising on the complexity of some areas in the town with identifying who is the responsible landowner.
- Tree roots causing trip hazards on footpaths. The Town Clerk confirmed needs to be reported to SCC Highways via their online reporting tool.

The Town Clerk reiterated the Town Council are there to advise and assist with issues like the ones raised under this item this evening.

Written reports, which were requested and received from Kesgrave organisations are attached to these minutes.

- SPARK
- Kesgrave Library
- KWMCC
- 4YP
- PC Matt Finch

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

Town Council Chairman.....Date.....