

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the
Leisure, Community & Engagement Committee Meeting
Held at 4pm on Monday 17th March 2025
in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors C. Cook, I. Graham (Chair), L. Hood, J. McLean & D. Pope-Brannon
Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Acting Parish Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

85. Chair's welcome

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

86. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Boyle, Carter & Ollett. Cllr McLean proposed acceptance of the apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

87. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda and it was noted that there were no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests nor dispensations granted. Dispensations have been granted to the following:

Cllr Carter in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy

Cllr Hood in respect of Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.

Cllr McLean in respect of Kessingland Sports & Social Centre & Kessingland CofE Primary Academy.

88. Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr McLean proposed the minutes of the Leisure, Community & Engagement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hood with all in favour.

89. Public participation.

There were no members of the public present.

90. Football Club

There were no matters to discuss.

91. Play Equipment

Inspections & Maintenance

- 91.1 Monthly play inspection reports were reviewed and where action was identified, Cllr McLean proposed this to be forwarded to the Parish Maintenance Supervisor for repair, as and when necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

92. Community Spaces

Roy Brown's Garden

92.1 Remembrance/Commemoration Plaques

Councillors considered the suggested wording and design for the beacon plaque and an order will be placed. The committee also considered awarding a member of the community who does a great deal of volunteering a plaque and decided that this matter should be referred to full council.

Cllrs received an update on work to be undertaken by a local company regarding work on the raised beds. This will not be started until after the VE Day celebrations have taken place.

93. Maintenance

93.1 Cllrs noted that the Mens Shed and a member of this committee have inspected the benches in the village and have provided a list of them with their condition.

93.2 To consider the KSSC car park quotes (Confidential).

94. Events

94.1 An update of the last KEG meeting was received. Cllr Graham proposed the following gift vouchers are purchased as prizes for competition winners:
3 x £10 gift vouchers, 1 x £15 & 1 x £20. 192 crème eggs and 24 white crème eggs will also be purchased for the Easter funday. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

It was noted the next KEG meeting will be held on Monday 28th April 2025.

94.2 Cllrs discussed the VE Day (8th May) celebrations. The Mens Shed will help with the beacon lighting and arranging the bugler. There will also be a 1940's dance/party.

94.3 Cllrs considered the arrangements for the photography competition. A poster will be designed when a theme and dates for the competition has been agreed. If the competition ends in November it was suggested that the winners entry was printed as a Christmas card.

94.4 Cllrs discussed other upcoming events in the village. An Easter Fun Day at the KSSC, the lighting of the beacon on the VE Day 80th Anniversary and a party to celebrate at the KSSC. On the 27th May, there will be an Induction of the new Reverend and St. Edmunds Summer Fete will be held on 28th June.

95. Communications

95.1 Cllrs noted that Red Dune have linked up the CCTV to the office laptops and a live feed can be gained if required. The camera that was out of action has been replaced.

96. Climate

96.1 There was no update on the Council's climate activities to receive at this time.

97. Community

97.1 The draft community survey questions are still in progress.

97.2 An update was given from Cllr Hood who is liaising with Suffolk County Council Public Health, in partnership with East Suffolk Council, to carry out research into health & wellbeing in Suffolk coastal towns and villages. When the research results are given, these will be considered when developing the draft for the village survey.

98. Development

98.1 There was no update regarding the library doors.

99. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting TBC.

100. Items for the next agenda

Councillors are reminded that the last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be 1st May 2025.

101. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr McLean proposed 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. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour.

93.2 As some time has lapsed since the quotes were sought the Acting Clerk will find out if the KSSC car park quotes are still valid.

102. Close of Meeting

This meeting closed at 17.08hrs.