

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the
Kessingland Parish Council
Held at 11am on Wednesday 10th December 2025
In the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors S. James (Chair), I. Graham, B. Saunders, P. Slezacek, N. Glendinning & D. Pope-Brannon

Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Acting Parish Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

126. Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee and explained the meeting protocol.

127. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Green, Boyle, Cook, McLean & Nicholls. Acceptance of apologies for absence was proposed by Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Glendinning with all in favour.

128. 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 are no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

129. Minutes of the previous meetings.

Cllrs noted that as this is an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council meeting, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting that was held on 12th November 2025 will come before the next full council meeting.

130. Public Forum

No members of the public attended.

131. Consultations

131.1 Councillors considered whether the council should submit a response to the Local Plan Call for Sites consultation and after some discussion Cllr Glendinning proposed the following:

Having regard to existing planning permissions and the scale of the proposed development for the village, the Council is unable to identify any large areas suitable for further development. Small-scale infill development would,

however, be considered on a case-by-case basis. This was seconded by Cllr Pope-Brannon with all in favour.

- 131.2 Councillors considered whether the parish council should submit a response to the Local Government Reorganisation consultation, and after some discussion Cllr James proposed submitting the following:

While the preferred option is to retain the current arrangements, if reorganisation is unavoidable the Council would support a model based on three councils across Suffolk rather than a single authority. There are concerns that a single authority would lead to a democratic deficit, with representatives less able to meet with residents and effectively represent the views of their communities. This was seconded by Cllr Glendinning with one abstention and five in favour.

132. Other matters

None.

133. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026.

134. Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be Tuesday 6th January 2026.

135. Exclusion of the Press & Public

136. Close of meeting

This meeting closed at 11.45am.