

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of
Kessingland Parish Council
At 7pm on Wednesday 11th February 2026
Held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors D. Boyle (Vice-Chair), C. Cook, N. Glendinning, A. Green, S. James (Chair), J. McLean, B. Nicholls & P. Slezacek

Other Member present: Cllr M. Ladd

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

154. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee and explained the meeting protocol.

155. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Graham, Pope-Brannon and Saunders with the acceptance of apologies proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour.

156. 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.

Dispensations have been granted to the following:

Cllr Green in respect of his role as District Councillor and Church Warden

157. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026 had been circulated and Cllr Boyle proposed they were adopted as an accurate record of the meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Glendinning with all in favour.

158. Reports

158.1 A report from Suffolk County Councillor M. Ladd was received. He provided an update on the recent Gull Bridge meeting he attended, noting that it had been very positive and beneficial for the town. He also reported that statistics show an increase in the number of women joining the Fire and Rescue Service. Further updates included information from the Department for Transport, the upcoming budget day for Ipswich County Council, and the ongoing programme to convert street lighting to LED, which is achieving cost savings. Cllr Ladd also confirmed that local elections will be postponed for a further year.

- 158.2 A report was received from East Suffolk Councillor A. Green. Cllr Green provided an update on coastal erosion affecting the East Coast, the ongoing rollout of the new bin system, and upcoming legislation relating to e-bikes and e-scooters.

Cllr M. Ladd left the meeting at 7.20pm.

159. Public Forum

No members of the public attended

160. Leisure, Communications & Events

- 160.1 Cllrs noted the draft minutes of the Leisure, Communications & Events meeting held on the 19th January 2026.
- 160.2 To note a meeting has taken place with a designer to progress the information boards and a quote has been received. (Confidential)
- 160.3 Cllrs noted that the new website went live on 2nd February 2026 and the Chair gave thanks to the Acting Parish Clerk, Admin & Cllr McLean for all the work done to achieve this.

161. Finance & Governance

- 161.1 Cllrs noted the draft minutes of the Finance & Governance meeting held on 13th January 2026.
- 161.2 Cllr Boyle proposed to appoint SALC as the Internal Auditor and approve the SALC internal audit letter of engagement. Cllr Glendinning seconded with all in favour.

162. Personnel

- 162.1 Cllrs noted that a youth café leader has tendered their resignation and the position is being advertised.
- 162.2 Staffing matters (Confidential)

163. Planning & Highways

- 163.1 There was no update from the Task & Finish Group regarding the review of the Kessingland Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that this matter would be added to next month's Planning & Highways agenda.

164. Other Council Business

- 164.1 Cllrs noted the draft minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee Meeting held on the 28th January 2026 and received an update from Cllr James who gave encouragement to everyone to read it as it is now a stand alone committee.
- 164.2 A report was given by Cllr James who had attended a multi-agency meeting regarding the bus service in Kessingland. He voiced main concerns, to that meeting, regarding the lack of transport to and from the village especially during the evening.
- 164.3 Cllrs noted that a log of all property belonging to the Parish Council will now be maintained.
- 164.4 To discuss the Freedom of the Village Medal (Confidential)

165. Matters in Abeyance

165.1 A discussion took place regarding the beacon lights at Roy Brown's Garden. It was noted that these need to be installed in time for the Easter season, along with the plaque commemorating Roy Brown.

166. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11th March 2026.

167. Items for the Next Agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

168. Exclusion of the Press & 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. Cllr Green seconded the motion with all in favour.

169. Close of Meeting

This meeting closed at 8.20pm.