

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the
Planning & Highways Committee
at 10.00am on
Meeting held at Wednesday 15th April 2026
in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members Present: Cllrs P. Slezacek (Chair), D. Pope-Brannon, I. Graham & B. Saunders

Other Members Present: Cllr S. James

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

113. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting protocol

114. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Glendinning and acceptance of apologies was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Graham with all in favour.

115. 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.

116. Notes from the Inquorate Planning & Highways Meeting

Cllrs received for information only, the Clerk's notes from the inquorate meeting held on 3rd March 2026, which included comments from members of the public and two attending guests.

These are **not** minutes and did not require approval.

117. Minutes of the Last Quorate Meeting

Cllr Pope-Brannon proposed the minutes of Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 18th February 2026 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr James with all in favour.

118. Public participation on Planning Applications.

No members of the public attended.

119. Planning Applications to be Considered

119.1 DC/26/0785/FUL | Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the south car park for the storage of energy generated by adjacent solar canopies | Africa Alive, Whites Lane, Kessingland NR33 7TF | Consultation

expiry date 16 April 2026

*Cllr Saunders proposed to recommend **approval** of this application subject to conditions to ensure that the development is appropriately designed and sited so that it blends in with its surroundings and is sympathetic to the local environment. Cllr Graham seconded with all in favour.*

- 119.2 DC/26/0728/FUL | Extension and Alterations, remove Utility Room and construct Garden Room, internal alterations including insertion of two new windows | 8 Whites Lane, Kessingland, NR33 7TF | Consultation expiry date 21 April 2026

*Cllr Pope-Brannon proposed to recommend **approval** of this application. Cllr Saunders seconded with all in favour.*

- 119.3 DC/26/0942/FUL | Construction of two residential dwellings | Land Adjacent 48, Mclean Drive, Kessingland | Consultation expiry date 21 April 2026

*Cllr Saunders recommended **refusal** of the application, stating that it represents overdevelopment of the site and is contrary to Local Planning Authority policies on design, residential amenity, and sustainable development. Concerns were also raised regarding inadequate parking provision and drainage issues that are likely to worsen. Cllr Pope-Brannon seconded with all in favour.*

120. Other Matters

- 120.1 Cllrs noted that the last meeting of this committee that was scheduled for 3rd March 2026 was inquorate but an informal discussion was held between Cllr Ladd (SCC), Charles Harrison (Suffolk Highways) and Cllrs Pope-Brannon and Slezacek. No decisions were made but the following is to be noted:

- Speeding outside the school was raised as a concern, Cllr Pope-Brannon to make initial contact with the school to discuss this issue with them.
- C. Harrison will approach the Development Management Team to discuss options regarding pedestrian safety on the London Road footpath.

- 120.2 Cllrs discussed the updating of the Neighbourhood Plan, as previously resolved by Full Council. Councillor James proposed that KPC book the study day offered by the Suffolk Preservation Society. This was seconded by Councillor Boyle and agreed unanimously. It was subsequently noted that the closing date for booking the study day has now passed.

- 120.3 Cllrs noted that the traffic calming survey on Church Road has been booked for 5th - 20th May.

- 120.4 Cllrs received an update regarding an empty property on Church Road. During discussion, one Cllr expressed a wish to write to the owner, however, no formal motion was proposed or voted upon.

121. Date of next meeting.

Cllrs noted the date of the next Planning Committee meeting will be Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 10am.

122. Items for the next agenda

Cllrs noted that due to the frequency of Planning Committee meetings, items for the next agenda need to be received by the Friday immediately following this meeting (with the exception of planning applications).

123. Exclusion of the Press & Public

124. Close of meeting

This meeting closed at 11.06am.

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