

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Leisure, Community & Engagement Committee** **Held at 11am on Monday 16th March 2026** in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Councillors C. Cook, I. Graham, J. McLean & B. Nicholls (Vice-Chair)
Other Cllrs in attendance: S. James
Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Acting Parish Clerk) & D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

74. Chair's welcome

Cllr Nicholls welcomed the committee to the meeting and explained the meeting protocol.

75. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Boyle, Pope-Brannon and Slezacek. Cllr McLean proposed acceptance of the apologies, this was seconded by Cllr James with all in favour.

76. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda and there are no written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Dispensations have been granted to the following:

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

77. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Leisure, Community & Engagement Committee meeting held on 19th January 2026 had been circulated and Cllr Graham proposed they were adopted as an accurate record of the meetings. This was seconded by Cllr James with all in favour.

78. Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

79. Play Equipment

79.1 Cllrs considered the latest play equipment reports. An inspection of the play areas at Church Road and Francis Road was carried out, during which it was noted that the safety matting is worn and that the beaters for the musical play equipment have once again been removed. Cllr James proposed that quotes be sought to repair the worn matting and replace the missing beaters. He further proposed that the recent damage to the skate park be referred to Full

Council for consideration. This was seconded by Cllr Cook, with all members in favour.

80. Community spaces

80.1 Cllrs noted the beacon lights have been installed.

81. Maintenance

81.1 It was noted that despite contacting twelve builders, no contractors have responded regarding the installation of a concrete base for the new bench at Marram Green. Cllrs discussed options for progressing the installation, including undertaking the work in-house with the potential purchase of a 230/240V cement mixer and a 3.5 kVA generator to support this task and future KPC projects. Cllr Cook proposed a maximum budget of £500, Cllr McLean seconded with all in favour.

81.2 Cllrs noted a contractor has been instructed to clear the Church Rd ditch.

81.3 Councillors noted that the moles previously present on the playing field at KSSC have now been removed. It was also reported that wild rabbits in the area may be suffering from myxomatosis.

81.4 Cllrs noted that grit bins have been purchased for the bottom of Church Road and Rider Haggard Lane.

81.5 Cllrs discussed the resurfacing of the KSSC car park and agreed that, as the issue was last discussed in May, new quotations should be obtained.

81.6 It was noted that a maintenance service on the flagpole has been arranged for the 18th March 2026.

82. Allotments

82.1 Councillors discussed allotment matters. It was noted that five plots are currently vacant and that reminder letters have been sent regarding outstanding payments.

83. Events

83.1 Councillors discussed forthcoming events and related budgets. Easter arrangements are complete, and the next event will be the August Bank Holiday Fun Day. Councillor McLean is awaiting quotations to report to full Council.

84. Volunteers

84.1 Councillors received an update on the Volunteer Services. It was noted that one large jacket for the litter pickers is still outstanding.

85. Community

85.1 Cllrs discussed the Youth Culture Fund and noted that its purpose is to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate in trips and educational outings. It was reported that a meeting has taken place with the school and that Terms of Reference have been drafted.

86. Development

86.1 Cllrs discussed the provision of new benches. It was agreed that residents would be invited to choose their preferred design at the AMP, with options including Tatty Teddies, Plough Horses, Kingfisher, and Naval. It was noted that the bench may be located at the top end of Field Lane.

87. **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 11am on Monday 18th May 2026.

88. **Items for the next agenda**

Cllrs noted that the last date for submitting items for the agenda to the Clerk is 5pm on Friday 8th May 2026.

89. **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

None

90. **Close of Meeting**

This meeting closed at 11.55am.