

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Kessingland Parish Council At 7pm, 8th April 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. Saunders & P. Slezacek

Others Present: One member of the public

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

191. Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee and explained the meeting protocol.

192. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nicholls and M. Ladd with the acceptance of apologies proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour. Cllr Graham and Pope-Brannon did not attend.

193. 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

194. Minutes of the previous meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February & 16th March 2026 had been circulated and Cllr McLean proposed they were adopted as an accurate record of the meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Cook with all in favour. The minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting on 30th March will be considered at the next meeting. Note, the meeting of 11th March 2026 did not take place due to it being inquorate.

195. Reports

195.1 A report from Suffolk County Council was not received.

195.2 Cllr Green gave a brief report from East Suffolk Council, providing details on the three administrative areas covering Kessingland, Worlingham & Beccles. Central & Eastern Suffolk will be a new unitary authority created in May 2028, merging parts of Mid Suffolk and East Suffolk councils following a March 2026 government announcement. It is one of three new unitary councils replacing

all existing district and county councils in Suffolk, covering areas like Lowestoft, Stowmarket, and Woodbridge.

196. Public Forum

196.1 There were no comments from any members of the public.

197. Leisure, Communications & Events

197.1 Cllrs noted the minutes of the LCE meeting held on 16th March will be considered at the next meeting.

197.2 Cllrs noted the Village Information Boards have been delivered.

197.3 Cllrs considered taking ownership of the defibrillator at KSSC and also purchasing a replacement battery for it. Cllr McLean proposed a maximum budget of £2,000 to cover replacing the battery and also to replace the defibrillator at the Working Mens Club which has been out of action since last year due to not being able to replace the defib pads required. Cllr Cook seconded with all in favour.

198. Finance & Governance

198.1 Cllrs noted the minutes of the Finance & Governance meeting held on 10th February 2026. The minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd & 30th March 2026 will be considered at the next meeting.

199. Personnel

199.1 Cllrs noted the minutes of the Personnel meetings held on 10th November and the Extra-Ordinary meeting on 10th December 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March & 7th April 2026 will be considered at the next meeting.

199.2 Staffing matters (Confidential)

200. Planning & Highways

200.1 Cllrs noted the minutes of the Planning & Highways meetings held on 18th February 2026.

200.2 It was noted that the Kessingland Neighbourhood Plan was not discussed by this committee as recommended at the last Full Council meeting as the meeting was inquorate and therefore deferred.

201. Other Council Business

201.1 Cllrs noted that the Freedom of the Village Medals have been ordered, including the inscription for one of them.

202. Other Matters

It was noted that the Church Road ditch near the car park has been cleared by an outside contractor who will continue to do so as necessary.

203. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be the **AGM** and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 13th May 2026.

204. Items for the next agenda

The last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda will be Friday 1st May 2026.

205. Exclusion of the Press & Public

Cllr Green 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 McLean seconded the motion with all in favour.

206. Close of meeting

This meeting closed at 7.40pm.