

KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** **at 10am on Wednesday 29th July 2026** Held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Cllrs A. Green, D. Pope-Brannon
Other Members: Cllrs S. James & A. Lever (SCC) J. Kerridge Community Liaison Engineer (SCC)
Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Acting Parish Clerk) D. Blowers (Admin/Committee Clerk)

26. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee and explained the meeting protocol.

27. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Graham, Glendinning & C. Cox (SCC) with the acceptance of apologies proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Pope-Brannon with all in favour. Cllr Saunders did not attend the meeting.

28. 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.

29. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 30th June 2026 had been circulated. Cllr James proposed to approve the minutes, Cllr Pope-Brannon seconded with all in favour.

30. Public Participation on Planning Applications.

No members of the public attended.

31. Highways

31.1 Cllrs considered the issue of graffiti in the underpass. A number of photographs were circulated for review. Cllr James proposed involving the Youth Café and engaging a street artist to oversee and manage any artwork produced. Cllr Lever advised that both the District and County Councils may have funding available to support the project. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Pope-Brannon and carried unanimously.

31.2 Cllrs discussed the absence of white road markings on the northern approach to the bypass, where visibility is poor, together with a number of faded road markings throughout the village. J. Kerridge advised that these issues should be reported via the Suffolk County Council online reporting tool.

31.3 There was no update regarding pedestrian safety on the London Road footpath, as previously discussed with C. Harrison on 15 April 2026. J. Kerridge agreed to contact C. Harrison to establish whether the matter had been raised with the Development Management Team.

31.4 Cllrs discussed the volume of roadworks taking place within the village. Cllr Green stated that the Parish Council would like advance notification of forthcoming roadworks. Members were advised that a monthly alert can be set up through the One.Network online tool.

31.5 Cllrs considered the condition of the double yellow lines and driveway protection markings on London Road, which require urgent repainting. J. Kerridge advised that these issues can be reported online by any resident and that householders may also arrange and fund driveway protection markings privately where appropriate.

31.6 Councillors considered a proposed date from Jess Asato MP for a joint public meeting on Friday 9 October 2026, between 11.00am and 1.30pm, to discuss the introduction of 20mph speed limits within the village. The Parish Council supported holding the meeting and agreed to invite J. Kerridge and A. Lever. J. Kerridge advised that traffic surveys would be required on every road where a 20mph limit was proposed. He further noted that implementing a village-wide 20mph scheme would cost at least £12,000, excluding the cost of the necessary surveys.

32. **Date of next meeting.**

Cllrs noted the date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 10am. *(Please note that the meeting will be cancelled if there are no applications to be considered).*

33. **Any Other Matters**

None.

34. **Items for the Next Agenda**

It was 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).

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

None

36. **Close of meeting**

This meeting closed at 11am.