

Kessingland Parish Council



Minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Meeting at 10am on Monday 16th January 2023 held in the Council Chamber, Marram Green

Members present: Cllrs M. Dunne, J. McLean, B. Nicholls.

Other Cllrs in attendance: None

Others present: None

Clerk to the Meeting: S. Hogg (Assistant Clerk)

78. Welcome

Cllr Dunne welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting protocols.

79. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Boyle, Cook & James. Cllr McLean proposed acceptance of the apology, this was seconded by Cllr Boyle with all in favour.

80. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda and no written requests had been received. There were no existing grants of dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

81. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllr Dunne proposed the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting that was held on 21st November 2022 be adopted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr McLean with all in favour.

82. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present and no comments had been received.

83. Allotments

General Matters

83.1 The Deputy Clerk informed the committee that the two currently unoccupied plots have been offered to residents that were placed on the allotments waiting list. These residents have taken up the offer of a tenancy so all plots will shortly be occupied.

83.2 It was noted that letters have been sent out to allotment holders with regards to nominations for the allotment representatives. So far there has been one response. The Deputy Clerk is going to wait a further two weeks to see if there

are any further nominations put forward and will send out reminder letters if required and produce a poster which can be put up at each allotment.

- 83.3 It was noted that all allotment holders have been sent a letter asking them if they would be willing to donate any surplus produce that they have to the Kessingland Community Fridge. So far there has been one response.

84. Francis Road

84.1 Maintenance/Improvements

It was noted that we are currently trying to organise a meeting with the football club, Suffolk FA and ourselves to discuss what is required at Francis Road and how it can be achieved.

84.2 Toilets

It was noted there have been a couple of minor issues raised regarding the urinal and the sensitivity of the taps which we will speak to GAA about.

85. Play Equipment

85.1 Inspections & Maintenance

It was noted that the annual inspection was carried out and we have received copies of it. However, this year will see the merger of Norse being taken back in house with East Suffolk so it may be that we look to East Suffolk for a contract, or we look at alternative provision.

86. Noticeboards

86.1 Council Notice Boards

Nothing to report.

86.2 Information Boards

It was noted that Deputy Clerk and Cllr McLean will soon be looking into progressing this.

87. Street Furniture

87.1 Bins

It was noted that East Suffolk have a sum of money they can use and will look at removing dog bins on the seafront and replacing with general bins which can be used for all waste. Signage will be placed on existing bins to let people know they also take general waste. They will also look at buying wheelie bin covers as requested by Kessingland Parish Council. The committee would like to see a bin placed at the junction of Lloyds Ave and Field Lane to replace the dog bin that was previously there. The Deputy Clerk will contact Norse and find out if the bin can be replaced with a general waste bin.

87.2 Benches

It was noted that the proposed working partnership with East Suffolk will not take place.

88. Litter Picking

88.1 Updating on the litter picking

It was noted that the litter picking continues to operate on a Monday and Friday and the litter picking party will take place on 20th January 2023.

89. The Marsh

89.1 Update on the marsh

It was noted that work continues at the marshes under Cllr Boyle supervision.

90. Community Spaces

90.1 Roy Brown's Garden

It was noted that a quote has been obtained for the landscaping and was brought before full council on 11th January. At that meeting the council decided that the council required a design with specifications from a landscape architect and three quotes would then be sought. It is hoped that work would then commence in the autumn.

Remembrance Plaques

90.2 It was noted that three more plaques have been installed on the Kessingland Remembers wall.

90.3 Kessingland Kitchen & Wildlife Garden

It was noted that we are looking to progress the water and we are awaiting information from GAA.

91. Maintenance

It was noted that maintenance projects are being lined up ready for when the weather starts improving in the spring and internal jobs are being tackled.

92. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for 10am Monday 20th March 2023.

93. Items for the next agenda

Councillors were reminded that the last date for notifying the Clerk of items for the agenda is Monday 13th were March 2023.

94. Exclusion of the Press & Public

None

95. Close of Meeting

Meetings closed at 10.42am.