

KPC 127-10

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH 2022
HELD IN THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL, HAVERHILL ROAD, KEDINGTON**

Present: Cllr Ann Naylor (Chair)
Cllr Stella Wilsher (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Terry Wheeler
Cllr Karen Barber
Cllr Lynda Woodward
Cllr Sharon Eames

In attendance: Mr John Boxall (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance: Eight Parishioners present.

ACTION

1 Parishioners' Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the public present.

Parishioners wished to discuss item 12 with reference to planning application DC/22/0336/FUL regarding land west of Haverhill Road, Kedington, for one retail unit (class E) and associated vehicular and pedestrian access. Chair confirmed this item of interest was on the agenda and the Parishioners confirmed they were happy to discuss it then.

2 Welcome, apologies and resignations.

The Chair welcomed everyone present.
Apologies accepted from Cllr Potter for personal reasons and Cllr Standeven for work reasons.

3 To receive members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Local Non- Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the Suffolk Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the LGFA 1992) and receive any applications for dispensations on agenda items.

Chair declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest regarding agenda items 12.2.b and 12.2.c

4 Councillors who were present to agree and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting of Kedington Parish Council held on 15th February 2022 and the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Woodward to agree the minutes of the meeting of Kedington Parish Council held on 15th February 2022 as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Naylor to agree the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Cllr Naylor to sign the minutes outside of this meeting.

5 Receive visitor's reports and reports from District and County Councillors.

All Councillors present confirmed that they had received a copy of the District Councillors report at ANNEX 1 by email prior to this meeting. There was nothing to add.

ANNEX 1

6 Receive Clerk's report: To include noting of correspondence received.**6.1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022.**

Clerk advised that he paid M&M Leisure for the gas on 17th March 2022, totalling £152.98 including VAT, and that he paid Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd for the beacon on 18th March 2022, totalling £588.00 including VAT. Delivery of these items to be arranged closer to the Jubilee celebrations. The monies for these are from the grant received from Suffolk County Councillor David Roach. Clerk advised that Council have been approved a Locality Budget grant from West Suffolk Councillors Marion Rushbrook and Karen Richardson. This is for £500.00 towards Kedington Parish Council's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Thank you to Councillors Rushbrook and Richardson.

6.2. Football goal post for Meadow.

Clerk advised that the installation of both locations is complete and he paid £260.00 for this on the 22nd February 2022.

6.3. Defibrillator installation on Westward Deals.

Clerk advised that the next step is for an inspection hole to be dug to confirm there are no issues with underground utilities etc. If this is the case the hole will be loosely filled and then arrangements will be made for the mounting pole to be installed in it. Keith Jesson is hoping for an April delivery of the defibrillator itself. Clerk advised he has updated a member of staff at the Kedington Butchers who will pass this information on to Paul. Clerk advised that on 17th March 2022 he paid £2,500.00 to the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust from the West Suffolk COVID grant held as an earmarked reserve and that this has now all been spent.

6.4. Calford Green common land boundary marking.

Clerk advised that a slightly increased payment of £190.00 was made to Mr Ian Evans on 3rd March 2022 and that this was authorised by the Clerk and the Chair. The increase from the original quote of £182.62 was due to an increase in cost of supplies. Clerk asked for this payment to be ratified. Cllr Naylor proposed this payment be ratified, seconded by Cllr Woodward. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

6.5. Calford Green damage caused to the green on 11th February 2022.

Clerk advised that on Friday 11th February a delivery van got stuck on the green at Calford Green causing damage to the green. It was eventually dragged out by a flatbed truck/van causing more damage. Photographs of the vehicles were taken by residents and from these Cllr Naylor was able to identify the delivery company. Cllr Naylor contacted the delivery company and they accepted full responsibility and are happy to pay for the damage incurred to the green to be repaired. Clerk has obtained two quotes by email and at the request of the delivery company is obtaining these in a more official format that he will then forward to the delivery company.

Clerk

6.6. Register of Member's Interests.

Clerk asked if Councillors could update him of any changes to personal details and Pecuniary and Local Non-Pecuniary Interests.

6.7. Pedestrian Assistant.

Clerk advised that on the 11th March 2022 a resident of Kedington contacted him and asked if there was a vacancy for a Pedestrian Assistant. Clerk advised the person that there was now no budget allocation for that position for the coming financial year but he would advise the Parish Council at its next meeting. A discussion followed between Councillors as a result of which it was decided to contact Kedington Primary Academy to see if there have been any issues reported to them since the resignation of the previous Pedestrian Assistant. No Councillors were aware of nor had had reported to them any such issues. A Parishioner then asked that if it is an issue of financing, would it be worth asking the school whether they would contribute. Clerk to ask this question also. To be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

Clerk

7 Finance Committee

7.1. Receive Budget update from Chair of Finance Committee.

Cllr Wilsher read out the contents of the document at ANNEX 2.

ANNEX 2

7.2. Grants – Sn 137, LGA 1972

Uptake:

- a. 1st Kedington Guides

Clerk advised that as agreed at the Finance Committee meeting on 8th February 2022 and the Parish Council meeting on 15th February 2022, £370.00 was paid on 17th February 2022.

Applications:

- a. None

7.3 Regular payments.

Clerk advised that the regular payments for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2022 were approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022.

7.4 Asset register.

Clerk advised that the Asset Register was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022. As a result of which Cllr Wheeler confirmed that we do have 8 grit bins and the Asset Register should be updated accordingly.

Clerk

At that same meeting Cllr Wheeler suggested and it was agreed that the entry on page 3 concerning "Skate ramps with flat box" should be amended to "Skate ramps" as the flat box has been removed. Clerk advised that the current asset register applies a value of £44,840.56 to the "Skate ramps with flat box". This valuation includes the two skate ramps and the flat box. It also includes installation, VAT and delivery costs that it should not. Clerk advised that the value excluding VAT of the two skate ramps detailed as "flatbank structure" and "quarter pipe structure" totals £11,654.50. Asset register to be amended accordingly, insurers and internal auditor to be advised. Asset register to be published on the Parish Council website.

Clerk

7.5 Employer's Liability Insurance.

Clerk advised that he has informed the insurance company of the addition of the gate from Old School Field onto the Cut for £530.00 and the Meadow goal for £804.90, although they have recorded it as £805.00, to our Asset Register. Clerk advised that this will increase next year's premium, the 3rd year of our 3 year deal, to £2,290.97. The previous two years were £2,265.68 and £2,335.15.

7.6 Adopt Internet Banking Policy.

Chair advised that the Internet Banking Policy was approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Woodward to adopt the Internet Banking Policy. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

7.7 Adopt Financial (Management) Risk Assessment.

Chair advised that the Financial (Management) Risk Assessment was approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Woodward to adopt the Financial (Management) Risk Assessment. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

7.8 Adopt Financial Regulations.

Chair advised that the Financial Regulations were approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022. Chair requested one further amendment to the Financial Regulations at paragraph 4.1. This being an addition of the wording "The Clerk/RFO, in conjunction with two Councillors, for items up to £500" at a fourth bullet point. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Wilsher to adopt the Financial Regulations with that amendment. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

7.9 Adopt Effectiveness of Internal Control/Management of Risk and Internal Audit in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015/234.

Chair advised that the Effectiveness of Internal Control/Management of Risk and Internal Audit in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015/234 was approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1st March 2022. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Eames to adopt the Effectiveness of Internal Control/Management of Risk and Internal Audit in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015/234. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

7.10 Adopt Internal Control Statement and Report.	Chair advised that the Internal Control Statement and Report was approved by a resolution at the Finance Committee meeting on 1 st March 2022. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Wheeler to adopt the Internal Control Statement and Report. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Clerk advised Council that Cllr Wheeler had signed off the Internal Control Report on the 17 th March 2022. Chair and Clerk then signed the Internal Control Statement.	Clerk
7.11 Remove Bank Of Ireland account from Scribe.	Chair sought permission from Council to remove the Bank Of Ireland account details from Scribe as it is closed and we no longer use it. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Wheeler to remove the Bank Of Ireland account details from Scribe. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.	Clerk
7.12 National Non-Domestic Rate Demand for 2021/2022.	Clerk advised that he received the Non Domestic Rate Demand 2022/2023 for Kedington Parish Council on 17 th March 2022 and, as in previous years, there is nothing to pay.	
7.13 Review Salary for Village Cleaner for 2022/2023.	Clerk advised that the National Living Wage for those aged 23 years and over will increase to £9.50 per hour from 1 st April 2022, an increase of 6.63% on the previous year, £8.91. The Village Cleaner's pay is based on the National Living Wage. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Eames and seconded by Cllr Wilsher that the Village Cleaner's wage should rise to £9.50 per hour with effect from 1 st April 2022. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.	Clerk
7.14 National Salary Award for 2021/2022.	Clerk advised that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from April 2021 and employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible. This award equates to a 1.75% increase. From 1 st April 2021 to end 28 th Feb 2022 Clerk has been paid £15,130.06 gross and an increase of 1.75% increases that to £15,394.84. Therefore, Clerk is due back pay of £264.78 gross. Clerk requests this be paid in his next salary payment on 31 st March 2022. Clerk also requests that as of 1 st March 2022 his salary is increased from £15.37 per hour by 1.75% to £15.64 per hour, Spinal Column Point 25. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Wheeler to agree the Clerk's requests. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.	Clerk
7.15 Discuss and approve payment of Clerk's expenses for September 2021 to March 2022.	Clerk advised that his mileage expenses amount to £25.65 as ANNEX 3 attached. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Barber to pay this amount. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Claim form signed by Cllr Naylor as Chair of the Parish Council.	ANNEX 3 Clerk
8 Play Equipment		
8.1. Receive defect report(s) (if any); agree action.	Clerk confirmed that Councillors had received the reports and that all work had been completed or was in hand (see item 8.2 below). A Parishioner advised that the safety chains on the basket swing aren't attached. Chair advised she would look at the swing tomorrow.	Chair
8.2. Quotes to repair/replace play surfaces.	Clerk confirmed that Councillors had received the six quotes by email along with a spreadsheet he had prepared. A discussion followed about what surfaces to repair or replace and which company's quote to accept. A resolution was subsequently put forward by Cllr Woodward and seconded by Cllr Wheeler to accept the quote from Playquip to replace the wet pour surface with bonded rubber mulch on both the junior multi-play unit and the flat swing's surfaces only. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. The value of this quote is £10,814.80 plus VAT.	Clerk

9 Environmental / Grounds Maintenance Matters**9.1 Strimming contract.**

Clerk advised that despite sending five requests to quote for the strimming contract, the only quote that has been submitted is from Bob Dellar of RMS Trees. The quote is £3,150.00 and £450.00 for the extra cut. A resolution was subsequently put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Eames to accept the quote from RMS Trees. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

Clerk

10 Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters**10.1 Kedington village sign.**

To be carried forward to next meeting as Cllr Standeven is not present to update this evening.

At this time Cllr Wheeler requested item 10.3 Street Furniture Report be brought forward as it will have an impact on Council's discussions on the next agenda item 10.2. This request was agreed. Cllr Wheeler then read out his report that is attached at ANNEX 4. The report included the need to replace three dog litter bins as they have rusty bottoms and the tops are getting rusty also. These are part of the original bins installed "a lot of years ago" and should be replaced as soon as possible. Clerk to obtain quotes to replace these three bins.

ANNEX 4

Other recommendations regarding six benches, metal fencing, metal hand rails and the eight grit bins were not urgent and could be done in Spring 2023. Cllr Wheeler commented that the grit bins just needed cleaning and Cllr Wilsher commented that she doesn't mind doing it.

Cllr Wilsher

10.2. Quotes to repaint and repair green benches in Silver Street Park and Old School Field.

Clerk advised that following on from the request at the meeting on 15th February 2022 he had contacted Stuart at "Helions Forge". Stuart had given him contact details of two other potential companies to quote for the work. Clerk contacted both of those companies and sent them quote requests. One of the companies has not replied at all, the other have replied "unfortunately we do not do site work just powder coating so if still interested we can get a price to blast, galvanise and paint but that's all we cannot repair or paint on site etc."

Clerk reminded Council of the original quotes from Stuart attached at ANNEX 5. Cllr Wheeler commented that the two benches in Old School Field are not in bad condition and don't need doing this year. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Barber to accept the quote from Stuart at "Helions Forge" for the two benches in Silver Street Park only. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed

ANNEX 5

Cllr Wheeler asked if Stuart could be asked to quote to repaint the metal bench in the youth shelter as the document at ANNEX 4. Following a discussion regarding this bench it was agreed to get quotes to galvanize it from Stuart and from Acrow Galvanising in Haverhill.

Clerk

Clerk

10.3 Street Furniture Report.

Please see above report from Cllr Wheeler at ANNEX 4

11 Any other reports (on-going matters)**11.1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee bespoke bench.**

Chair and Cllr Barber to progress this.

Chair and Cllr Barber

11.2. Village History Recorder.

Clerk updated that adverts have been placed on the Parish notice boards, in the library, in the Nisa, on the website, on Facebook and on the school notice board. Chair advised she has had been contacted by a person who is interested in the role and will arrange to have a meeting with that person.

Chair

11.3. Defibrillator at Royal British Legion Hall.

Cllr Wheeler advised that this was discussed at the Royal British Legion branch meeting last week. However, they can't afford to buy one outright and are not allowed to donate to any other body unless it is part of the Legion. He had suggested that the Legion contacted County, District and Parish Councils to ask for donations and they will probably do that next month. Cllr Wheeler then asked if it would make more sense for the Parish Council to take this on and donate the money for two defibrillators. Following a discussion, it was decided Clerk will contact Keith Jesson at the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust to establish the cost of a wall mounted defibrillator and what donation they would hope for i.e. half or any amount or any other.

Clerk

12 Housing/Planning

12.1 Applications for discussion at meeting.

a. DC/22/0336/FUL - Land West Of Haverhill Road, Kedington - Planning application - one retail unit (class E) and associated vehicular and pedestrian access.

Chair confirmed that this is the first occasion that Councillors have discussed this planning application to relocate the Nisa store.

Chair presented her observations of this planning application with reference to the attached notes she had prepared at ANNEX 6 during which she made reference to the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) at ANNEX 7

ANNEX 6
ANNEX 7

Councillors then gave their individual thoughts raising observations concerning:-

- i. Safety when crossing the road.
- ii. Being built on greenfield land.
- iii. Being built on land outside the envelope for development, the settlement boundary.
- iv. Speed limit on Haverhill Road.
- v. Current shop is fit for purpose as a convenience store, larger shop not needed.
- vi. Light pollution.
- vii. Green energy.
- viii. Ecological impact.
- ix. Increased employment of local people.
- x. Community feel of current shop, it being in the middle of the village.
- xi. Inadequacy of access statement.
- xii. Increase in opening hours.

Parishioners then gave their individual thoughts raising observations concerning:-

- i. An increase in people from one end of the village driving to the new proposed location may result in a decrease in people from the other end of the village driving to it, cancelling each other out.
- ii. The proposed new location would take a lot of lorries out of the centre of the village. An increase in safety.
- iii. If the application were reversed i.e. move the Nisa from Haverhill Road to its current location, then a likely concern would be the same; an increase in traffic into the village, but that is how some would like it to remain and would suggest is better. So is the application to move the Nisa actually a safety improvement.
- iv. Regarding the green issue, a new build would be made of more energy efficient materials when compared to the existing shop.

Chair advised that the Parish Council will submit its observations to the West Suffolk Council planning department, both the positives and the negatives, to give a balanced view.

Parish Council

Chair advised that she has made enquiries with West Suffolk Council to establish the definition of what is a supermarket and there is no definition. It is down to the perception of what is a shop, large shop, supermarket etc.

Chair advised that following some research she has found that Waitrose convenience stores are 3,000 to 9,000 square feet and a supermarket is 12,500 to 29,000 square feet. The Nisa is sized at 450 square metres that equals 4843.75969 square feet, the convenience size of a Waitrose.

Chair advised that the shop security would cover both the inside and outside of the shop.

- b. **DC/22/0371/HH - 13 Dash End, Kedington, Suffolk, CB9 7QR - Householder planning application - dropped kerb.**

No observations from Councillors.

12.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council

- a. **DC/21/2490/RM - Land at junction of Hall Road and Mill Road, Kedington, CB9 7QX – reserved matters application.**

Clerk advised that the Parish Council's observations were submitted to the planning department on 23rd February 2022.

Clerk advised that since then a letter had been received from Strutt and Parker by email regarding some preliminary on-site preparation works due to commence shortly and also seeking the Parish Council's views in respect of some on site play equipment ANNEX 8. This had been forwarded to Councillors by email.

ANNEX 8

A further email from Strutt and Parker had also been forwarded to Councillors stating:-

"In terms of the delivery hours I can confirm there is no problem in amending these as requested and I have also asked for a copy of the traffic management plan for you.

In respect of biodiversity net gain, a net gain assessment is not a requirement of the approved outline application, however an ecological management plan which includes requirements for mitigation and enhancements is required through the planning conditions and has been submitted as part of the discharge of conditions application. We are awaiting the Council's consultation response on this.

In respect of the highway points, discussions are still ongoing with the planning officer and Suffolk County Highways so that details can be confirmed.

The additional information requested by the LLFA has now been provided so hopefully the final drainage strategy and details can also be agreed."

Cllr Wheeler commented that it seems from the plan that the area outside The Limes that we maintain, it looks like they are going to take the left hand section of the drive area. Chair to check this.

Chair

Councillors discussed the on-site play equipment suggested and all were in favour of it. Clerk to update Strutt and Parker.

Clerk

A parishioner brought up the subject of surface water drainage when there is heavy rain. Chair advised that Suffolk County Council have this on their repair list to do some work on this. Chair advised the parishioner that taking current photographs of any issues would be beneficial to progressing the repairs.

- b. **DC/22/0173/HH - The Old Stores, Silver Street, Kedington, Suffolk, CB9 7QG – Householder planning application; a. Single storey side and rear extension; b. alteration to front boundary wall.**

Clerk advised that the Parish Council's observations were submitted to the planning department on 28th February 2022. There were no objections provided that the front alterations are not going past their existing boundaries and will not go into the road.

- c. **DC/22/0174/LB - The Old Stores, Silver Street, Kedington, Suffolk, CB9 7QG** - Application for listed building consent; a. Single storey side and rear extension; b. alteration to front boundary wall.

Clerk advised that the Parish Council's observations were submitted to the planning department on 28th February 2022. There were no objections provided that the front alterations are not going past their existing boundaries and will not go into the road.

12.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council.

- a. **DC/22/0006/HH – 23 St Pauls Drive, Kedington, CB9 7HS – Householder planning application - two storey and single storey side extension.**

Clerk advised that this application was approved on 4th March 2022, The Parish Council had had no objections.

- b. **DC/21/1869/HH - 12 Dash End, Kedington, CB9 7QR – Amendment to Householder planning application - a. front porch b. two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage) c. single storey rear and side extension d. widening of existing vehicular access.**

Clerk advised that this amended application was approved on 22nd February 2022 following the Parish Council's initial objections and subsequent consultation by members of the Delegation Panel.

At this time a parishioner advised the Council that with regards to planning application DC/22/0336/FUL - Land West Of Haverhill Road, Kedington, above at 12.1.a, one of the observations submitted on the planning portal displayed as being from a resident at 5b Mill Road, Kedington, but was actually from a resident at 9 Dash End, Kedington. Clerk to advise planning officer.

Clerk

13 Events: Please bring your diaries

- 13.1 Date and location of next meeting.

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on the 19th April 2022 at 7 pm at a location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Signed

A E Naylor -

..... Dated19th April 2022.....

ANNEX 1

Kedington Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 22 March 2022

Joint report from Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk Councillors for Clare, Hundon and Kedington Ward.

Locality budgets

The annual locality budget the 3 of us get is due to finish on 31 March 2022, but we need to have the details submitted to our locality officer by 15 March. We can take approx. £400 over but if we do not spend a certain amount, we will lose it. Please contact us as soon as you can if you have any requests, many of the local parish/town councils are using the funds for their Jubilee celebrations, we may be able to secure from this year's allowances.

We have not received notification of the amounts we are due for the new financial year but our funds should be available early April 2022.

Funding update

West Suffolk Council has opened applications to the Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) We have been allocated a little over £4m for the scheme which is for businesses who have been affected by COVID-19 but have not so far been eligible for any of the other business rates relief given to retail, hospitality, leisure and childcare nurseries. Applications close 15 March 2022. For further details visit www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business

West Suffolk planning applications: 'Public Access' system

Please be advised that Public Access will be unavailable from Tuesday 29 March 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022 for an upgrade. This means you will be unable to view or comment on planning applications using the system during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries, please contact prs.systems@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Grass cutting season

Grass cutting will soon be starting, once again West Suffolk Council (WSC) will be writing to town and parish councils regularly with where the teams are and what they are doing. There will be a grass cutting page set up and updates will be put on there too which follows the positive feedback we had last year on the regular briefings. As always, any updates on where the crews maybe are subject to weather and capacity.

The Home But Not Alone

This initiative was launched by Suffolk councils at the start of the pandemic – but now, after two years, the scheme is being stood down.

This involved West Suffolk Council providing round the clock assistance, working with local agencies, voluntary organisations and companies to make sure the most vulnerable got food, medicines and the support they needed. This work has also forged closer links between the authority and the different groups. During the time West Suffolk staff, dealt with around 1,100 cases and worked with around 450 different organisations. The scheme will be reintroduced if needed.

Suffolk Walking Festival - Over 70 walks. 14th – 29th May 2022

The fourteenth Suffolk Walking Festival is set to launch on its programme of more than 70 walks on 14 May 2022 in West Suffolk.

The festival is supported by WSC and this year kicks off at Clare Country Park on Saturday 14 May with refreshments and two launch jaunts. It then runs every day until 29 May.

There are walks in Brandon, Bury St Edmunds, Clare, Haverhill, Mildenhall and Newmarket. It is the council's work to showcase West Suffolk but also support people's health and wellbeing as well as some of the historical and environmental work we do.

Tickets are on sale for all events from our very own Apex.

See www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk for more details of the programme, to sign up to regular newsletters, and to buy tickets.

Electric vehicle charges

In Haverhill and in Bury St Edmunds, WSC have begun work on installing more “fast” electric vehicle chargers.

The chargers, which are being installed in the Arts Centre car park in Haverhill and St Andrews car park in Bury St Edmunds, will be available for town centre workers and visitors as well as for nearby residents to use overnight.

The new chargers will cost £90,000 and the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) is funding three quarters of the capital costs of these with the remaining 25 per cent being met by the charge point operators BP Pulse.

Naturally, as part of our work to tackle climate change, we will continue to look at securing more EV chargers across the district. The locations are highly dependent on electrical grid capacity and conditions of the grant funding.

This is also a priority for the Suffolk wide work that is ongoing and will help us reach carbon neutral by 2030.

As part of the drive in the County to get more EV points installed The Plug In Suffolk scheme was created which gives access to community grants aimed at parish locations and can help fully fund charge points – see www.pluginsuffolk.org and [Answering your questions about PLUG IN SUFFOLK – Green Suffolk](#)

Some of the above may overlap with Cllr David Roach's report –this is due to the West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council working together.

ANNEX 2

Financial Report March 2022 PC Meeting

Accounts as of 23rd February 2022 for FC meeting 1st March

Precept	£84,070.00	
Spent	£54,261.13	64.54% of our Budget spent
Balance	£29,808.87	

Plus Reserves of £66,522.71 which includes our Earmarked Reserves as below

Recreation Equipment	£3,000.00 minus £1,291.82 spent = £1,708.18 balance
War Memorial	£2,900.00
West Suffolk Council	£2,500.00
Legal Fees	£2,000.00
Queen's Jubilee	£1,000.00

Live as of 21st March 2022

Payments made since 23rd February

£62.46	Onecom
£1,193.23	John wage
£114.16	Dennis wage
£15.00	Office clean
£408.78	Electricity
£190.00	Calford Green boundary marking
£14.85	Andy Lyle postcrete
£10.01	Andy Lyle petrol
£1,126.08	MD Landscapes
£152.98	M&M Leisure beacon gas
£588.00	Bullfinch for beacon
£2,500.00	Defibrillator
£5.00	TalkTalk email

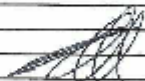
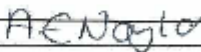
Receipts since 23rd February £nil

Balance of Precept on 21st March £25,928.32

£58,141.68 spent = 69.15% of our budget spent

KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S MILEAGE & EXPENSES

DATE	PURPOSE OF JOURNEY	MILES	CAR PARK	EXPENSES
3/9/21	Cltr vacancy notices to all noticeboards	3.0		
9/9/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
17/9/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
8/10/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
15/10/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
22/10/21	Cltr vacancy notices to all noticeboards	3.0		
28/10/21	Cltr vacancy notices to all noticeboards	3.0		
5/11/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
12/11/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
22/11/21	Cltr vacancy notices to all noticeboards	3.0		
10/12/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
17/12/21	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
6/1/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
14/1/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
4/2/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
10/2/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
24/2/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
10/3/22	Public Meeting notice to all noticeboards	3.0		
18/3/22	PC Agenda to all noticeboards	3.0		
	Total miles	57.0		
	0.45 pence per mile =	£25.65		
	Car park =		£0.00	
	Expenses =			£0.00
	Total claim =			£25.65
	Signed: 			
	Parish Clerk			
	Signed: 			
	Chairman - Kedington Parish Council			

ANNEX 4

Kedington Parish Council Street Furniture Condition report completed in March 2022.

Having examined and checked all the street furniture owned by the parish council on the list provided by John. I can now give my observations and recommendations. The majority of the items we own are in good condition; however there are some that are in need of urgent attention and should be dealt with this year, they are as follows:

Item 8 on list, the dog bin in Silver Street Park at the entrance from Silver Street, it is in poor condition and should be replaced this year.

Item 15, the dog bin on the Great Meadow at entrance from Rectory road is in poor condition and should be replaced this year.

Item 21, the dog bin at the entrance to church walk from the West End Lane end is in poor condition and needs replacing this year.

All the above are the original dog bins put in years ago.

Item 26, the village sign needs either major repair or replacement this year. This item has already been discussed.

The following items are all in fair condition but will need attention in the future. Recommend they are done next year 2023.

Item 4, the bench on the Haverhill road near Mill road junction has wooden slates which need refinishing.

Item 12, the bench on entrance to Westward Deals has wooden slates and need refinishing.

Item 18a, the metal bench in Silver Street situated in lower flower bed needs repainting. This has been discussed already.

Item 18b, the metal bench near the fitness machines in Silver Street Park, is in need of repainting.

Item 23, the metal bench in the youth shelter needs repainting.

Item 29. The wooden memorial bench on the east side of the cut needs refinishing.

Item 32 all the metal fencing and hand rails on the bridges in Silver Street which span the old river and the cut are in need of repainting.

All 8 ^{grit} dog bins could be cleaned.

Last comment, the notice board on the end of the Nisa store, I thought we were going to take it down and put it on the wall of the meeting room at the KCA centre?

ANNEX 5

Helions Forge Ltd

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West Wrattling
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CB21 5LT



Phone: 01223 618253
Email: info@helionsforge.com

Customer: John Boxall

Issued Date:

08/02/2022

Kedington Parish Council
c/o Nisa Village Stores
17 Silver Street
Kedington
CB9 7QG

Manufacturing Total		
Item	Description	Total
Manufacturing & Labour		£150.00
Materials		£0.00
Galvanizing / Powder Coating		£957.50
Manufacturing Total:		£1,107.50

Installation Total		
Item	Description	Total
Installation & Labour	Includes removal of benches & installation of benches when refurbished	£400.00
Materials		£0.00
Travel		£0.00
Waste Removal		£0.00
Installation Total:		£400.00

Subtotal	£1,507.50
VAT (20%)	£301.50
Estimate Total:	£1,809.00

Terms & Conditions:

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Manufacturing Total		
Item	Description	Total
Manufacturing & Labour		£300.00
Materials		£0.00
Galvanizing / Powder Coating		£1,915.00
Manufacturing Total:		£2,215.00

Installation Total		
Item	Description	Total
Installation & Labour	Includes removal of benches & installation of benches when refurbished	£400.00
Materials		£0.00
Travel		£0.00
Waste Removal		£0.00
Installation Total:		£400.00

Subtotal	£2,615.00
VAT (20%)	£523.00
Estimate Total:	£3,138.00

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ANNEX 6

Planning – Parish Council

- The Council can only take into account 'material planning considerations'
- Loss of light or overshadowing - No
- Overlooking/loss of privacy - No
- Adequacy of parking/loading/turning - Positive
- Highway safety-No Direct evidence of 'speeding; presentation by Mr Jenkins at public meeting

Speeding Is not a consideration – regarding planning applications

Highway issues are – road, access turning points etc. actually, good onto site

The Kedington Legion site is below the lowest National average for exceeding the 30mph speed limit for the time period in question.

(National 52% v Kedington Legion 29%) At the public meeting Mr Jenkinson confirmed the more vehicles the slower the speed.

- Traffic generation - we are a key service centre and would expect a volume of traffic to be relatively high. We have Library, School, Community Centre, Legion Hall, Public House, Convenience Shop, Butchers, Hairdressers and Chinese Takeaway, Chiropractor, Sports and Recreations groups, Mothers and Toddler, and Early Birds, Church, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Stour Valley, beautiful village with lots of countryside and public open spaces, Meadow, park and walks. Ramblers. We are reliant on visitors to our village to sustain the amenities we currently have.
- Noise and disturbance resulting from use – current shop is already in the village. Houses around shop, narrow roads etc.
- Effect on listed building and conservation area - No
- Layout and density of building – looking at the design would blend in very well with the countryside. Barn design, black cladding etc, not directly facing the B1016
- Design, appearance and materials = already mentioned
- Landscaping - Good
- Road access – I have no issues with road access. B1061 is a B road intended to connect different areas and to feed traffic between A roads and smaller roads on the network.
- The total number of licensed vehicles has increased in all but two years (1991 & 2020) since the end of the Second World War. RAC
- Village has over 2000 residents – many homes have 2 plus cars – adults and dependants.

- At the end of September 2021, there were 39.2 million licensed vehicles in Great Britain, a 1.0 per cent increase compared to the end of September 2020. Compared to the end of September 2019, the number of licensed vehicles has increased by 0.9 per cent.
- Cars make up the majority of licensed vehicles. In Great Britain, there were 32 million cars (81.6 per cent), 4.4 million LGVs (11.2 per cent), 0.5 million HGVs (1.3 per cent), 1.4 million motorcycles (3.6 per cent), 0.14 million buses & coaches (0.4 per cent) and 0.78 million other vehicles (2 per cent) licensed at the end of September 2021.
- Although parts of this road are in poor condition this is a national problem not just local.
- However, with all that said,
Policy DM5: Development in the Countryside Areas designated as countryside will be protected from unsustainable development. This I do have a problem with.

A new or extended building will be permitted, in accordance with other policies within this Plan, where it is for:

- a. purposes directly related to agriculture or forestry.
- b. affordable housing for local needs in accordance with other policy.
- c. development relating to equine related activities and the horse racing industry.
- d. essential small-scale facilities for outdoor sport or recreation or other uses of land which preserve the openness, appearance and character of the countryside, leisure activities, and new tourism facilities;
- e. a dwelling for a key worker essential to the operation of agriculture, forestry or a commercial equine-related business in accordance with the requirements of Policy DM26.
- f. small scale residential development of a small undeveloped plot, in accordance with policy DM27; or
- g. the replacement of an existing dwelling on a one for one basis where it can be demonstrated that: i. the proposed replacement dwelling respects the scale and floor area of the existing dwelling, and ii. the curtilage of the development is only greater than the curtilage of the existing dwelling where it can be justified with reference to Policy DM25.

Goes on to say

Proposals for economic growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise that recognises the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside will be permitted where:

- a. it will not result in the irreversible loss of best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1, 2 and 3a).
- b. there will be no significant detrimental impact on the historic environment, character and visual amenity of the landscape or nature conservation and biodiversity interests; and
- c. there will be no significant adverse impact on the local highway network.

- The application is out of Settlement boundary. It is a green fields site, grade 2 Agricultural Land that is currently farmed; and has been for many years. The balance between loss of agriculture land (food) V Shop and the benefits it may or may not bring has not been evidenced. Although, there are increased employment opportunities at the shop.
- DM5 – greenfields in my view is too subjective.

Also, I see no evidence that other sites have been considered – I appreciate there is may or not any brown sites within Kedington, however WS125 (blue) on Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELLA) plan may be suitable.

At the same time, we must ensure that its policies take full account of the overarching planning principles set out in the NPPF. 'A presumption in favour of sustainable development is now enshrined in national planning policy '

I also respect we as a Parish Council calls this application in – **citing** – application on Green Fields.

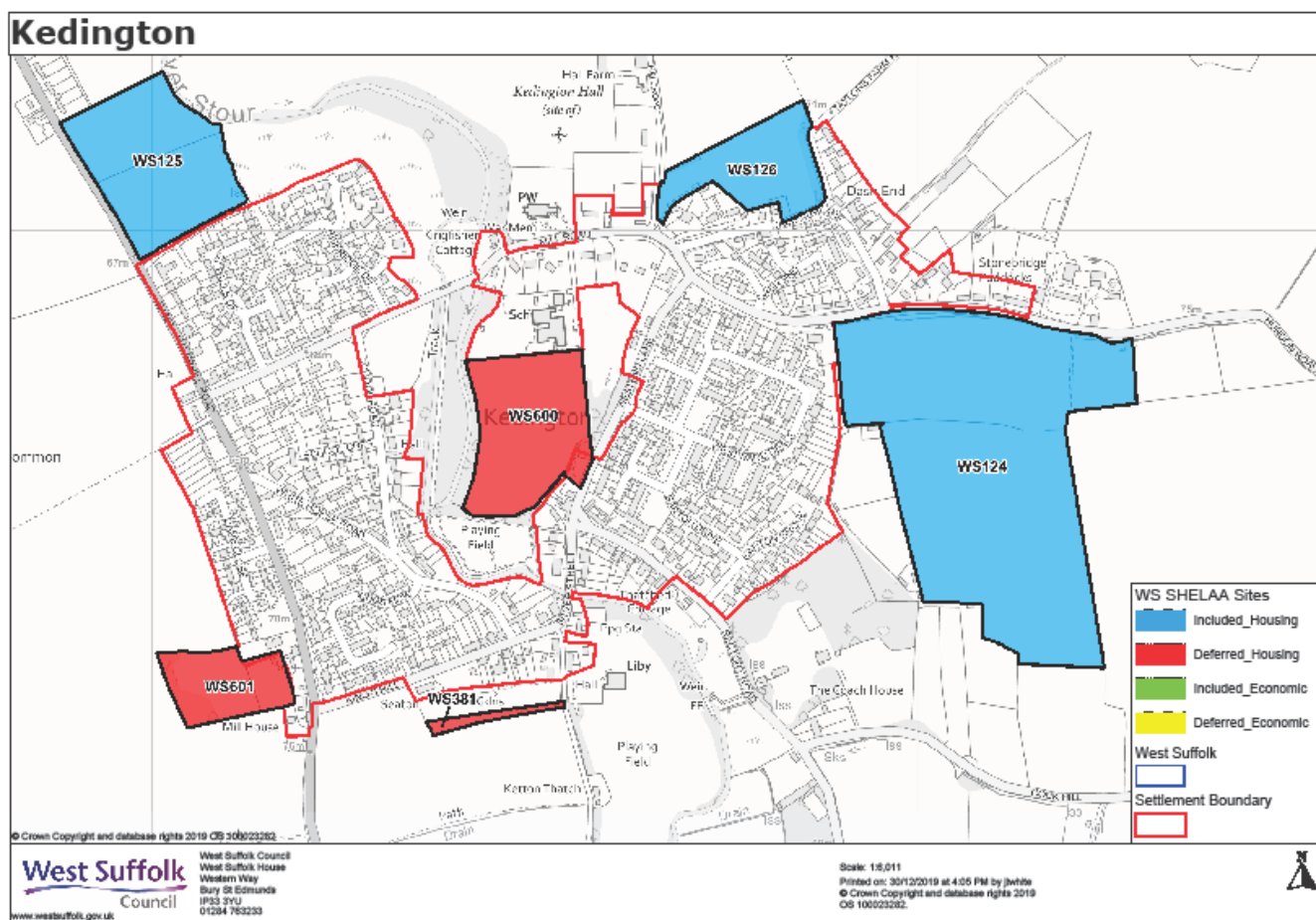
I would also request that if this application were granted by West Suffolk planning I would like to have full sight of the following documents

- Independent speed and vehicle survey
- Suffolk Highways conditions – including road safety, crossing, dropped curbs for vulnerable users and pathways. The current planning application is not concise and no report from Suffolk Highways,
- Consideration given to building out at the pedestrian crossing point reducing the carriageway to one lane. Vehicles travelling south would give way to vehicles travelling north. This would also reduce the width of the crossing point making the crossing time shorter for vulnerable users.

Speed humps – similar to one near East Town Park – entering the village from Calford Green and Karro foods ends

[Kedington \(Parish, United Kingdom\) - Population Statistics, Charts, Map and Location \(citypopulation.de\)](https://citypopulation.de/en/kedington/)

ANNEX 7



ANNEX 8

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15th March 2022

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Dear Mr Boxall

RE: Reserved Matters application for 40 Homes; Land at Junction of Hall Road and Mill Road, Kedington, Suffolk

Further to our meeting with the Parish Council last year, I write on behalf of EHA Group, to update you in respect of progress and future activity at the above site.

You will be aware that an application has been submitted seeking approval for reserved matters, along with concurrent applications to discharge the pre-commencement conditions attached to the original outline planning permission reference DC/14/1751/OUT. These applications are progressing well, and we have recently submitted some additional information to address the request for further technical information from the LLFA. Suffolk County Highways have responded with no objections, although the planning officer is seeking some further clarification in respect of details around the agreed highway access. As soon as County Highways have provided their further comments we will provide any further information they require.

You may have seen that Place Services have requested further details in respect of the site landscaping and we have recently submitted the attached updated landscape plan to respond to their consultation comments. When we met last year, the Parish Council asked us to review whether play provision could be provided on site. You will see from the attached landscape plan that an area is now indicated in the eastern open space. The landscape consultant has suggested this could incorporate Play Scape 5 equipment, similar to that shown on the accompanying attachment. We have not undertaken a review of existing play facilities within the village at this stage, and as such would welcome the Parish Council's thoughts on the suitability of this type of play equipment. If you considered this not to be suitable, please feel free to suggest something that might be considered a better alternative, your input would be most welcome.

As a matter of courtesy we also wanted to make you aware that some preliminary site preparation works are due to commence shortly. These will be as follows:

- Tree surgery works are due to commence on site on 28th March and will last for a few days, concluding on 31st March. These works relate to the removal of the trees which were approved as



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AGE RANGE: 5 - 14 years