

# KESSINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of an Extraordinary Kessingland Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Offices at Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland

**Members present:** Councillors L Martin (Chairman), B Burden, J Borderick, B Kite, B Nicholls, J Thompson and P Wernham.

**Others present:** Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Representatives of the Burnt Hill Football Club: J Pendle, P Reeve, S Richardson and R Ward  
D Gallagher – Sentinel Leisure

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### 1a APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Parish Councillors G Cooper, J Difford, M Dunne, S James and E Smith.

### 1b DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillors J Borderick, B Burden, B Kite, L Martin and P Wernham declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 3 – Planning Matters, as they had reviewed the applications as a member of the Kessingland Neighbourhood Plan Team. All of the Councillors declared that they were able to approach the consideration of the item with an open mind and therefore there was no reason why they could not speak or vote on the applications.

### 1c DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor P Wernham declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Item 3(a)(ii) – Application DC/17/2877/FUL – Construction of 4 new dwellings - Land off the Market Place, Kessingland as she lived adjacent to the land.

### 1d REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensation were received

## 2 BURNT HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

Councillors considered a request from Burnt Hill Football Club to use the Francis Road Community Playing Field for football for young people.

Ross Ward from the Burnt Hill Football Club addressed the meeting and outlined proposals for the use of the playing field by the Club, which was having to leave their existing premises due to re-development of the land. The Club facilitated youth football training and playing opportunities in a youth league. Having a secure base would allow the Club to apply for grant funding from the Football Association (FA) and other bodies. Initially provision was needed for the under 8s, 10s and 12s. The Club was non-profit making and the coaches and support staff were volunteers. Football provision would be provided for both boys and girls, both as separate and mixed teams.

The requested usage would allow for youth football league matches between 17 September and 23 April each year. Kick off for league matches would be at 10.30am and so the field would be required on a Sunday between April and September between 10am – 2pm.

In addition the Club had requested the use of the playing field for a maximum of 3 evenings a week between 6pm – 7pm for training sessions. Both the field and the Multi-Use Games Area would be utilised for training purposes, along with the changing rooms and toilets on site.

The Club would like to mark out 3 junior sized football pitches on the field adjacent to the MUGA and in front of the skate park at their own expense. They would provide their own goals and equipment but would like to use the container for storage.

The Club would provide details of formal registration / charitable status, public liability and other insurance, photos of coaches facilitating training session and any other documentation required by the Parish Council. A schedule of times / dates when training and league matches would be held would be provided to the Clerk.

The Club had agreed to pay for any additional cleaning costs associated with the use of the field and would purchase tokens for the lights on the MUGA in the evenings during the winter months.

Issues raised during the discussion on this item included:

- The number of teams at present were 2 x Under 8s, 1 x Under 9s, 1x under 10s, 2 x Under 12s and 1 x Under 14. There were 14 players registered for each team.
- Confirmation was given that the 'Burnt Hill' name would be retained for the time being as this was the name registered with the Football Association, but the Club were more than happy to add 'Kessingland' so that the name was 'Burnt Hill and Kessingland'.
- The cost charged was £15 a month per child plus an initial £30 signing-on fee. The £15 would cover kit, training sessions and registration fees. Boots were excluded as players liked to purchase their own boots. The Club would explore sponsorship and grants for purchasing new shirts etc.
- With regard to making sure that the facilities would be made available to Kessingland children, it was reported that publicity would be produced for the schools, local notice boards, Parish Council newsletter and website. In addition, an open day would be held to invite the local community to get involved in the Club, with friendly matches and penalty shoot outs.
- It was reported that it would not be possible to register any new Kessingland team for the forthcoming season as the FA deadline had passed. However, it was possible to register individual players. Local children would be able to participate in the training sessions immediately.
- The primary goal of the Club was to make football playing opportunities available to all children regardless of age, sex or ability and to ensure that the children enjoyed themselves.
- Confirmation was given that it was intended to support additional teams comprised of Kessingland children for the 2018 football season but there would also be individual playing opportunities for Kessingland based kids for the forthcoming season. There were various levels within each league and the teams moved up / down according to age and ability eg a new inexperienced team would not be put up against an older more experienced team. This process complied with FA requirements.
- Concern was expressed that parents can be very competitive if their child is playing football and this may impact on the opportunities available to Kessingland children. In response, it was stated that Burnt Hill was not an overly competitive club, there were disciplined managers and the onus was on opportunities for all children to improve and progress. The current ground only had a portaloo and so the Burnt Hill parents were happy at the prospect of moving to another ground with better facilities.
- An agreement would need to be drawn up between the Parish Council and the Burnt Hill Football Club in terms of usage of the field, facilities that could be utilised, costs etc and this could include a clause that Kessingland children would be welcomed into the club and they would have opportunities to undertake training and play in league matches. The Club were willing to contribute towards the cost for such an agreement.
- One of the key benefits of facilitating football sessions was to get children off the streets, provide safe, structured activities, get them interested in fitness, experience of being part of a team and generation of community spirit.

- The Kessingland Sports & Social Club would still be able to access the community playing field and their activities would be unaffected. Similarly, usage of the field by the public, for the skate park and outdoor gym etc would be unaffected.
- Confirmation was given that if another football club wanted to come and use the playing field then discussions could take place to enable both clubs to use the field. This issue was particularly relevant to the Juggernauts Football Team, which had not been able to play for the 2017 season. However, it was reported that there was currently no Sunday league for adults.
- Reference was made to the existing schedule of grass cuts for the Francis Road Community Playing Field which had recently been reviewed by the Parish Council. The Burnt Hill Football Club would be willing to make any additional cuts for free provided this was acceptable to the Parish Council's insurers. Alternatively, the Club would be willing to pay for any additional cuts required through the Parish Council's current contractor.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS CHANGED TO ALLOW OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED FIRST AND TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING WHILST LEGAL ADVICE WAS CONSIDERED. SEE MINUTE \* FOR THE DECISION IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE ITEM.

### 3 PLANNING ISSUES

#### (a) Planning Applications Received and Parish Council Responses

##### (i) Application No: DC/17/2899/FUL – Extension to rear elevation – 59 Catchpole Close

It was reported that the overall consensus of the Kessingland Neighbourhood Planning Team was that this application should be approved.

##### **RECOMMENDED TO WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

That Application No: DC/17/2899/FUL be APPROVED.

##### (ii) Application No: DC/17/2877/FUL- Construction of 4 new dwellings – Land off the Market Place, Kessingland

It was reported that the overall consensus of the Kessingland Neighbourhood Planning Team was that this application should be approved, although there was a concern about over-development.

##### **RECOMMENDED TO WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

That Application No: DC/17/2899/FUL be APPROVED.

NOTE: Councillor P Wernham, having declared a Prejudicial Interest, left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote on this item.

##### (iii) Application No: DC/17/2992/FUL – Repair access to driveway with a 900ml infill and add another exit of 3.6m – The Lilacs, 118 Church Road, Kessingland

It was reported that the view of the Highways Authority was not currently available. The property was situated adjacent to St Edmunds Church and the road widened out to the front of The Lilacs. There was not a formal layby but people used this part of the road to park cars to access the church and it was also used when funerals were taking place. In addition, whilst it was not a formal bus stop, buses tended to stop there as it was safer to do so than further up the road. The applicant was in attendance at the meeting and explained the personal circumstances of why an additional entrance was being sought.

It was reported that the overall consensus of the Kessingland Neighbourhood Planning Team was that this application should be approved, although there was one concern that the line of hedging would need to be removed and that other properties along Church Road only had one entrance/ exit.

##### **RECOMMENDED TO WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

That Application No: DC/17/2992/FUL be APPROVED.

(iv) **Variation of Planning Consent to Remove the Acoustic Fence around the Skate Park at Francis Road Community Playing Field**

The Chairman reported that following the receipt of a recent Crime Prevention Survey at the Francis Road Community Playing Field, an application to vary the planning condition to allow for the removal of the acoustic fence around the skate park had been submitted to Waveney District Council on crime and disorder grounds and to minimise opportunities for anti-social behaviour. The cost of the application was £195.

**4. DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENTS TO BE MADE DURING AUGUST 2017**

**RESOLVED**

That delegated authority be granted for Councillors L Martin (Chairman), B Burden and P Wernham, as designated signatories, to sign cheques and to make necessary payments during August 2017, such payment to be reported retrospectively to the next Parish Council meeting.

**5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED**

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 item of business to enable confidential legal advice to be considered.

**6. BURNT HILL FOOTBALL CLUB - CONTINUED**

The representatives from Burnt Hill Football Club were asked to leave the meeting room whilst legal advice was considered in relation to this item. With the permission of the meeting, David Gallagher from Sentinel Leisure was permitted to stay during the confidential discussions.

The Chairman of the Council outlined the history to the Francis Road Community Playing Field which had been purchased from a local farmer for recreational use. The field was held in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of Kessingland. As part of the legal restrictions in place, the Parish Council as the custodian of the field and could not give over control to any third party.

The Chairman read out the legal advice that had been sought in relation to this matter and the Clerk verified some of the issues that had been discussed with the Club.

David Gallagher, on behalf of Sentinel Leisure expressed support for the Club moving to Francis Road Community Playing Field and offered assistance to help the Club become established and for promoting the Open Day.

**RESOLVED**

That approval be given in principle for Burnt Hill 95 to be allowed use of the Francis Road Community Playing Field for playing football, subject to a formal legal agreement being signed and promotion of the new opportunities to be publicised through the Sentinel Leisure Team and a pre-season event.

Issues to be covered within the legal agreement to include but not be limited to:

1. A nominal charge of £5 per pitch for matches on a Sunday (no charge for training sessions).
2. Payment of costs incurred for any additional cleaning of the changing rooms and toilets as required.
3. Payment for additional cuts to the playing field should the Council's insurers not agree to Burnt Hill Football Club undertaking cuts (current appropriate cost £70 per cut).

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....