

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY AT 7:30 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward - Vice-Chair
Cllr. Joan Harvey
Cllr. Philip Baskett
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Beth Goose
Cllr. Graham Bickers

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Julian Wallis - no apology received

In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Tony Cooper

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr. Philip Baskett declared a pecuniary interest in items 3a and 6e as his family owns land which may be subject to compulsory purchase by EDF Energy to create a road bypass of Theberton.

Cllr. Baskett applied for a dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 until the end of EDF Energy's stage 3 public consultation. The Council agreed to grant the dispensation as it is in the interests of persons living in the area. Cllr. Baskett's views are considered important to inform the Council's response to the consultation as he represents the views of many residents in Theberton who may be subject to these compulsory purchase orders.

3. Public Forum

a) County Cllr. Richard Smith asked the Council for its initial reaction to Sizewell C's consultation document and said he was in listening mode at this time. The Council discussed the proposed road bypass of Theberton, the volume of expected traffic, the viability of the rail-led strategy and the suitability of the locations of the proposed accommodation campus and borrow pits/spoil heaps.

b) District Cllr. Tony Cooper informed the Council that the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan was passed by the District Council and the consultation on the published document will begin at the end of the month. Suffolk Coastal and Waveney are moving towards becoming East Suffolk Council. Leiston Ward is now on the boundary line of the Northern area. Cllr. Cooper also informed the Council that Leiston Leisure Centre is expected to re-open on 11th March. The Council questioned the District Council's support of the parish with regard to Sizewell C. After discussion, Cllr. Cooper agreed to arrange a meeting of the Council with District Cllr. Geoff Holdcroft, Chairman of the Sizewell C Task Group, to answer the Council's questions.

4. Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were proposed by Cllr. Joan Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Beth Goose. They were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising

a) With reference to item 10b, the editor of the village newsletter has not replied to the Clerk's request to include a paragraph of Council news in the newsletter each month. It was agreed to submit a paragraph with a request to publish each month however the deadline is not known.

b) With reference to item 5b from the September 2018 meeting, there has been a delay at the signmakers to make a 'no parking' sign for the top of the Common but this will be delivered shortly.

c) The remaining actions in the minutes were followed up and those that were not completed are detailed in **Appendix I**.

6. Meetings and Progress Reports

- a) Eastbridge Playing Field - the deposit for the playing equipment has been paid and installation dates are being negotiated.
- b) Defibrillators - have been delivered to both inns. Landlords to liaise with electrician to arrange installation.
- c) Grit Bin - the splay at the entrance to the Village Hall car park is not Highways land therefore the Council must source another suitable location.
- d) Police - three violent/sexual offences were reported at the parking area at Abbey Road in November 2018. The police are unable to prosecute the suspect.
- e) Sizewell C - report attached as **Appendix II**. Cllr. Stephen Brett to invite Richard Bull, Transport Lead for Sizewell C to attend the next meeting of the Council with Tom McGarry, Head of Communications for Sizewell C. Cllr. Hilary Ward to create poster and draft a paragraph for the newsletter informing residents of the attendance of EDF Energy representatives at the Council's next meeting. Cllr. Stephen Brett has a copy of the full consultation documentation which residents may borrow on request.

7. Villages

The Council considered a resident's request to install a soakaway on Eastbridge Common. It was noted that when the access track was repaired the initial idea was to install 5 or 6 crated soakaways to prevent flooding. However, professional advice informed the Council that the water table in the Common is too high for this to be a workable solution. It was agreed to inform the resident of this to prevent any waste of time and expense. It was also agreed to thank the resident for laying telegraph poles at the edge of the track to prevent vehicles from driving on and damaging the edge of the meadow.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to resident.

8. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position detailed in **Appendix III**.
- b) Cllr. Stephen Brett proposed to increase the precept for the financial year 2019/2020 by 10% to £6,013.98 to cover expected expenditure. Seconded by Cllr. Philip Baskett. All in favour.
- c) The Council agreed to postpone establishing a sinking fund to cover the cost of repairs and replacement of play equipment until receipt of further information from Sovereign.
ACTION: Clerk to add to list of outstanding actions.
- d) The Council noted the budgeted versus actual expenditure for Qtr 3 2018.
- c) The Council authorised the payment listed below. Proposed by Cllr. Philip Baskett. Seconded by Cllr. Beth Goose. All in favour.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Additional Insurance Premium - Defibrillators	Business Services at CAS	£15.03	LGA 1972 s.111

9. Correspondence

The Council noted the correspondence received between 7th December 2018 and 4th January 2019 detailed in **Appendix IV**.

10. Questions to the Chair

Cllr. Graham Bickers asked the Clerk to circulate the email received from Substation Action/Save East Suffolk regarding the National Grid Interconnector Projects.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 13th February 2019 at the earlier time of 6:45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Appendix I - Outstanding Actions

Meeting Date	Item Ref	Action	Responsibility	Comments
11/01/17	5a	Ascertain quantity of documentation to be stored and obtain quote from Sizewell Storage.	Clerk and Cllr. Joan Harvey	06/02/18 - to form part of the GDPR review.
06/09/17 08/11/17	5b 7c	Send SID data to SCC Highways and request a visit from the speed camera unit.	Cllr. Stephen Brett/Clerk	
06/09/17	5g	Order two playpark ownership signs.	Clerk.	13/06/18 - updated under item 10b
06/09/17	6e	Ascertain whether a litter bin can be placed on Highways land, whether Suffolk Norse will empty it and whether the sign can be renewed at the Theberton layby.	Clerk	13/06/18 - updated under item 5c.
08/11/17	10a	Purchase work party tools to the value of £515.	Cllr. Stephen Brett	
08/11/17	12a	Draft an emergency plan and add to a future agenda for approval and also consideration of the provision of grit bins.	Clerk	29/11/18 - grit bin requested from County Cllr. Richard Smith
10/01/18	5a	Install gate at Theberton play area.	Cllr. Stephen Brett and Cllr. Graham Bickers	29/11/18 - posts installed
15/08/18	5c	Apply to Outdoor Play Scheme Fund for a grant to replace slide and provide a climbing frame at Theberton play area.		Waiting for decision on application for funding for Eastbridge play area.
12/09/18	7a	Ask the Jubilee Hall Management Committee if they would like a grit bin sited inside the fenced gateway to the car park.	Cllr. Graham Bickers	
10/10/18	8	Circulate dates of future SALC Suffolk Coastal Area Meetings.	Clerk	
10/10/18	10b	Write a Chairman's letter to a resident asking him to moderate his way of communicating with the Council.	Cllr. Stephen Brett/Clerk	
09/01/19	8c	Establish a sinking fund to cover the cost of repairs and replacement of play equipment.	Council	Waiting for information from Sovereign

Appendix II - Sizewell C Report

1 Sizewell War Room Meeting, 4th January 2019

The day started at about 8:30 with a live radio interview for Radio Suffolk with Charles McDowell and Alison Downes. We first got access to the consultation documents from Leiston at about 9:45 as they were only released at 9:30. Some documents were downloaded after 9:00 when access was granted at EDFs website.

Seven new exhibition boards were edited and printed at Leiston Press before 4:30 in the afternoon and an initial leaflet for the Leiston exhibition was finished and duplicated.

Over the weekend another exhibition board about the proposed link road and Theberton bypass was finished and the four page leaflet completed and both were printed by Leiston Press before the start of the Theberton Exhibition.

So far we have completed 3 exhibitions out of 8 planned and the Darsham one should have just finished. The outstanding ones are as follows;

Saxmundham, Saturday 12 January, 10am - 4pm, St John's Church

Middleton, Wednesday 16 January, 11am - 5pm, Holy Trinity Church

Southwold, Tuesday 17 January, 11am - 5pm, United Reformed Church Hall, High Street

Aldeburgh, Friday 18 January, 1pm - 5.45pm, Aldeburgh Church Hall

JLAG/Parish Councils @ High Lodge 22 January, Parish Councillors attendees to "man"

SCC Offices in Ipswich, 14 February (10 - 5ish)

We met with Andy Wood at Adnams in December and he has considerable interest in the success of the tourism sector in this area from both his position at Visit East Anglia, Adnams and the Thorpeness Hotels and Country Club organisation. He is looking for ways that these organisations can add their weight to the scrutiny of EDF's plans at Stage 3.

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

2 Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council Sizewell C Efforts

SZC Sustainability Analysis

I have been given a contact at Exeter University by Andy Plater at Liverpool University (BLUECoast Project) who has been working on this sort of analysis and she has given me some pointers on where to find some metrics I need and has agreed to look at my analysis once it is further ahead.

4 Other

Another meeting with the BLUECoast team is likely to happen in February, following a discussion with Andy Plater in late November

Appendix III - Financial Position

Bank Balances as at 12th December 2018

Barclays Current Account	£8,481.16
Barclays Savings Account	£1,513.02
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	£9,994.18

General and Earmarked Reserves

EDF Energy Grant - Work Party Tools	£515.00
Earmarked - Eastbridge Common Legal Costs	£600.00
Earmarked - Eastbridge Play Equipment	£2,866.00
EDF Energy Grant - Eastbridge Play Equipment	£750.00
Suffolk Rural Fund Grant - Eastbridge Play Equipment	£1,000.00
General Reserves	£2,495.00
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	£8,226.00

Bank Balance less Reserves **£1,768.18**

Income - December 2018

Suffolk Coastal District Council - Grant	£2,000.00
Suffolk Coastal District Council - Grant	£4,675.03
Barclays Bank - Interest	£0.75
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	£6,675.78

Payments - December 2018/January 2019

Sovereign Designs Play Systems Ltd - Play Equipment	£3,831.91
Business Services at CAS Ltd - Defibrillator Insurance	£15.03
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	£3,846.94

Net Balance **£4,597.02**

Appendix IV - Correspondence

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

- a) E-Bulletin - 07/12/18, 21/12/18.
- b) GDPR Bulletin - Issue 5.

Suffolk Coastal District Council/Suffolk County Council

- a) SCDC - Help with Dissemination of Air Quality Information.
- b) SCC - Adult Social Care User Research.
- c) SCDC - Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Briefing Session 11/01/19.
- d) SCDC - Cllr. Tony Cooper's Monthly Report - December 2018.

Energy Companies

- a) EDF Energy - First EPR Nuclear Reactor Operational.
- b) Planning Aid England - Support for Parish Councils.
- c) EDF Energy - Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation Begins.

Other

- a) SPLG - Meeting 08/02/19.
- b) AONB - Monthly Update December 2018.
- c) Suffolk Trading Standards - Weekly Bulletin.