

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7.30pm, Theberton Jubilee Hall

Present: Cllr H Ward, Cllr B Butterworth, Cllr Mockett, Cllr T Basket, Cllr J Harvey, Cllr J Swallow

Attendees: S Loader Clerk, County Councillor M Gower, District Councillor I Pratt, Tom McGarry EDF, Amber Brinkley, 2 Residents

1-9/12/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Jones, District Councillor T Cooper

2 -9/12/15 To Receive declarations of interest/Dispensation Applications

None Received

3 -9/12/15 Public Forum – Members of the public may raise issues regards items on the agenda

Tom McGarry EDF comments:-

- Planners under estimated time taken to get investment for Hinkly point C, been 3 years since the original stage 1 consultation, Sizewell C will not go ahead without the approval of funding for Hinkly.
- Studies are being carried out, traffic, geo, ground water surveys, off shore, storm surge monitoring, environmental, tourism, eco and noise monitoring
- Working towards the stage 2 consultation, reluctant to put a timescale on when
- EDF requested RTPi to go out into communities to empower them to have a voice over Sizewell, C RTPi will support and help interpret EDF findings
- EDF looking at using rail and sea for transport options into Sizewell, possible a jetty will be built to facilitate the movement of large equipment
- There is likely to be a stage 4, with far greater information presented.
- Could facilitate a meeting with EDF Steven Ward and councillors
- EDF property scheme will look to consult on issues of blight, if the plans go ahead for Hinkly and Sizewell, there will be a legal requirement to address, schemes will be in place for compensation where claims can be made
- Baseline surveys to be carried out on the construction period and how it would impact the community. Air pollution, light and noise will be in the stage 3 consultation
- Consultation feedback suggested that Farnham agreed with the 4 village bypass, new plans would need to be in line with planning policy, strong case for new road to be built. Comparisons will need to be made against national infrastructure policy and the economic growth of Suffolk and Norfolk, refers to Councils investment into ACEcom report.
- Access road required off the B1122 to site

Comments:-

- Cllr Swallow makes reference to EDF newsletters and their comments regards working with local communities, but doesn't see evidence of this, Theberton and Eastbridge are being asked to take the brunt of the planning of the campus, its already having a social impact. Wants to look at creative ways of redistributing the housing. Only 10% of the country have the clear night skys that Suffolk have, needs to be protected, a natural asset.
- Vice Chr H Ward, RSPB are opposed to the campus, raises local concern of blight for properties along the B1122, houses prices are going down.
- Cllr P Mocket, raised issues over impact of ships on the environment
- Resident raises concern over pollution of air, noise and light and the impact of tourism
- Chr S Brett feels the council should be better informed, would encourage Tom McGarry to attend more parish meetings.

Outcome: Tom McGarry agreed to arrange a meeting with Steven Ward EDF so that village concerns can be raised

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4-9/12/15 Reports

i, Cllr Tony Cooper – absent

ii, District Councillor Ian Pratt

- Makes reference to a letter issued by Councillor Guy McGregor of Suffolk County Council to all residents – appended to the minutes and encourages everyone to comment.
- Information regards rural broadband can be found at:-ruralbroadband.co.uk/bduk
- Reminds the council that Suffolk Coastal District council - Sizewell C task group meeting is open to the public
- References:- Updates of agendas and minutes Sizewell C task Group/ Suffolk District Council <http://apps.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/committeeminutes/showagenda.asp?id=20908>

iii, County Councillor M Gower

- JLAG meeting, reports that Guy McGregor doesn't support the D2, will be encouraging Guy McGregor, Andy Smith, Lisa Chandler, Jessica Fleming to visit the campus location and construction site to get a better understanding of the issues for Theberton.
- Reference <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/assets/Documents/District/Sizewell/Notes-of-JLAG-Dec-2015.pdf>

Councillor Comments:-

- Vice Chair H Ward has commented that there is concern that the village is not being heard, would like MP T Coffey to attend a village meeting
- Cllr P Mockett reports local concern only
- Cllr J Swallow reports that the tasks groups are not representing the views of the village correctly
Full Council supports the following: Cllr J Swallow, Chr S Brett to contact the task group and ask for their attendance at a parish meeting – invitations to be sent to District Councillor I Pratt and Geoff Holcroft

5 -9/12/15 Approve minutes of a meeting held on the 11th November 2015 – *minutes approved and duly signed*

6 -9/12/15 Matters Arising - none received

7-9/12/15 TEAGS Report – appended to the minutes

- Cllr Swallow reports on a meeting at Westminster with the minister for climate change the following:-
- Misleading EDF reports and lack of transparency
- Suffolk an area of tourism
- How long will agricultural land take to recover
- Pollution to have an adverse Visual impact on night sky's – a natural asset for Suffolk
- Plans will leave a carbon footprint
- MP T Coffey is pressing for alternate sites for the campus, at stage 2 will be more active
- Theberton needs to be correctly represented
- 4 village bypass should have happened 25 years ago
- Suggested regeneration in Lowestoft, building of campus homes would replace affordable in the long term

8 -9/12/15 Finance

- Payments for approval – payments approved
- Audit procedure, full council support no action
- Precept request 22nd Jan 2016 – agenda item for next meeting

9 -9/12/15 Play area

- Update on swing repair – *no repair, cost £130.00, Chr S Brett and Cllr P Basket have agreed to fit the swing – Full council supported this action*
- Update on quotes for replacement equipment – *Funding form to be completed, Vice Chr H Ward to complete and hand form to D Cllr I Pratt*
- Funding options - *Vice Chr H Ward reports contact had been made with Britten Pears Foundation and an application form will need to be completed by March 2016*

10-9/12/15 Update of progress on the common

- Chr S Brett reports that a meeting will need to be arranged with Lewis Marshall regards the placement of logs in the Pit

11-9/12/15 Clerk to report on website update – *clerk reports that the website has now been upgraded with minutes and agendas showing on the main home page*

12 -9/12/15 Correspondence

- Suffolk Coastal precept request, reply by the 22nd Jan 2015 – *agenda item for next meeting*
- PCSO Thora Taylor – Police Reports and presence at meetings for Theberton and Eastbridge, will no longer be compiled or attended by PCSO or SNT's. Reports have been discontinued for all towns or parishes under the remit of Suffolk Police. In future to find crimes recorded for both/either village or any other area in Suffolk. Refer to www.police.uk/#search
- Cllr K Archer – Kesgrave/ Email response regards celebrations of the Queens 90th Birthday/ Refer to SALC email 19th Nov 2015 – *full council supports no action*

13-9/12/15 To discuss plans to hold a public meeting to collate responses to the Sizewell stage 2 Consultation

- Sizewell C to be a monthly agenda item

14 -9/12/15 Clerks resignation

Clerk confirms pay scale £8.34 – £9.94 closing date for applications 29th Jan 2016, interviews before the Feb meeting, Chr S Brett point of contact – Chr S Brett, Vice Chr H Ward, Cllr B Butterworth to interview.

15-9/12/15 Parish Matters to be considered at the next meeting

- Invite JLAG task group to attend parish meeting
- Stage 2 Sizewell consultation to discuss B1122 and the campus location
- Response to stage 1 consultation required clerk to circulate copy
- Portfolio of Theberton, involve neighbouring villages, Yoxford, Westleton, Byltheburgh
- Copy of the Desktop study of the D2 required
- Speeding signs

16 -9/12/15 Date and time of next meeting 10th Jan 2016

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Mr S Brett
Chairman

TEAGS REPORT TO THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL 9th

December 2015

GENERAL

- USA has expressed concern regarding the Chinese involvement in Britain's nuclear programme, particularly to do with safety and security.

HINKLEY C

- A Financial Investment Decision by EDF is still awaited.

SIZEWELL C

- Stage 2 Consultation could happen early in 2016.
- TEAGS invited our MP, Therese Coffey, to come to a meeting in Theberton, to discuss the implications of the construction of Sizewell C on our communities, but she says she is aware of our concerns, and feels a meeting is not necessary.
- TEAGS members are due to meet Andrea Leadsom, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, and Andrew Jones, Under Secretary of State for Transport, at Portcullis House on Tuesday 8th December 2015, to express concerns about the accommodation campus and transport issues.

TEAGS FORWARD ACTION

- In view of the need to be ready for Stage 2, TEAGS have organised a fund raising Race Night on Saturday 30th January 2016, in the Jubilee Village Hall, starting at 7pm. Tickets, priced at £5, including refreshments, and details from Graham (07850 909 011) or Martin (01728 830272).