

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF  
THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

1. **Attendance:** Cllr. Stephen Brett (Chair), Cllr. Hilary Ward (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Phillip Baskett, Cllr. Paul Collins, Cllr. Stephen Morphey, Cllr. Graham Bickers, County Cllr. Richard Smith, Sharon Smith (Clerk/RFO) and 5 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. Beth Goose and Cllr. Julian Wallis.
3. **Annual Reports**
  - a) Parish Council – Cllr. Stephen Brett read out his report (Appendix A).
  - b) Suffolk County Council - Cllr. Richard Smith read out his report (Appendix B).
  - c) East Suffolk Council – no report submitted due to the recent election.
  - d) Hall Management Committee – no report submitted.
  - e) St Peter's Church – Cllr. Stephen Brett read out the report on behalf of Simon Ilett (Appendix C).
  - f) Bell Tower - Cllr. Stephen Brett read out the report on behalf of Julia Brown (Appendix D).
  - g) Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group – Cllr. Paul Collins read out his report (Appendix E).
  - h) Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group – Cllr. Paul Collins read out the report on behalf of Roy Dowding (Appendix F).
  - i) Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell – Alison Downes read out her report (Appendix G).
  - j) Eastbridge Petanque Club - Hilary Ward read out the report on behalf of Martin Inglis (Appendix H).
  - k) Craft Club – Joan Harvey read out her report (Appendix I).
  - l) Carpet Bowls Club – Joan Harvey read out her report (Appendix J).
  - m) Coastliners Line Dance Club – Joan Harvey read out the report on behalf of Mary Drew (Appendix K).
  - n) Community Council – report received after the meeting (Appendix L).
  - o) B1122 Action Group – report received after the meeting (Appendix M).

**4. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised that the above reports were available on request from the Clerk and would be published on the village website. The Chairman invited everyone to stay to the Parish Council Annual Meeting which would follow after a short break.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

## Appendix A – Parish Council Chairman’s Report

The Council had a busy year and projects included:

- Eastbridge burial ground gates sandblasted and painted.
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission plaque erected to commemorate Private Edward Edmunds who died in WWI.
- Theberton noisy loose man-hole cover sealed.
- Eastbridge new play equipment installed and old equipment removed.
- Theberton War Memorial professionally cleaned.
- Two defibrillators purchased, installed at pubs in Eastbridge and Theberton and training provided to 50 residents.
- Eastbridge Common - wildflower meadow preparations made to meet the obligations of the Galloper Wind Farm Fund/AONB grant and ivy cut back to improve the health of the trees.

The Council responded to the following consultations:

- EDF Sizewell C.
- SPR East Anglian One North and Two Wind Farm Funds.
- SCDC Local Plan
- National Policy Statement for New Nuclear.

The Council's ongoing activities include:

- Attendance at Police Locality meetings and monitoring crime in the parish.
- Operating the Speed Indicator Device in Theberton.
- Responding to planning applications.
- Cutting the grass at Eastbridge burial ground.

The Council's proposed projects for 2019/2020 include:

- Upgrading Theberton's play equipment, installing a gate to improve safety and removing trees to promote healthy growth in others.
- Providing a grit bin and new 'overflow parking' signs for Theberton.
- Exploring the implementation of a speed limit in Eastbridge to improve road safety.
- Registering the Eel's Foot Inn as an Asset of Community Value.
- Implementing an Emergency Plan to assist the 'blue light services'.

The Council gives grateful thanks to:

- The volunteers who help enormously in various ways around the parish.
- Joan Harvey who was brilliant as a Councillor for four years and previously as Clerk.
- TEAGs for their immense work on the stage 3 consultation on Sizewell C. The Council continue to support and back TEAGS.

## Appendix B – County Councillor’s Report

It has been a busy year. I have attended as many Parish Council meetings as I could, a task made more difficult by Saxmundham Town Council, Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council and Walberswick Parish Council all meeting on the same evening at the same time each month. But with twelve parishes and one town council it is just not possible to attend every meeting each month, but I do try to get to at least every other meeting.

Local matters are many and varied, but planning matters (with the exception of associated highways issues) are the responsibility of the district councillor, now a representative of East Suffolk District Council. Following their boundary changes, I will have to work in concert with nine different District Councillors because although Saxmundham itself is now represented by just one, Kelsale-cum-Carlton and Yoxford will be the responsibility of the Councillor for the Ward now renamed Kelsale and Yoxford, Walberswick has been moved into the Southwold Ward, Theberton and Middleton are part of the expanded Aldeburgh and Leiston Ward which has (or will have) three elected Councillors, Blythburgh, Bramfield and Thorington, Darsham, Dunwich and Westleton are now part of the geographically huge Ward titled Wrentham, Wangford and Westleton, presenting a daunting task for their representative Councillor to cover such a very wide area, including so many parishes, and finally Wenhaston is now part of the confusingly-named Halesworth and Blything Ward, which has two Councillors, confusing because I represent Blything *Division* at County Level which at District level has only one parish in common actually defined as within Blything. Oh dear, oh dear!

Just to add to the general joy, Suffolk County Council electoral Divisions are also currently being reviewed by the Boundary Commission, so most Divisional boundaries are likely to be different from now at the next County elections in 2021.

You will probably be glad to hear that I am not going to comment on the state of the Brexit negotiations, except to say that local government will be affected to some extent, perhaps mostly for us in having fewer Eastern European workers available within the care sector, and outcomes and eventualities possible as a result are being worked through.

Mention of the care sector brings me a little obliquely to the County Council’s budget which this year will see £3 in every £4 we spend being used to provide care, support and safeguarding to our frail, elderly residents, adults with disabilities and children at-risk of harm. As our total net spending this year will be £520 million, which works out at £16.45 spend *each second of every minute of every day*, you will understand the problems we face with our social care statutory obligations which cost more every year as our aged population grows and more severely disabled children survive the traumas of birth. We know that the demand from young children with special educational needs or disabilities will increase by 18% between now and 2022 because they have already been born and as they approach the age for education, it becomes our responsibility to meet their needs and the aspirations of their parents. None of this comes cheap.

The other consequence is the £1 in £4 that is left has to cover everything else for which the County Council bears responsibility. This covers a wide area, but most people think of roads, increased HGV and other traffic, pot-holes and the like. We simply do not have adequate money to cover all the work we would like to undertake and as a result we have to face dissatisfaction and criticism from the users of Suffolk’s roads, which includes virtually all of us. What funds we do have we prioritise carefully, especially where there are flooding problems which affect homes, and we are catching up on a backlog of such cases, but the honest facts are that we do not have anywhere near sufficient funding we need to meet people’s aspirations and, despite trying to work more efficiently and productively, we are well aware of public dissatisfaction. Some good news is that the third year of surface-dressing will commence shortly and will treat another 500 miles of Suffolk’s roads during the warmer weather, which is a condition necessary to ensure successful adhesion and gives a surface which properly seals the road, and that road should then be good for the next ten or so years. This year’s work contributes to our promise that 2,000 miles of our roads will be resurfaced between 2017 and 2020.

Despite what you may have heard, austerity is far from over for local government, although we harbour some hopes for increased government grants following a 'fairer funding' review to be carried out later this year (if those continuing Brexit negotiations do not get in the way) with an expectation that County Councils should be net beneficiaries. But, despite lobbying Suffolk's seven MPs, we will just have to wait and see and cross our fingers for a favourable outcome.

The other area I bear responsibility for at the County Council is the Sizewell C project. EDF Energy's Stage 3 Consultation finished at the end of March and all local parishes took the task of responding very seriously and I wish to congratulate them all for their hard work and commitment. EDF have received over 1,000 responses from local councils and individuals, and we look forward with interest to hearing what their analysis has shown and whether EDF will first listen, then decide to alter, mitigate or discontinue their proposals affecting our very special part of east Suffolk and its designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

I continue to have at my disposal a small pot of £8,000 known as a Locality Budget. This does not go far when spread over the large area I represent, but I aim to give grants to local organisations where my contribution can make a difference and these have varied from funding publicity leaflets for Saxmundham Museum, buying a hedge-trimmer for the community woodland in Yoxford, and helping towards the sterling efforts made by the Westleton community to raise match funding for an extension to their village hall. A number of other grants have been made and I am always pleased to receive applications, but with a warning that I sometimes have to say 'no'.

I believe I work harmoniously and effectively with my town and parish councils, their councillors and clerks. I am very proud of the area I represent, even more so as a Suffolk boy born and bred. A great deal of good work is achieved by councillors, volunteers and others who are motivated to help and safeguard what is so special about our communities, and I sincerely thank you and them all.

Richard Smith, MVO

County Councillor for Blything Division

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## **Appendix C – St Peter's Church**

The PCC responded to the SZC stage 3 consultation. The thrust of the response was the division of the village and Benefice by the proposed by pass and link road.

We are aware of the impact on parishioners' health and well being by apprehension of the consultation as well as the 10 year plus build.

Concern was raised for the grade 1 listed structure particularly in the early years with a huge increase in traffic passing the church before any relief road is constructed.

There would be an impact on finances as noise makes the church less attractive for services in particular weddings.

We had a wonderful Christmas Tree Festival weekend at the beginning of December. It marks the start of the season and the church looked magnificent for our Christmas concert with the Sing Out Yoxford choir. Thank you to Joan Harvey for organising the Christmas trees and Tina Neal for the fantastic concert. A big thank you also to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success.

On the weekend of June 23rd the Bishop of Dunwich came to the Benefice for a weekend of mission. He joined us at the animal blessing on Sunday 24th which was followed by a barbeque It was a great success with all ages of people and types of animals joining in.

The remembrance service commemorated the end of the first world war and those from Theberton who gave their lives.

The PCC is very grateful to everyone who helps with the up keep of the church. There is a great number of people involved in cleaning, flower arranging and tending the churchyard. Without their willing help the church would not look so splendid as it does.

The recent quinquennial survey report has identified approximately £110,000 of repairs to the building over the next 5 years.

The community pay back scheme has helped us to maintain the churchyard and is now extending to cover the village hall grounds as well.

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St Peter's for services or to visit our magnificent church.

## Appendix D – Bell Tower's Report

Theberton Bell Tower Report year ending Dec 2018

### Sunday Service Ringing

We continue to share with MIDDLETON on alternative months.  
Anyone wishing to ring for Sunday service is strongly advised to check times beforehand.

### Other Service Ringing

We ran for three weddings, two funerals and a special Armistice Day Commemoration.  
Our 20 seconds of fame came when Anglia TV filmed and broadcast members of the Ladies guild ringing in Theberton Church on Suffolk Day.

### Ringing for Peace

Ten ringers came in the evening of 11/11/18 and progressed from call changes to plain bob doubles.

Practice night continues to be Tuesday 7.30-9pm

Average attendance is eight. Special thanks to Mick and Sharon Peters and Mick Rolph for keeping practices going in my absence.

Congratulations to Ellie on her first QP trebling to plain bob doubles.

### Issues

Woodworm in the slider (how common is that?)

Offending slider has been removed and replaced. The tower has been appropriately woodworm treated....Many thanks to Mick and Chris.

Replacement stays. Enthusiastic learning led to a couple of cracks which are now sorted.

Three ropes have had their tail ends replaced due to general wear.

My thanks to fellow tower gymnasts who have at various times contorted themselves under, through and over the inner workings of Theberton Tower. Thank you, Colin, Chris, Mick and Simon...truly a team effort.

### New Recruits

Yippee....we have two...warmest welcome to Zoe and Chris....who now come to ring for Sunday Service.

### Plans for 2019

A quiz evening in the Lion to raise monies for the bell fund.....pos late Feb.

We continue to improve our striking, bell handling, tea drinking and work at whatever level attendance permits.

Julia Brown December 2018

## **Appendix E – Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group Report**

The year has been one of significant events surrounding the Sizewell C proposed development.

The BLUECoast project completed their winter monitoring of the Dunwich to Sizewell coast and proceeded to start analysis of the results. An initial presentation was given in the summer with initial modelling of a breach scenario and the onward effects up the Minsmere valley and through the various channels within the RSPB Minsmere Reserve. Further work was being planned and they were awaiting some detailed tidal data from EDF and CEFAS before further work on coastal modelling and potential breach scenarios could be further pursued. We expect to have another presentation in the coming months.

Our work through Suffolk Coast Against Retreat and Lord Deben to get a meeting with EDF on both coastal effects of the SZC proposals and inland hydrology were successful and resulted in a meeting between EDF, SCAR, RSPB and Water Management Alliance / Inland Drainage Board in June 2018. Coastal modelling surrounding the proposed jetty and beach landing facility were presented showing that there would be a significant build up of sand at the jetty but that it would dissipate over 3-4 years after the jetty was removed. However, EDF did express concern over their ability to build and remove the jetty considering the restrictions that would be applied for environmental and habitat disturbance reasons for both birds and sea life. We now know that these concerns have resulted in EDF dropping the proposals for a jetty at the Stage 3 consultation. We still have concerns surrounding the beach landing facility, which although it has been altered to decrease its exposure to the shoreline will still provide a significant hard point as sea levels rise due to global warming.

The first three months of this year was taken up supporting TEAGS and preparing our response to the SZC Stage 3 consultation. Once again, we find ourselves in a position where insufficient preliminary environmental information has been presented by EDF in order that we can make a considered response to the consultation. We believe that EDF have not fulfilled their own Statement of Community Consultation and have expressed as much on Look East coverage and within a letter to the Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate. We have called for another round of consultation once all the outstanding work has been completed to allow a full evaluation to be made of the proposals. Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council and other organisations such as RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, AONB and Environment Agency have all expressed concern about the amount of work and data that is missing to the extent that a proper response cannot be formulated and expressed.

As part of the efforts with TEAGS to raise awareness of the proposed SZC development we have produced a map/poster that has undergone several iterations showing the extent of the construction site between Eastbridge and Sizewell. It can be found in the Eel's Foot Inn on the door to the disabled toilet and another copy is on the wall of the barn at Eastbridge Farm and has generated significant interest from passing walkers.

Sales of the Minsmere Levels History booklet have produced a good income stream and we have been able to support SCAR and TEAGS in various activities including a trip to Hinkley Point during August.

Our website has been upgraded and re-organised and we also now have a Facebook page that also feeds directly into the website.

John Rea Price and Paul Collins

Co-Secretaries MLSG

4 May 2019

## **Appendix F – Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group**

Since my appointment as Acting Chair in November 2017, I have attempted to coax back into the fold the two town councils and several parish councils who had opted to allow their memberships to lapse, with a resounding lack of success to date! Having said that, the Group does currently comprise nine parishes, all of which are expected to be seriously affected by the proposed energy expansion projects planned within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths area.

The recently formed Transport East Forum (comprising Councils, Local Enterprise Partnerships and Transport Providers in the East of England) declined our request to be allowed to participate. The principal reason given by Sue Roper, SCC Assistant Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, was that while many organisations are keen to be included, representation should be limited to ensure an effective forum. On that basis, all parishes and interest groups were to be excluded. This is deemed highly regrettable, as their local knowledge is seen as a very necessary contribution to such bodies.

SPLG has continued to focus on representing the interests of its member councils, bringing to their notice items of importance as they arise. Such information has also been relayed to the other communities that may be affected by the Sizewell C Build, the two Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid schemes, in order that everyone is kept abreast of the complete picture.

To these must now be added the potential 'last straw' effects of the projected resiting programme at Sizewell B and the envisaged expansion of Greater Gabbards, necessitating further shore-based structures, both of which are expected to run concurrent with SZC and the SPR/NG schemes.

A comprehensive and robust response was made to the Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation, which was still nowhere near as comprehensive as it should have been in its explanation or coverage of certain aspects, though it did show significant change in some others. For example, the begrudging recognition of the need to possibly augment the B1122 as an access route with a far from satisfactory 'link road' arrangement, and the abandonment of the jetty as a means of delivery of materials.

Roy Dowding

## Appendix G – Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell

### TEAGS' Aims and Objectives:

“To lawfully seek to minimise the cumulative impacts on the Parish of Theberton and Eastbridge and surrounding environment of proposals for the construction and operation of new twin reactors at Sizewell by EDF or other Developers. Specifically to:

- Oppose the location of a construction workers' accommodation campus at Eastbridge
- Promote the building of a dedicated relief road to remove dependency on the B1122 and
- Protect the local environment.”

This mandate was last renewed in November 2018.

### Part I. Activities

The 12 months from April 2018 to March 2019 were exceptionally busy and dominated by preparations for, and activity during EDF's Stage 3 consultations, which ran from 4 January to 29 March 2019. EDF's updated proposals included a new Link Road running parallel to the B1122 and bypassing Theberton, whilst accommodation proposals were unchanged. Environmental concerns were heightened by new infrastructure (pylons/chimneys) and lack of detailed impact assessments.



#### 1. Advocacy

During 2018/19 we met senior EDF staff on a number of occasions, notably Chief Executive Simone Rossi (September 2018). We also met District and County Councillors several times, including County Leader Matthew Hicks (September 2018 and February 2019) and MP Dr Therese Coffey (November 2018 and in a telephone meeting, March 2019). TEAGS has been invited to join the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's nuclear NGO forum.

In August 2018 we visited Hinkley Point alongside BBC Look East and met with communities and elected representatives there. Our report can be viewed at <https://teags.org/hinkley-report-2018/>



During Stage 3 consultations, we once again created a “shadow” exhibition to follow EDF, in order to visually and in person communicate our concerns about their proposals directly to impacted communities and Councils. We visited 11 locations including the headquarters of both the District and County Councils. Our Stage 3 response can be read online here: <https://teags.org/stage-3-response/>

## 2. Community Engagement and Public Awareness

Our public engagement strategy for Stage 3 was based around two videos designed to raise awareness outside the immediate area. In early 2018 we had received a grant of £4,150 from Lush Charity Pot, and the summer of 2018 was a busy period for filming and video production. "[What's Coming for Sizewell](#)" (*above right*), launched before Stage 3 at an event hosted at The Wentworth Hotel, Aldeburgh, contrasts aerial shots of Hinkley Point with pristine Suffolk Coast, and "[Sizewell Hero](#)" (*below right*) tells the story of how an EDF executive is moved by his surroundings to change the company's plans. The videos were collectively viewed over 200,000 times through online promotion and the support of Chris Packham. Both videos linked to an online action - <http://sizewellhero.org> - through which supporters could send a message of concern to EDF. Well over 2,000 people did so.



Our "Sizewell Concerns" public exhibition, which toured 9 parishes and 2 Council offices, was visited by almost 1,000 people, and over 300 people crammed into Theberton Church for our public meeting on 23 February. In all we distributed over 2,500 leaflets. Sign ups and follows on our mailing list, Twitter and Facebook accounts tripled during Stage 3. Website - [www.teags.org](http://www.teags.org), Facebook - [www.facebook.com/teags.org](http://www.facebook.com/teags.org) Twitter @TEAGonSizewell. New posters and banners were produced.



In October 2018 we commenced a mandate review by consulting everyone in the parish of Theberton & Eastbridge. A slim majority advised us to keep the mandate unchanged, but over 30% said the development should be opposed on environmental grounds, and a further 11% were anti-nuclear.

We continue to value the support of the Parish Council and our close working relationships with B1122 Action Group and MLSG. TEAGS also has regular dialogue and information exchanges with other NGOs, such as the Suffolk Preservation Society, RSPB, SCAR and TASC, and recently began meetings with groups working on other "energy coast" projects.

## 3. Media work

TEAGS featured strongly in regional print and broadcast media during this period, most notably for our visit to Hinkley (*see double-page spread in the EADT, overleaf*) in which we were accompanied by BBC Look East, our meeting with Simone Rossi (Look East), the launch of Stage 3 (ITV Anglia, Look East, Radio Suffolk), our public meeting (Look East, EADT) and our videos (ITV Anglia, Radio Suffolk, Country Life). To view examples of our press coverage over the year, see [www.teags.org/category/news/](http://www.teags.org/category/news/).



TEAGS also played a key role in coordinating an **Open Letter**, supported by many local dignitaries from a broad spectrum including business, tourism, landowners, media, culture and the arts. The letter was printed

the [The Daily Telegraph](#) in late March, along with an editorial piece, and was widely reported by other media, including BBC online.

#### **4. Steering Group Membership**

The TEAGS Steering Group met 12 times between April 2018 and March 2019 and its members attended numerous external meetings, especially during Stage 3 consultations. Steering Group members as at 31 March 2019 are (*in alphabetical order*):



- Sue Ashton, Treasurer
- Stephen Brett
- Paul Collins, Co Chair
- Martin Cooper
- Roy Dowding (co-opted member from Middleton; Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group Chair, B1122 Action Group member)
- Alison Downes, Co Chair
- Robert Flindall
- Alan Hatt
- Charles Macdowell (co-opted member from Middleton; B1122 Action Group Chair)
- John Rea-Price
- Amy Whitelock

We extend our gratitude to Michael Gower for his advice and support.

#### **5. Thanks**

Our work is made easier by the support of many individuals and local enterprises. Thank you to:

- Bill Turnbull for chairing the Stage 3 Public Meeting, and his support in many other ways.
- Steve Sutton of UK Aerial Photography Ltd for generously giving of his time for video production, and Tim Swaby of Spindle Films for his advice, courtesy of Andy Wood.
- Simon Bridge, Nicholas Cooper, Julia Brown and Tom Macdowell for being our “Sizewell Heroes”, and Martin Clarke for providing the voiceover for “What’s Coming for Sizewell”.
- Paul Crockford of Mark Knopfler’s management for permission to use the Local Hero theme.
- Steve Cove of “Sent Flying” and Anne Marie Robb for supporting our social media campaigns.
- Sondhya Gupta of “Sum of Us”, for hosting our online action, [www.sizewellhero.org](http://www.sizewellhero.org).
- Michael Pritt and The Wentworth Hotel for hosting our video launch and collecting petitions, Amy and Julian at The Eels Foot for hosting our Stage 3 “War Room”, and Rev. Cannon Christine Redgrave for allowing us to use local churches.
- In Somerset we thank Stogursey Parish Council, District Councillors Susan Goss and Chris Morgan and Richard Cuttell of the West Hinkley Action Group for meeting with us.
- William Kendall, Andy Wood, Bill Turnbull, Diana Quick, Esmé Sillito, Ruth Watson and Paul Field for their efforts regarding the “Daily Telegraph” letter.

Last but not least, thank you to the residents of Theberton & Eastbridge and surrounding parishes. So many of you have volunteered at events, handed out leaflets, written letters, made submissions and donated. Thank you for your support and for the regular encouragement you send to us.

## **Appendix H – Eastbridge Petanque Club**

Another great year for Eastbridge petanque club – the club continues to thrive with over 30 players and 5 teams registered in the Suffolk Coastal League - with 1 team finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the premier league and 3 teams filling the first 3 spots in Division 1 the standard continued to improve and this has been reflected in a number of our players playing at county level and 11 year old Baillie Inglis being picked for the U18 England B squad last year, and again this year. We seem to play even better in the cold here in Eastbridge with 2 teams in the Winter Premier League and Hilbaillies actually winning it!

As well as our league, cup and regional activity we continue to hold hugely popular tournaments across the year - most notably the Pete Sharkey Memorial Tournament (renamed this year simply The Memorial Tournament to remember petanque players across the league who have sadly left us) which raised close to £1000 last year for 3 very local charities. Our competitions regularly attract upwards of 80 players and offer a great afternoon in the sun!

Typically (weather permitting) we have a practice every Thursday evening and there are always spare boules available if anyone would like to try, if you would just like to watch then it is a rare Sunday morning that at least 1 of our 5 teams does not have a home game usually being played around 11am – 1pm - as you can tell we are all quite passionate about the game and the fact that age or experience are no barrier make it a great game for everyone to have a go and we would love to grow our ever expanding club!

Martin Inglis

April 2019

## **Appendix I – Craft Club Report**

The Craft Club continues to thrive and we were pleased to welcome some new members this year. We enjoy getting together to share our skills and catch up on our week over a cup of coffee.

Some weeks we just bring something we are making for ourselves, maybe knitting, quilting, crochet, cross stitch etc. Other weeks we make things together to sell at the Summer Fete or Christmas Bazaar.

Recently we have been making doorstops and bunting.

We are planning to have a morning being shown how to make bobbin lace, thanks to Barbara Barker who is very proficient at lacemaking.

We like to socialise together and recently nine of us went out for a very enjoyable lunch at Thorpeness. If anyone would like to join us on a Friday morning, they are more than welcome, no skills required, just come for coffee and the chat.

## **Appendix J – Carpet Bowls Club**

Our Carpet Bowls Club continues to thrive and we have welcomed some new members during the last year. We only have room for one bowling mat and our membership is now almost at capacity. We play in teams competitively but for fun, nothing too serious, and the reward for the winning team each week is a magnificent gold cup, purchased for an enormous amount of money in the Pound Shop.

We have recently purchased a target practise mat and spent one afternoon playing a competitive target game, this not only helps improve our bowling but is good fun, too.

Our Thursday afternoons are never boring, we have a break for refreshments which is sometimes accompanied by a shot of liqueur and a slice of Judith's delicious cake when its someone's birthday.

Some of us continue to be members of the Sizewell Bowling Club held on Wednesdays at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club and are involved in playing in their League matches.

Ending on a sad note, we were so sorry to hear of the death of Pauline English, a lovely lady who enjoyed her bowling and we will miss her very much.

## **Appendix K – Coastliners Line Dance Club Report**

After 21 years 2019 saw the closure of the Intermediate line dancing group which met on Thursday evenings. It was sad to see the end of the group but with falling numbers at this level it was time to make the hard decision. However, the Tuesday afternoon group continues to prove popular and we were pleased to welcome some of the Thursday dancers to this group.

The Tuesday beginners/improvers group is a friendly and jolly crowd who always make newcomers feel welcome.

We held our Christmas party 2018 in the hall which was very successful. We used Trinity's of Saxmundham for the catering and would like to thank Maggie and her team for the lovely decorations and her ongoing preparations of the hall each week.

Once again, the linedancers held a MacMillan Tea Party in September and were pleased to be joined by other people from the village.

Most of the ladies who come on Tuesdays are from outside our village and always say how much they enjoy coming here to our lovely hall.

## **Appendix L – Community Council Report**

Not much to say we've got few more members so things are picking up now. We made £300 at quiz which we're putting towards new equipment for playing field. We'll have garden party at back of hall 15<sup>th</sup> June with all stalls and games that we have at fete making few changes with less outgoings so money we make that day will go to playing field, then quiz and jumble sale in October.

## Appendix M – B1122 Action Group Report

The main feature for the B1122 Action Group on Sizewell in the last 12 months was the third and final round of Public Consultation.

Having previously argued against the construction of a relief road for the B1122 in the last two rounds, EDF came round to the idea following substantial lobbying and feedback from Middleton PC, neighbouring parishes, pressure groups including the B1122 group, district and county councils.

Unfortunately, they unexpectedly chose a very poor route parallel to the B1122 which would have serious negative impacts on this parish, with major embankments and cuttings severing local lanes, footpaths and farmland, yet still close to many homes.

The B1122 Group's Consultation response undermines the rationale behind their decision compared with a long-recommended alternative (known as D2 or now Route W) from south of Saxmundham direct to the Sizewell C site.

Together with the Theberton & Eastbridge Action Group (TEAGS) and the Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Group we:

- Ran a Sizewell Concerns exhibition, shadowing EDF's own, during the Consultation
- Organised a capacity public meeting with over 370 people in Theberton Church
- Met with other parish councils
- Met with key personnel in Suffolk County Council, with much help from our County Councillor Richard Smith
- Achieved strong regional TV and press coverage
- Created a new family of yellow posters and banners on the theme: 'Sizewell C? Not this way'
- Leafleted homes to encourage participation in the Consultation

We also worked closely with a group of landowners affected by the proposed route.

Much of this work would not have been possible without funds, and I am especially grateful to Lynda Whitbread and Pat Dowding for organising a very successful quiz night in the Village Hall in December.

We will now be refocusing our efforts on the new East Suffolk district council and its newly elected councillors, and seeing where else we can bring pressure to bear on EDF.

We continue to be very grateful for the support of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council.

Charles Macdowell, Chair