

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7:00 pm at Jubilee Hall, Theberton.
Public and press are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward – Vice Chair
Cllr. Bob Flindall
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Daryl Ash
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Steven Morphey
Cllr. Graham Ward

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock
Cllr. Nat Bacon - apologised

Members of the public:

Four members of the public were present

In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Tom Daly

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations

None.

3. Public Forum

- a) Members of the public may address the Council on any agenda item.

Four members of the public were present.

- b) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began by explaining that the Sizewell C Development Consent Order will be triggered imminently, meaning work on the construction of Sizewell C will begin. He added that as County Councillor he will be a member of the Main Site Forum and Northern Transport Forum's. Theberton and Eastbridge Parish council made Richard aware that they had not yet received their invitation to the Northern Transport Forum.

ACTION: Clerk to chase invitation to the Northern Transport Forum with Sizewell C and Richard Smith.

County Cllr. Richard Smith described the current situation with regards to setting the April 2024 Budget and noted that the extreme pressure on the County Council. There has been a 29% increase in inflation to youth and elderly care which have contributed to the £20 million overspend in the current year budget. County Cllr. Richard Smith continued to explain the projected rise in National Minimum Wage in April will cost the County Council £5.4 million in increased wage rises next year.

In order to meet the financial pressures, County Cllr. Richard Smith explained that they are expecting the highest council tax increase since 2010 projected to be a 4.99% increase however this will be presented to the Full Council for scrutiny on the 15th of February 2024. He continued to announce potential cuts to household waste sites and community transport schemes however he had fought for Leiston's Household Waste Facility and our local community CATS transport not to be affected. County Council arts funding will be cut by £528,000 and the Bury St Edmund's Archive will close, which will require all information to be moved and held at the Ipswich Archive, The Hold.

County Cllr. Richard Smith explained that he would like to see more money spent on highways. The two months of wet weather following Storm Babet has seen an increase to dangerous potholes and road conditions however Suffolk County Council simply do not have the funds to complete the work that is required.

Cllr. Stephen Brett made County Cllr. Richard Smith aware of an incident reported by a local resident. The road markings at Flash Corner in Eastbridge have become unclear. The local resident reported this to Suffolk County Council however the representative they had been referred to informed them that it was not Suffolk County Council's responsibility. County Cllr. Richard Smith disagreed with this response and agreed to action this on behalf of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk to forward residents details with regards to Flash Corner road markings to Richard Smith.

Cllr. Stephen Brett also explained a resident who believes the gullies near their residence in Eastbridge had not been cleared as per the East Suffolk Council's pledge of clearing them on a yearly basis and that the road is now only passable by 4x4 vehicles in wet weather. County Cllr. Richard Smith explained that Storm Babel had caused chaos across East Suffolk. He estimated that there have been 900 cases of flooded premises, which will naturally take priority in the coming months as well as flooding issues to main roads like the A12 at Yoxford. He also explained that to his knowledge, out of the 129,000 gullies in our County, 110,000 of them have been cleared within the last 12 months and that sadly the flooding will mean prioritising harder affected areas in the coming months.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to Flash Corner resident with regards to flooding prioritisation after Storm Babet.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Cllr. Tom Daly announced that the Sizewell C DCO will be triggered on Monday 15th January. The triggering of the DCO will mean the start of various committees and the release of £12 million mitigation funding for local communities and environmental projects, which will have a huge impact in some areas.

ACTION: All Councillors to submit ideas for funding for improvement in our community from EDF/Sizewell C funds which will be triggered with the DCO

There will be a Main Site, Northern Transport & Southern Transport Forum which will meet every 3 months, in conjunction with an Annual Forum. The forums are designed to discuss the dynamics of the build, highlight problems and issues and addressing those concerns. A discussion was held whether the quarterly meetings are sufficient and whether monthly meetings would be more appropriate.

A member of the public referenced Hinkley Point and their 24 hour helplines available for residents to report problems in particular with regards to noise infringement and with 5 days to go before the DCO will be triggered when will these be in place.

District Cllr. Tom Daly explained the DCO would also trigger funding for East Suffolk Council to recruit officers to monitor the DCO and ensure work carried out is monitored and legal.

Cllr. Stephen Brett made the Council aware of a resident's correspondence with regards to the Sizewell C Vibration Scheme not covering non-residential buildings, in particular St. Peter's Church in Theberton which is Grade I Listed and The Lion, Theberton which is Grade II Listed but also acts as a residential property. Both buildings are situated on the B1122. Cllr. Paul Collins explained that this was discussed during the consultation period however is not stated in the Deed of Obligation.

ACTION: District Cllr. Tom Daly to make enquiries and report back on the Vibration Survey for St. Peter's Church and The Lion Inn and other listed buildings affected by the construction of Sizewell C.

ACTION: Clerk to add Vibrational Surveys of listed buildings to February's agenda.

District Cllr. Tom Daly summarised the East Suffolk Council December report which is attached as **Appendix I**.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steve Morphey and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2023 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising.

None.

5. Energy Projects

- a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins.

Cllr. Paul Collins summarised the Energy Projects Report for January 2024 which is attached as **Appendix II**.

[ACTION: Clerk to write to Sizewell C requesting the remaining plans and enquire whether the 20mph for the B1122 has been discussed and applied for with Suffolk County Council.](#)

- b) Main Site Forum 16th January, questions to be submitted by 12th January.

[ACTION: Councillors to send questions ahead of the Main Site Forum to the Clerk for submission.](#)

- c) St Peter's Church, Vibration Surveys.

This agenda item was discussed with District Cllr. Tom Daly, minuted above.

Cllr. Paul Collins suggested that if the approach through East Suffolk Council is not successful, The Church should approach MP Therese Coffey to escalate the issue.

6. Planning

- a) Draft Healthy Environment and Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Documents. Consultation ends on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Cllr. Robert Flindall explained that he had investigated the Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Documentation which is a tool for the Planning Department to use to ensure correct and consistent decision making when dealing with East Suffolk Planning Applications. and summarised the project to the Council. Cllr. Robert Flindall suggested that Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council could consider putting together a Neighbourhood Plan to support the Planning Department in future planning applications in the Parish.

- b) Update from East Suffolk Council Planning with regards to DC/23/3712/FUL - Change of use of existing car breakers and scrap metal yard to storage.

Cllr. Robert Flindall that no update had been received with regards to the above planning application, where we had requested further information from the planners so that the Council could discuss whether we agree or object to the application.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

- a) Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Maintenance Volunteer Scheme and Strategic Objectives.

[ACTION: Clerk to recirculate to strategic objectives and gain agreement and comments from the Council.](#)

b) Platinum Heritage Trail.

The local historian is happy to attend a Focus Group meeting to progress the Platinum Heritage Trail Project.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to discuss suitable dates and confirm Platinum Heritage Trail Meeting with the working group](#)

c) Community Council.

The Community Council report from their meeting held on the 9th of January is attached as **Appendix III**.

d) Newsletter and Website Update.

The Clerk advised the council that an invoice of £264.00 had been received from Leiston Press Ltd. To pay for the 11 issues of the 2024 Parish Newsletter. Continuing by explaining that paying annually will save Clerk time and Councillor time in authorising the payment each month.

It was proposed by Cllr. Steven Morphey and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins to agree to pay £264.00 as an annual amount to Leiston Press for the Parish Newsletter Printing Service. All in favour.

The Clerk reported that the Parish website updates were underway and that a report of the changes will be circulated to the Council in due course.

[ACTION: Clerk to report back on updates of website and circulate with the Council \(after 16th Jan\).](#)

e) Police Crime Report.

The Police Crime Report for November 2023 is attached as **Appendix IV**.

One crime was reported in the Parish in November 2023 for Criminal Damage and Arson.

f) Speed Indicator Device.

The Speed Indicator Report for November 2023 is attached as **Appendix V**.

Cllr. Paul Collins reported that the SID battery had died during the month and that the solar panel attached to the device was used to top up the power only. Once he replaced the battery with the fully charged spare battery the device began working again.

A councillor noted that there is a higher police presence in the area checking for speeding vehicles.

g) Theberton Playing Field.

Cllr. Hilary Ward announced that the repair works to the vandalised tractor have not yet been completed.

[ACTION: Cllr. Nat Bacon to produce report to address the points from Theberton Playing Field inspection and related costs for fixing/putting right.](#)

h) Village Noticeboards refurbishments.

The Clerk made the Council aware that when replacing the agenda ahead of the January meeting the glass cover on the B1122 noticeboard in Theberton was loose and dangerous. Cllr. Hilary Ward agreed that the B1122 Noticeboard and Theberton Village Hall noticeboards are becoming increasingly more difficult to use and that new noticeboards should be considered.

The Council discussed whether having 2 noticeboards in Theberton was necessary and decided to discuss removing the B1122 Noticeboard at the February Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: Cllr. Hilary Ward to obtain three quotes for new noticeboards.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda for voting on whether no longer need the B1122 Notice board and therefore remove the noticeboard.

i) The Village Hall Broadband Funding.

The Clerk made the Council aware that the broadband provider XLN had added a surcharge for business assurance to the monthly invoice at a cost of £5.62 per month inclusive of VAT. Therefore, the new total monthly bill would change from £28.10 to £33.72 inc. VAT per month. The business assurance is to cover engineering works to the line.

The Clerk continued to summarise the terrible service provided by XLN and that she is pursuing a complaint with the Ombudsman. The Council supports the complaint and expressed their wishes to leave the contract without termination charges, if possible.

ACTION: Clerk to proceed with complaint to switch broadband service provider.

ACTION: Clerk to recirculate XLN Business assurance for voting on whether we pay price increase.

j) Eastbridge Common, Silver Birch.

The dead Silver Birch tree in Eastbridge Common is slowly losing its limbs and could potentially cause danger to the power lines and pedestrians. Although a local resident has offered to assist in felling the tree the Council decided that obtaining quotes to have it removed professionally would be safer due to equipment required to remove safely and insurance in place to cover the work being completed.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain three quotes for removing the dead Silver Birch on Eastbridge Common.

k) Eastbridge Village Sign Triangle parking prevention.

The Council noted that parking at the Eastbridge Village Sign is happening less and therefore no further action is required at this time.

l) To review costs for maintenance of parish assets including tractor oil, diesel and strimming.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council that the tractor maintenance had not yet been completed and therefore there were no costs to review at this stage.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to obtain costs for maintenance of parish assets including tractor oil, diesel and strimming.

m) To review costs of annual defibrillator support with Community Heartbeat.

The clerk reported speaking to SALC and local Parish Clerk's to gain knowledge on their system for purchasing parts for their defibrillators. The three Parish Councils approached explained that they do not subscribe to a yearly support scheme however instead they purchase parts directly from online providers.

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council voted on whether to subscribe to the Annual Support Scheme of £135 + VAT per defibrillator or whether to purchase parts as required. The majority voted to purchase parts as and when required.

The Clerk also presented the option for a community defibrillator training course which would cost £175 + VAT per session. The Council would be interested and beneficial to the community to host a training session for all local residents.

ACTION: Clerk to add expenditure of £175 + VAT for a defibrillator training course to February's agenda for approval.

n) Support for Climate & Ecology Bill, extended deadline 11th January 2024.

The Council voted to support the Climate and Ecology Bill. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to respond with support for the Climate and Ecology Bill.](#)

o) Outstanding Actions List.

The Clerk summarised the outstanding actions list and the Council agreed that there were no urgent matters that required attention.

[ACTION: Clerk to continue to circulate actions list and uncompleted actions.](#)

8. Parish Matters

a) Theberton Woods Update.

Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised the correspondence from John Lepley with regards to Theberton Woods and Forestry England. The council voted to support the cause by publishing the data on the Parish Council website. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to respond to Theberton Woods Official and post update on the Parish website.](#)

b) D Day 80 – Parish involvement.

The Council decided that lighting of straw bales and beacons may be inappropriate in case of a hot summer to mark the D Day 80 celebrations however that ringing of the Church Bells or a Community Council Event should take place to mark the occasion.

[ACTION: Clerk to speak to St. Peter's Church representative and Community Council Chair with regards to D Day 80 Community Involvement.](#)

9. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review of the cemetery fees.

The Council voted to increase the fee for burials of those aged over 1 year at time of death to £250 and keep the other burial ground fees the same. All in Favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to update Burial Ground Fees and publish on the Parish website.](#)

10. Finance

a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

b) To consider the annual review of the Clerk's salary.

The Clerk presented the Local Government Pay Update to the Council and explained that accepting the pay increase would mean an hourly increase from SCP rise from £12.97 to £13.97 per hour.

The council voted to accept and approve the local government pay increase and voted. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to notify SALC of approval of government pay increase.](#)

Cllr Stephen Brett continued by thanking the Clerk for the work and that he would like to perform a Salary review after one year in post, in April 2024.

c) To approve the budget for the financial year 2024/2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and it was agreed to approve the budget for the financial year of 2024/2025. All in favour.

d) To set the parish precept for the financial year 2024/2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins that the raise in precept for 2024/2025 should be of 9% equating to a precept for Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council of £8,816.49. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to submit precept request of £8,816.49 to East Suffolk County Council by the 26th of January 2024.

e) To note the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr. 3 2023/2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the budget versus actual income and expenditure report for Qtr. 3 2023/2024 to be a true record. All in favour.

f) To approve the banking reconciliation for Qtr. 3 2023/2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bob Flindall and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett and agreed that the Qtr. 3 2023/2024 banking reconciliation to be a true record. All in favour.

g) To approve the VAT Return 126 dated 01/01/23 to 31/12/23.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the VAT return 126 and supporting documentation to be a true record and The Council agreed for the VAT return to be submitted. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to submit the VAT 126 and evidence to HMRC.

h) To ratify the payment listed below:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Broadband	XLN/Daisy Communications	£84.54	LGA 1972 s.19
Clerk Precept Training	SALC	£36.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk VAT Training	SALC	£36.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk December Salary	Honor Houlding	£714.27	LGA 1972 s.112

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed The Council would ratify and authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

i) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£301.67	LGA 1972 s.112
Newsletter (2024)	Leiston Press	£264.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Website Update – 50%	Community Action Suffolk	£250.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Swift Tower Donation	Waveney Bird Club	£100.00	LGA 1972 s.139 (1)

The Clerk made the Council aware that the January payslip had been received after the issuing of the January Agenda and that due to tax code changes the amount due to be paid for January 2024 was due to be £347.47.

ACTION: Clerk to add the salary payment of £347.47 to February's agenda for ratification.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed the authorisation of the payments listed above. All in favour.

11. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 8th November 2023 and 8th January 2024 and take action as appropriate.

The Council agreed that there were no other actions from the above dated correspondence.

12. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

Cllr. Steven Morphey brought to the attention of the Council that the funeral bier which was used to carry soldiers from the Zeppelin crash at Theberton St. Peter's Church is stored in the Eastbridge Burial Ground Shed and as an important part of the village history should be on display in the village for all to see.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with community council/church wardens with regards to displaying the funeral bier potentially inside St. Peter's Church.

A member of the public volunteered to assist the village in maintaining the hedges at Eastbridge Burial Ground. The Council thanked the resident and agreed to contact Community Action Suffolk Insurance to assess cover for volunteers completing manual work in the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Community Action Suffolk insurance and circulate the cover that is in place for Councillors and Volunteers.

13. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding
Parish Clerk
10th January 2023
Meeting Ended at 9.35pm

Appendix I – East Suffolk Council December Report

December 2023 Parish Report East Suffolk Council GLI Group – Councillor Update

Helping families access affordable school uniform

Community groups, organisations and town and parish councils are invited to apply for funding to help provide school uniform to East Suffolk families in need.

Following a successful round of funding earlier this year, the East Suffolk Uniform Bank grant scheme is now open for a second round of applications. The scheme provides funding for community groups to open a new uniform bank or expand an existing uniform bank.

Once operational, donations of new or pre-loved good-quality uniform, sportswear and school equipment can be made to the banks, which will then be made available to families who may be struggling to afford uniform.

Uniform banks which have been funded through the previous round of this grant scheme are now operational at Bloodmoor Community Centre in Carlton Colville, Project40Seven at Creative Leiston and St Luke's Church in Beccles. GLI Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism said: "On average, school uniform costs families over £300 per year, and this can be higher if a school requires the use of a particular supplier, or the uniform contains branded items. Providing uniform, sports kit and other school equipment can be a struggle for many families, particularly those in rural areas. Uniform banks can help ease this pressure by providing good quality uniform to those in need and also helps to reduce clothing waste."

Grants are available for up to £3,000 and applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups, organisations and town and parish councils.

Applications close on 28 January 2024.

Full details about how to apply: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/uniform-bank-grant-scheme

For further details, please contact: gemma.fraser@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

A Warm Welcome for everyone

A network of venues offering residents a warm, safe space to socialise over the winter has reopened for the second year.

East Suffolk Council's Warm Welcomes (formerly Warm Rooms) scheme has now relaunched, with more than 20 village halls, churches and community hubs providing a warm space and an opportunity to connect with other members of the local community.

Last year, Warm Rooms operated over the winter months to provide warm, friendly spaces across East Suffolk. This winter, the rooms have been rebranded as Warm Welcomes following feedback received by those using the service, and the host venues.

Part-funded by the UK Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Warm Welcomes provide a safe and welcoming space where members of the community, including people who may be struggling with the cost of heating their homes, can come to meet with others and access information about additional support available in the community. GLI Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism said: "Warm Welcomes provide people of all ages with a safe space to visit to meet others from their community, take part in activities and find out more about other types of support available in their local area."

Earlier this year, community groups interested in joining the Warm Welcomes programme were encouraged to apply for grant funding. Venues must be open for at least 8 hours per week and the funding can be used as a contribution towards energy costs, refreshments, food, activities and the purchase or hire of resources such as craft materials.

Find your nearest 'Warm Welcome' here: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/warm-welcomes

East Suffolk Through the Lens photo competition launch

A search is underway for fabulous photos celebrating East Suffolk – 'Through the Lens'. East Suffolk Council is excited to announce the return of a competition giving photographers of all ages and experience the chance to showcase their favourite sights and scenes from across the district.

The competition, relaunched under the new name East Suffolk Through the Lens, will see one winning photo grace the cover of East Suffolk Magazine when delivered to every household in the district next spring. High street retail vouchers will also be up for grabs for the overall winner, under-16 winner and three runners-up.

Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs that capture the essence of East Suffolk – from its people and wildlife to its historic buildings and beautiful landscapes.

GLI Cllr Caroline Topping, Leader of East Suffolk Council, said:

“The district is full of inspiration for photographers; the people and places, natural beauty and stunning views. I’m looking forward to seeing how people capture it through the lens. It could be a moment that perfectly represents daily life, or an enduring image that encapsulates what we love about where we live.”

More information about the competition can be found at the East Suffolk Through the Lens webpage. Entries should be submitted via an East Suffolk Through the Lens online entry form before midnight on Sunday 28 January.

Winners will be announced during the week commencing 26 February, with the overall winner receiving a £100 high street voucher and seeing their photo printed on the front cover of the spring edition of East Suffolk Magazine.

One under-16 winning entrant will also be chosen to receive a high street voucher worth £75, while three runners-up will each get a high street voucher worth £25.

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/photo-comp/

Ease the Squeeze on cost of living

[Are you, or someone you know, worried about the increasing cost of living?](#)

We understand the pressures faced by many people today and we are working closely with key partners to ensure support is available to help ease the squeeze for households in East Suffolk.

To make it as easy as possible for you to access the services and support available, locally and nationally, we have gathered information about them in one place:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Appendix II – Paul Collins - Energy Report – January 2024

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The Judicial Review Appeal was refused at the Court of Appeal. As a matter of course, Leigh Day have applied to appeal to the Supreme Court, but a decision from the Court of Appeal has not been received as of this report. TASC Ltd directors are meeting with LD and the barristers on 12th January to discuss the potential for any additional action. Any appeal to the Supreme Court would have to be placed with skeleton arguments by 16th January.

We continue to discuss with Richard Buxton (TEAGS solicitor) and Leigh Day (TASC Ltd solicitor) the potential way forward and to get some idea of potential costs.

Discussions with Office for Nuclear Regulation on aspects of the coastal defences are still in preparation, but ONR seem to be a reluctant participant despite committing to meeting with representatives from both TEAGS and TASC. Bill Parker and Robin Saunders (Woodbridge TC) will join myself and Chris Wilson at the meeting whenever a date is finally agreed. Our ONR contact is currently on leave until 15th January.

Erosion and beach level lowering across the Sizewell frontage continues with further minor breaches evident at the tank traps close to the SZB Northern Mound.

An updated objection document has been sent to ESC planning regarding Discharge of Requirements 19 and 12 following an updated Coastal Defence Design Report and Coastal Processes Management and Mitigation document being submitted by SZC Co. The decision dates on both of these applications have been moved back to 19th January 2024.

The main changes revolve around changes in the design criteria for the Hard Coastal Defence (HCDF).

Initially SZC changed the design date to 2120 but in the most recent iteration changed it back to 2140 (as per the DCO). They are also reducing the planning parameters to 84% of RCP 8.5 UKCP18 from 95%. We have asked our solicitors as to whether this could be considered a material change to the Development Consent Order and await a response.

The southern end (roundhead) of the HCDF has been moved shoreward 20m, compared to the initial submission to DoR19, to a position that broadly aligns with the original plans presented to the DCO examination. However, this still places the HCDF foot of the roundhead on the SZB salient, a feature which only exists because of the SZB outfall and SZC predict will be removed within two years of Sizewell B cessation of operation.

So, this is still an at-risk plan with potential for the HCDF toe to be undercut through wave action. Also, as the overall feature protrudes some 80-100m seaward of the existing sacrificial dune, such a prominence could have serious coastal consequences both north and south of this roundhead feature and make any maintenance of the HCDF/SCDF outside the scope and frequency of Soft Coastal Defence maintenance specified in the CPMMP.

Both DoR19 submissions referred to an updated waste/spent fuel strategy which would see the Interim Spent Fuel Store protected separately following SZC decommissioning and potentially negate the need for any adaptation of the main HCDF/SCDF. The Environment Agency have indicated they are expecting an updated waste strategy from SZC Co but this has not yet been provided and the ONR would also require an appropriate safety case and potentially a change to the Nuclear Site License. Once again, whether this constitutes a material change to the Development Consent Order is something we are seeking advice on.

There are also statements about the possibility of creating an engineered connection between the SZC and SZB Hard Coastal Defences. However, as SZC HCDF is seismically qualified and SZB is not, this would have to be with both SZB and the ONR's agreement and would have potentially significant impacts on any SZC Nuclear Site license and the existing operational safety case for SZB. Also, considering SZB are intent on requesting a 20-year extension to its operating life, the issue of the SZB HCDF not being seismically qualified may need to be addressed as part of the license extension which will be a post Fukushima license request.

We understand that SZC Co intend to trigger the DCO in January despite not having reached Final Investment Decision which is not expected until April at the earliest. Any works done between now and FID are therefore at SZC Co's risk.

2 Energy Projects Cumulative Impact Group and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

We are still pressing for Andrew Bowie to visit the area and meet with local councils. He pulled out of a meeting initially scheduled for 13th December and has yet to arrange another date.

However, Declan Burke's replacement as Head of DESNZ Nuclear Directorate, Caroline Botwood, visited the area and met with Alison and Pete Wilkinson of TASC at the SZC office in Leiston. No meetings with local Parish or Town Councils occurred during the visit.

3 B1122 planning discussions and Deed of Obligation Fora

The Deed of Covenant for attending the various SZC Fora will be signed tonight and returned to SZC for signing by the district and county councils and Sizewell C Co.

As of writing, the attendance of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council at the Northern Transport Forum has not been resolved.

It has come to our attention that St Peter's Church has not been placed on the vibration survey list on account of it not being a "lived in" dwelling. As the church is a Grade 1 listed building, we have taken the issue up with SZC Co who were also surprised given the listed status. It is more surprising as this issue has been raised throughout all the consultations and DCO examination process.

New plans have been submitted by SZC regarding the early years plans for the B1122 between Yoxford and the site entrance roundabout. Unfortunately, three of the PDF plans would not open and the one Theberton plan that did open had two errors in it. A speed limit roundel to be painted on the road was in the wrong carriageway (in other words facing the wrong direction) and the speed limit it indicated was 30mph instead of the 20mph we are expecting. SZC has been informed.

As far as we are aware, no further progress has been made in starting the formal process to have a 20mph speed limit in Theberton nor having the 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge.

4 Scottish Power DCO Judicial Reviews

The SASES JR appeal was heard in early December and a decision is expected in January. A date is has been set for the SEAS JR hearing for two days between 13th and 15th February.

5 LionLink (formerly EuroLink) and Nautilus – National Grid Ventures

No further progress or updates at this time.

6 Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further updates are available at this time.

7 Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

A submission, shared with the council after last months meeting, has been made to Sea Link, mainly regarding access route plans and transport volumes.

Appendix III - Community Council Report from their meeting 9th January 2024

The Children's Christmas Party was a great success.

The Christmas Bazaar weekend was successful with £662.20 raised. The CC will look at giving a donation to the Church.

Cottage repairs: There being no further progress with Kerslake, John Lytton Builders have been contacted. They JLB are still waiting for scaffolding to progress.

Andy Hall is checking the boiler and gas safety certificates. He is updating a list of requirements for the Hall regarding fire regulations, access, health and safety.

Steve Nicholls gave an update on the website. He and Honor have a meeting next Monday 15th January.

Caretaker – Roles and Responsibilities: these are being reviewed and a meeting will be held with the caretaker in due course.

Conformation was sort of those happy to stand as trustees.

Parish Council: I reminded the CC to send items for the next newsletter. Steve Nicholls asked if the PC were aware of any development plans for the area behind Doughty Whyllie once and if the bypass is built. I said that the PC were not aware at this present time.

Bank Mandate. Ruth Brown is making progress now regarding bank accounts for the CC now that new officers are in place.

Hall hire costs will be under review. They were last updated in 2021.

Trustees: Steve Nicholls, Ruth Brown, Michelle Moulton, Andy Hall, Ruth Hall, Chris Whitewick, Sally Ginger, Angie Buxton-King, and John Keeble.

Upcoming events:

Jumble sale Saturday 2nd March at 11am – 1pm

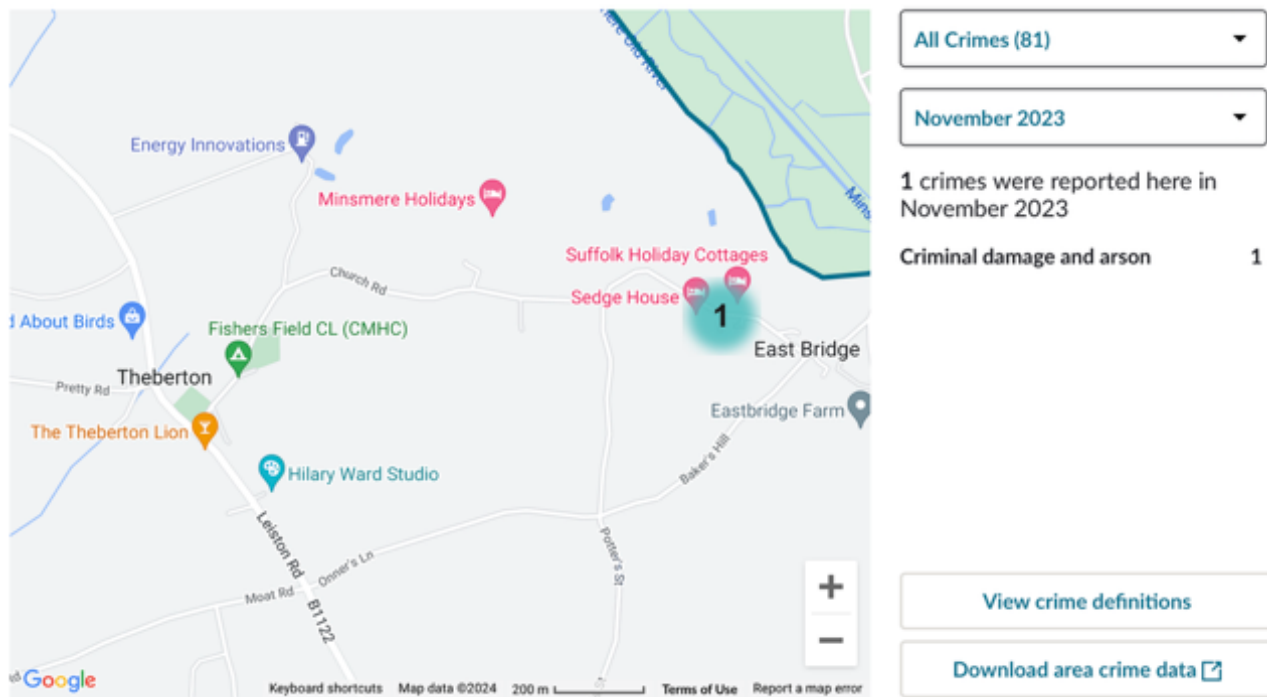
Spring Quiz Saturday 6th April at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

AGM Wednesday 17th April at 6.30pm

Summer Fun Day Saturday 15th June.

Date of next meeting 7th February 2024 at 6pm.

Appendix IV – November Police Crime Report



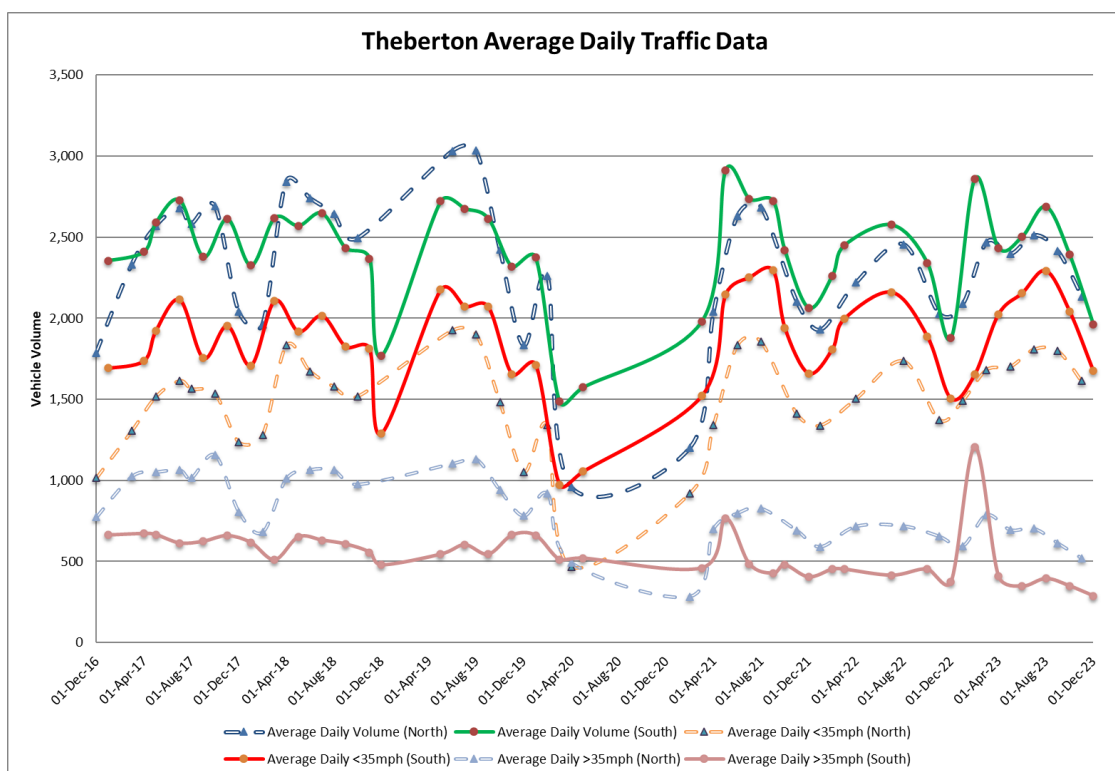
Appendix V – Speed Indicator Device Report January 2024

Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 10th January 2024

The speed indicator device has been operational for seventy-three ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30-day intervals.

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **35.4%** from north and **22.9%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **39.9mph** from North and **37.4mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.



SID Start Date	19-Jan-23	18-Feb-23	20-Mar-23	15-Apr-23	19-May-23	17-Jun-23	18-Jul-23	17-Aug-23	22-Sep-23	16-Oct-23	16-Nov-23	15-Dec-23
Average Daily Volume (North)	2,089		2,470		2,397		2,513		2,414		2,135	
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,860		2,434		2,504		2,688		2,392		1,962
Total Vehicles (North)	39,686		46,937		45,543		47,740		45,863		40,570	
Total Vehicles (South)		54,345		46,245		42,564		51,079		47,830		37,029
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)	28,371		31,971		32,329		34,371		34,203		30,668	
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		31,428		38,483		36,660		43,580		40,856		31,604
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)	11,315		14,966		13,214		13,369		11,660		9,902	
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		22,917		7,762		5,904		7,499		6,974		5,425
Average Daily <35mph (North)	1,493		1,682		1,702		1,809		1,800		1,614	
Average Daily <35mph (South)		1,654		2,025		2,157		2,294		2,043		1,674
Average Daily >35mph (North)	596		788		695		704		614		521	
Average Daily >35mph (South)		1,206		409		347		395		349		287
85th percentile speed North (mph)	38.4		38.9		38.6		38.3		38.0		37.7	
85th percentile speed South (mph)		35.9		35.8		34.8		34.9		34.9		34.9
% <35mph (North)	71.5%		68.1%		71.0%		72.0%		74.6%		75.6%	
% <35mph (South)		57.8%		83.2%		86.1%		85.3%		85.4%		85.3%
% >35mph (North)	28.5%		31.9%		29.0%		28.0%		25.4%		24.4%	
% >35mph (South)		42.2%		16.8%		13.9%		14.7%		14.6%		14.7%

*The 85th Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.